

## **Abstract**

The aim of this bachelor thesis is to show the office of the Stasi Records Agency as one of the ways how to deal with the communist past. The work is focused on the period of office under the leadership of Marianne Birthler, who led it from 2000 to 2011. This period in Czech literature is not yet processed and offers notional're already incurred publications relating primarily to the first period of office, i.e. the first ten years under the leadership Joachim Gauck. Through approach Authority under the guidance and answer questions whether there shifts compared to the previous period Authority under the leadership of Joachim Gauck, and how the concept of office transformed in the following period. The institution has managed to establish itself as an effective tool for dealing with the past, as evidenced by the high number ever submitted applications for access to documents with information which were collected by the Ministry for State Security - Stasi. The Office is also a symbol and a model for similar institutions newly started late in other post-communist countries.