Acronyms and Abbreviations

This list includes most of the acronyms and abbreviations that occur throughout this oral history collection. Researchers also may wish to consult International Acronyms, Initialisms & Abbreviations Dictionary (Detroit, Mich.: Gale Research Company, ISSN: 0743-0523) for a more comprehensive listing.

NOTE: An asterisk (*) indicates an office that is a part of the United States Department of State.

A

A-100: Basic FSO Training Course

AA: Office of Analysis for Africa*; also Assistant Administrator of AID

AAA: Agricultural Adjustment Act

AACS: Army Airways Communications System; also Army Air Force Communications

AAFLI: Asian-American Free Labor Institute

AAI: African-American Institute

AALC: African-American Labor Center

AAFSW: Association of American Foreign Women

AAPSO: Afro-Asian Pioneer Solidarity Organization

ABCC: Association of British Chambers of Commerce

ABVV: Algemeen Belgish Vakverbord (Belgian General Federation of Labor)

ACABQ: Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (United Nations)

ACDA: United States Arms Control and Disarmament Agency

ACP Countries: Refers to the 66 developing countries of Africa, the Caribbean, and the Pacific

ACW: Algemeen Christelijk Werkersverbond (Christian Labor Movement) - Belgium
**ADB**: African Development Bank; also Asian Development Bank

**ADC**: Advanced Developing Countries

**ADMIN**: Administrative Office (at a foreign service post)

**ADST**: Association for Diplomatic Studies and Training

**AECB**: Arms Export Control Board

**AEI**: American Enterprise Institute

**AEP**: Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary

**AF**: Bureau of African Affairs*

**AFC**: Office of Central African Affairs*

**AFDB**: African Development Bank

**AFE**: Office of East African Affairs*

**AFGE**: American Federation of Government Employees

**AFM**: American Family Member

**AFRN**: Air Force Reserve News Service

**AFS**: American Foreign Service; also American Field School

**AFSA**: American Foreign Service Association

**AGR**: Agricultural Office (at a foreign service post)

**AGS**: Office of German, Austrian, and Swiss Affairs*

**AHEPA**: American Hellenic Educational Foundation

**AID**: Agency for International Development

**AIFLD**: American Institute for Free Labor Development

**AIP**: Agence Internationale de Press (French International Press Agency)
AIPAC: American-Israeli Political Action Committee

AIRATT: United States Air Attaché (at a foreign service post)

ALUSNA: United States Naval Attaché or Attaché Office (at a foreign service post)

AMACO: American-Arab Oil Company

AMF: Allied Mobile Force; also Arab Monetary Fund

ANC: African National Congress

ANZ: Office of Australia and New Zealand Affairs*

ANZUS PACT: Pacific Security Treaty between Australia, New Zealand, and the United States

AO: Office for American Outreach*

APEC: Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation

APRA: American Petroleum Refiners Association; also Alianza Popular Revolucionaria Americana (Peru)

ARA: Bureau of Inter-American Affairs* (originally American Republics Affairs)

ARAMCO: Arabian-American Oil Company

ARMATT: United States Army Attaché (at a foreign service post)

ARN: Lebanon, Jordan, Syria Affairs*

ARVN: Armée de la République du Viêt-nam (Army of the Republic of Vietnam, i.e., South Vietnamese Army)

ARP: Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar, Oman, U.A.E., Yemen Affairs*

AS: Area Studies

ASEAN: Association of Southeast Asian Nations

AT: Administrative Training
**ATAF:** Allied Tactical Air Force

**ATT:** Office of Agricultural and Textile Trade Affairs*

**AUB:** American University of Beirut

**AUC:** American University of Cairo

**AVLOS:** Automated Visa Lookout System

**AWACS:** Airborne Warning and Control System

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**B**

**BALPA:** Balance of Payments Program (A United States Government cost-cutting program at foreign service posts)

**BBC:** British Broadcasting Corporation

**BCLTV:** Office of Burma, Cambodia, Laos, Thailand and Vietnam Affairs*

**BEX:** Board of Examiners

**BHN:** Basic Human Needs

**BIOT:** British Indian Ocean Territory

**BIRPI:** Bureaux Internationaux pour la Protection de la Propriété Intellectuelle (International Bureau for the Protection of Intellectual Property)

