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*Sent with the research progress note and the statement
of intended publications*

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Subject: Doctoral supervision enquiry — non-state documentation practice, with an operating case

Dear Professor,

I am writing to ask whether you would be open to a short conversation about a doctoral project on non-state documentation practice, which I am pursuing for 2027 entry alongside a live application elsewhere.

Under a UK Community Interest Company I operate a public archive on post-conflict accountability in the Tamil-Eelam context. It runs under fixed constraints - Berkeley Protocol practice, tiered sourcing, Murad Code limits - and refuses survivor intake, perpetrator naming, and count aggregation outright. The corpus now carries nineteen printable institutional dossiers, a citations registry, a typeset method paper, and a published refusal record.

The thesis question is narrow and, I think, unstudied from inside an operating case: when a non-state archive adopts mandated-mechanism discipline without holding a mandate, what does that discipline produce, and what does it foreclose?

A two-page progress note and a one-page statement of intended publications are attached. I would be glad of twenty minutes if the fit looks right to you.

Kind regards,

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