

ANGOLA

POSTAL HISTORY

MAIL OF THE SECRET POLICE

BACKGROUND The Portuguese Political Police (PIDE) had functioned with great power during the dictatorship of Salazar and later. It was dismantled following the revolution of 25th April 1974. Although strong, they tended to send trouble makers to the Colonies rather than exterminate them. Many dissidents ended up in Timor and the African Colonies.

MAIL The examples of 1951 were sent from the Angolan Secret Police in Luanda and security marked with BLUE cancel with POLICIA DE SEGURANCA PUBLICA DE LUANDA and marked on receipt with the BLACK date mark and red POLICIA INTERNACIONAL E DE DEFESA DO ESTADO/ LISBOA.