**BLA:** Office of Bilateral Affairs

**BPAO:** Branch Public Affairs Office; also Branch Public Affairs Officer (at a foreign service post other than an embassy or mission, i.e., consulate)

**BPO:** British Post Office

**BSP:** Belgische Socialistische Partij (Belgian Socialist Party); also Bayerische Staatspartei (Bavarian State Party)

**BTU:** British Thermal Unit
**BTUM**: Bustamante Trade Union Movement

C

**C-20**: Committee of 20

**CA**: Bureau of Consular Affairs*; also Career Ambassador

**CADA**: Cooperative Action for Development in Africa (later CDA)

**CAEM**: Centro de Altos Estudios Militares (Center of Advanced Military Studies, Peru), also Conseil D'Assistance Économique Mutuelle (Council for Mutual Economic Assistance)

**CAN**: Office of Canadian Affairs*

**CAO**: Cultural Affairs Officer; also Cultural Affairs Office (at a foreign service post)

**CAMO**: Consolidated Administrative Management Organization

**CAP**: Common Agricultural Policy (of the European Community -- now Union)

**CASA**: Office of Caucasus and Security Affairs; also Compañía de Aviacio, S.A. (Spanish aircraft manufacturer)

**CASOC**: California Standard Oil Company

**CASP**: Compagnie Africaine

**CAT**: Conventional Arms Transfer

**CBMs**: Confidence-Building Measures

**CCA**: Office of Cuban Affairs*; also Cambridge (Mass.) Civic Association

**CCAS**: Committee of Concerned Asian Scholars

**CCC**: Civilian Conservation Corps; also Commodity Credit Corporation

**CCD**: Conference of the Committee on Disarmament

**CCCD**: Combating Communicable Childhood Disease (AID program)

**CCF**: Cooperative Commonwealth Federation (Socialist Party of China)
CCM: Committee for Challenges of Modern Society
CCNAA: Coordination Council for North American Affairs
CCP: Chinese Communist Party
CCPS: Comprehensive Country Programming System
CDA: Office of Career Development and Assignments*; also Cooperation for Development in Africa
CDC: Center for Disease Control (Atlanta)
CDIE: Center for Development Information and Evaluation
CDO: Career Development Officer
CDU: Christian Democratic Union
CEA: Communist Economic Affairs
CELP: Centro de Estudios Laborales del Peru (Labor Study Center of Peru)
CEMA: Council for Mutual Economic Assistance (Warsaw Pact - same as CNIEA or COMECON)
CEN: Office of Central European Affairs*; also Office of Central American Affairs*
CENESP: National Center for Special Education (Rio de Janeiro, Brazil)
CENTCOM: Central Command (headquartered in Tampa, Florida; responsible for Middle East)
CENTO: Central Treaty Organization
CEPE: Ecuadorian Petroleum Agency
CERDS: Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States
CERP: Combined Economic Reporting Program
CFC: Combined Federal Campaign
CFF: Compensatory Financing Facility

CG: Consul General

CGIL: Confederazione Generale Italiana del Lavoro (Italian General Confederation of Labor)

CHAL: Christian Health Association for Liberia

CHARGÉ or CHARGÉ D’Affairs: Person in charge of an embassy or mission temporarily (Chargé, a.i. - ad interim); or permanently if below the rank of Ambassador or Minister (Chargé en titre or en pied)

CHINCOM: China Trade Coordinating Committee

CIA: Central Intelligence Agency

CIEC: Conference on International Economic Cooperation

CIES: Council for International Exchange of Scholars

CILSS: Committee Inter-Etats pour la Lutte Contre la Secheresse au Sahel (Interstate Committee for the Fight Against Drought in the Sahel)

