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More documents – more detailed information

In recent years the ITS has been able to greatly improve the quality of the answers to the inquiries. Every person who turns to the ITS for help in tracing receives an evaluation of the documents found in the archives containing information on the person being inquired about, as well as free copies of the documents used in the search. Furthermore, the ITS has been avidly collecting documents over many years. Donations of documents have also contributed significantly to the holdings. Thus, both in dimension and quality, the responses provided nowadays are decidedly different from what they had been 10, 20 or even 30 years ago.

When it's about the search for family members, inquiring anew can be a second chance: it can happen that a search request that had once turned out unsuccessful might reveal positive results today. New documents and the expansion of the tracing work to include East-Central Europe can make this possible. Unfortunately, the ITS itself does not have the capacity to look specifically for such cases and open them up again. For this, a renewed inquiry is absolutely essential.