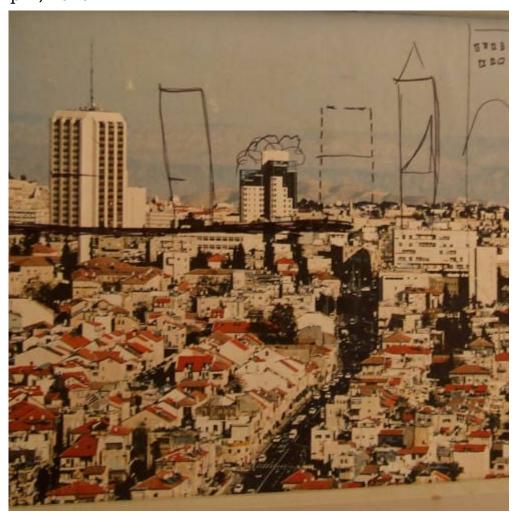


## Infrastructure of the Archive / Archiving Infrastructure

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Infrastructure is, in common understanding, a very material thing. We think of it as something made of iron and concrete. Even when going unnoticed in our everyday lives, infrastructure is an intimate presence in the working – or non-working – of much of what we deal with on a daily basis. Think of the roads we walk on our way to work in the morning. Or the server farms that store our data. Or the "cloud" in which different drafts of this article are located. Infrastructure, social scientists tell us, is both visible and invisible. Social and technical. Political



and poetical.