CINCENT: Commander in Chief, Central Command

CINCEUR: Commander in Chief, European Command

CINCPAC: Commander in Chief, Pacific Command

CINCSOUTH: Commander in Chief, Southern Command

CINCSTRIKE: Commander in Chief, Strike Force

CINCUNC: Commander in Chief, United Nations Command

CINCUNK: Commander in Chief, United Nations Korea

CIO: Chief Information Officer; also Congress of Industrial Organization

CIP: Office of International Communications and Information Policy*

CIRRATUM: The Caribbean community and the Caribbean Common Market, collectively
referred to as CIRRATUM

CIS: Countermeasures and Information Security

CISL:

CLASC: Confederación Latino Americana de Sindicalistas Cristianos (Latin American Federation of Christian Trade Unionists), later CLAT

CLAT: Latin American Federation of Trade Unionists

CLO: Community Liaison Officer (at a foreign service post)

CM: Office of Chinese and Mongolian Affairs*; also Career Minister

CMB: Compagnie Maritime Belge (Belgian Maritime Company)

CMEA: Council for Mutual Economic Assistance (Warsaw Pact - same as CEMA and COMECON)

CNN: Cable News Network

CNO: Comite Nationale Operationelle (National Operational Commission) - Algeria

COCOM: Coordinating Committee on Export Controls

COD: Carrier-on-Deck

CODEL: Congressional Delegation (from Washington)

COE: Council of Europe (Strasbourg, France)

COM: Commercial Office (at a foreign service post); also Chief of Mission

COMATT: Commercial Attaché (at a foreign service post)

COMECON: Council for Mutual Economic Assistance (Warsaw Pact - same as CEMA and CMEA)

COMINFORM: Information Bureau of Communist Parties and Workers

CONDECA: Consejo de Defensa de Centro America (Central American Defense Council)
CONS: Consular Section (at a foreign service post)

CONTRAS: Shortened form of the word “contrarevolucionarios” (counterrevolutionaries), the term that the Sandinista regime in Nicaragua used for the guerrilla forces fighting against them

CORDS: Civil Operations and Revolutionary Development Support

DIPLAN: An economic advisory agency reporting to the President of Venezuela

COREPER: Comité des Représentants Permanents (Committee of Permanent Representatives of the Foreign Ministers of European Union Countries)

COS: (CIA) Chief of Station (at a Foreign Service Post)

COSVN: Command Headquarters in South Vietnam; also Central Office of South Vietnam

COW: Committee of the Whole

CP: Command Post

CPA: Commonwealth Parliamentary Association; also Certified Public Accountant

CPAO: Communications Project Action Officer

CPB: Corporation of Public Broadcasting

CPC: Committee on Program and Coordination (United Nations)

CPEC: Connecticut Public Economic Council

CPI: Communist Party of India

CPI-M also CPIM: Communist Party of India Marxist

CPO: Communications Program Officer (at a foreign service post); also Community Party Opposition

CPP: Country Program Plan

CPU: Communications Program Unit (at a foreign service post)

CPX: Command Post Exercises
**CRED:** Center for Research in Economic Development

**CROM:** Regional Labor Movement of Mexico

**CRP:** China Reporting Program

**CRS:** Catholic Relief Services; also Compagnie Républicaine de Sécurité (Republican Security Companies, France); also Congressional Research Service

**CSA:** Community Services Association

**CSB:** Central Statistical Board

**CSBM's:** Confidence and Security Building Measures

**CSC:** Civil Service Commission

**CSCE:** Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe (now changed to OSCE)

**CSDIC:** Combined Services Detailed Interrogation Center

**CSIR:** Council for Industrial and Scientific Research

**CSIS:** Center for Strategic International Studies (Washington, DC)

**CSS:** Commodity Stabilization Service

**CTAL:** Confederacion de Trabajadores de America Latina (Confederation of Latin American Workers)

**CTB:** Comprehensive Test Ban

**CTBT:** Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty

**CTC:** Commission on Transnational Corporations (also CTNC)

**CTM:** Compagnie de Transports Maritimes (Maritime Transport Company); also Compagnie de Transports Marocaines (Moroccan Transport Company); also Confederacion de Trabajadores Mexicanos (Confederation of Mexican Workers)

**CTNC:** Commission on Transnational Corporations (also CTC)
CTP: Christelijke Volkspartij (Christian People’s Party) - Belgium; also Christliche Volkspartei (Christian People’s Party)

CTB: Venezuelan Labor Confederation

CU: Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs*; also Catholic University (Washington, DC)

CV: Curriculum VITAE

CVP: Christelijke Volkspartij (Christian People’s Party, Belgium); Christlichdemokratische Volkspartei (Christian Democratic People’s Party); also Christliche Volkspartei (Christian People’s Party)

CWA: Communication Workers of America

CWT:

CYA: Cover-Your-Ass

D

D Committee: Deputies Committee* (responsible for career ambassadorial selections)

DAC: Development Assistance Committee (of the OECD)

DACOR: Diplomatic and Consular Officers Retired

DAPIT: Development and Application of Intermediate Technology

DAO: Defense Attaché Office (at a foreign service post)

DATT: Defense Attaché (at a foreign service post)

DCM: Deputy Chief of Mission (at a foreign service post)

DEA: United States Drug Enforcement Agency

DEFATT: Defense Attaché (at a foreign service post)

DFA: Department of Foreign Affairs (of a foreign country)

DFC: Development Finance Company
DGB: Deutscher Gewerkschaftsbund
DIA: Defense Intelligence Agency
DLF: Development Loan Fund
DMK: Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (India)
DOD: Department of Defense
DPA: Demokraticheskaia Partia Angoly (Angolan Democratic Party)
DPM: Draft Presidential Memorandum
DRL: Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor*
DRP: Democratic Republican Party (South Korea); also Deutsche Rechtspartei (German Party of the Right, Germany)
DRR: Disparity Reduction Rate
DRS: Democratic Republic of Sudan
DS: Bureau of Diplomatic Security*

E

EAP: Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs*
EB: Bureau of Economic and Business Affairs*
EC: European Community (formerly European Communities, successor to EEC); also Office of Economic Analysis*
ECA: Economic Cooperation Administration; also Economic Commission for Africa
ECAFE: Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East (United Nations)
ECDC: Economic Cooperation among Developing Countries
ECE: Economic Commission for Europe (United Nations); also Export Council for Europe
ECON: Economic, Economic Section (of an Embassy); also Economic Cone
**ECOSOC:** Economic and Social Council of the United States or the OAS

**ECOWAS:** Economic Community of West African States

**ECSC:** European Coal and Steel Community

**ECU:** European Currency Unit

**EDI:** European Defense Initiative

**EEA:** Office of East European Assistance*

**EEC:** European Economic Community (predecessor of EC and EU)

**EEMP:** Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary

**EEOC:** Equal Employment Opportunity Commission

**EEOCR:** Office of Equal Employment Opportunity and Civil Rights*

**EER:** Employee Evaluation Report

**EEZ:** Exclusive Economic Zone

**EFTA:** European Free Trade Association

**EIS:** Export Intelligence Service

**ELN:** Ejército de Liberación Nacional (National Liberation Army - Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Peru); also Ejército de Liberación Nicaraguense (Nicaraguan Liberation Army)

**EMCF:** European Monetary Cooperation Fund

**EMS:** European Monetary System

**EMU:** European Monetary Union

**EMUA:** European Monetary Unit of Account

**ENA:** Egyptian and North African Affairs*

**EOB:** Executive Office Building
EOKA: Ethniki Organosis Kyprion Agoniston; also Ethniki Organosis Kypriakon Agonos (National Organization of Cypriot Fighters)

EP: Office of Economic Policy*

EPA: Environmental Protection Agency

EPB: Economic Planning Board; also Ejercito Popular Boricua (Puerto Rican Popular Army)

EPC: Economic Planning Committee (of Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development - OECD)

EPG: Eminent Persons Group

EPS: Economic Policy Staff*

EPTA: Expanded Program of Technical Assistance

EPZs: Export Processing Zones

ERA: Office of European Union and Regional Affairs*

ERDF: European Regional Development Fund

ERP: European Recovery Program

ERS: Exchange Rate System (of the European Community)

ESCAP: United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (Bangkok)

ESS: Emergency Special Session (United Nations)

ETS: Educational Testing Service

ETUC: European Trade Union Confederation

EU: the European Union

EUA: European Unit of Account

EUC: Office of Analysis for Europe and Canada*
**EUCOM:** European Command

**EUR:** Bureau of European and Canadian Affairs*

**EURATOM:** European Atomic Energy Community

**EUREK:** European-Wide Network for Industrial Research and Development

**EVP:** Evangelische Volkspartei (Evangelical People’s Party, Switzerland)

**EX:** Office of the Executive Director; also Executive Office (at a foreign service post)

**EXCOMM:** Executive Committee

**EXIMBANK:** Export-Import Bank

**F**

**FAA:** Federal Aviation Agency

**FAAS:** Foreign Affairs Administrative Support System (at a foreign service post)

**FAM:** Foreign Affairs Manual

**FAO:** Food and Agriculture Organization

**FARA:** Foreign Affairs Recreation Association

**FARC:** Fuerzas Armadas Revolucionarias de Colombia (Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia)

**FAS:** Foreign Agricultural Service

**FBI:** Federal Bureau of Investigation

**FBIS:** Foreign Broadcast Information Service

**FBO:** Foreign Buildings Operations*

**FBS:** Forward-Based Systems

**FCIA:** Foreign Credit Insurance Association
**FDP:** Freie Demokratische Partei (Free Democratic Party, Germany); also Freisinnig – Demokratische Partei der Schweiz (Radical Democratic Party of Switzerland); also Frente Democrático Popular (Popular Democratic Front, Peru); also Fuerza Democrática Popular (Popular Democratic Force)

**FECOM:** Fond Européen de Cooperation Monétaire (European Monetary Cooperation Fund or EMCF)

**FFP:** Food for Peace

**FLN:** Frente de Liberación Nacional, Front de Liberation National (National Liberation Front)

**FLO:** Family Liaison Office*

**FLMF:** Fainbundo Mart Liberation Front (Nicaragua/El Salvador)

**FMP:** Chief Financial Officer (Comptroller)*

**FMS:** Foreign Military Sales

**FNLA:** Frente Nacional de Libertacao de Angola; also Front National de Liberation de L'Angola (Angolan National Liberation Front)

**FOA:** Foreign Operations Administrations (economic assistance)

**FODAG:** Food and Agriculture

**FOL:** Frente Obrero de Liberacion (Worker’s Liberation Front)

**FRETLIN:** Revolutionary Front for the Independence of East Timor

**FRG:** Federal Republic of Germany

**FS:** Foreign Service

**FSGB:** Foreign Service Grievance Board

**FSI:** Foreign Service Institute*

**FSL:** Foreign Service Local (person hired locally by a foreign service post)

**FSN:** Foreign Service National (a local employee of a foreign service post)
**FSO:** Foreign Service Officer

**FSR:** Foreign Service Reserve (Officer)

**FSS:** Foreign Service Staff (Officer)

**FSSO:** Foreign Service Staff Officer

**FTE:** Full Time Equivalent (of a fully-funded United States government position)

**FTZ:** Foreign Trade Zone

**FUD:** Friends of Urban Development

**FYROM:** Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

**G**

**G-7:** Group of Seven Industrial Countries (Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, United Kingdom, United States)

**G-8:** G-7 plus Russia

**G-77:** Group of 77

**GAB:** General Agreements to Borrow

**GAO:** Government Accounting Office

**GATT:** General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade

**GDP:** Gross Domestic Product

**GDR:** German Democratic Republic

**GGI:** Office of the Geographer and Global Issues*

**GLCM:** Ground-Launched Cruise Missile

**GLOBE:** Global Learning and Observation to Benefit the Environment

**GLOP:** Globalisation Program (a program to insure that United States Foreign Service personnel would serve in several regions of the world)
GNP: Gross National Product

GPS: Generalized Preference Scheme

GSO: General Services Office or General Services Officer (at a foreign service post)

GSP: General System of Preferences

GTI: Office of Greece, Turkey, and Iran Affairs*

GVN: Government of Vietnam

GWU: George Washington University

H:

H: Bureau of Legislative Affairs*

HHS: Department of Health and Human Services

HICOG: Allied High Commission on Germany

I:

IAA: Inter-American Affairs

IADB: Inter American Development Bank; also Inter American Defense Board

IAEA: International Atomic Energy Agency

IAI: Office of Israel and Arab-Israeli Affairs*

IBRD: International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (The World Bank)

IC: Office of Intelligence Coordination*

ICA: International Commodity Agreement; also International Cooperation Administration; also United States International Communications Agency (former name of USIA)

ICAO: International Civil Aviation Organization

ICAF: Industrial College of the Armed Forces

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ICBM: Intercontinental Ballistic Missile
ICEM: International Committee for European Migration
ICIDI: Independent Commission on International Development Issues
ICITAP: International Criminal Investigative Training and Assistance Program
ICJ: International Court of Justice (at the Hague)
ICOMOS: International Council of Monuments and Sites
ICNT: Informal Composite Negotiating Text
ICRISAT: International Crop Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics - India
ICSC: International Civil Service Commission
IDA: International Development Association
IDB: International Development Bank
IDC: Industrial Development Corporation
IDCA: International Development Cooperation Administration
IDS: International Development Strategy
IDF: International Development Fund
IEA: International Energy Agency
IEE: Institute D'Ecologie Europeenne (European Ecology Institute)
IFAD: International Fund for Agricultural Development
IFC: International Finance Corporation
IFD: Office of International Finance and Development*
IFI: International Financial Institution
IGGI: Intergovernmental Group for Indonesia

IGO: Intergovernmental Organization

IIAA: Imperial Iranian Army Aviation Corps; also Institute of Inter-American Affairs (economic and technical assistance agency)

IIF: Institute for International Finance

IL: Office of Intelligence Liaison*

ILO: International Labor Organization (United Nations)

ILS: Instrument Landing System

IMCO: Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization (United Nations)

IMET: International Military Education and Training

IMF: International Monetary Fund

IMT: Information Management Training

INF: Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces

INFCE: International Fuel Cycle Evaluation

INL: Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs*

INR: Bureau of Intelligence and Research*

INS: Immigration and Naturalization Service; also Office of India, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Bhutan, Maldives Affairs*

IO: Bureau of International Organization Affairs*; also Information Officer (at a foreign service post)

IPTF: International Police Task Force

IPU: International Parliamentary Union

IRA: Individual Retirement Account; Irish Republican Army

* indicates a U.S. government organization
IRB: International Resources Bank
IRC: International Red Cross
IRE: Office of Intelligence Resources*
IRI: Institut des Relations Internationales, Belgium
IRRI: International Rice Research Institute
IRS: Internal Revenue Service
ISA: International Security Agency (at the Pentagon); also International Seabed Authority
ISAC: International Scientific Agricultural Council
ISM: Information Systems Manager
ISTC: Institute for Scientific and Technological Cooperation
ITO: International Trade Organization
ITT: International Telegraph & Telegraph Corporation
ITU: International Telegraphic Union
IV: Immigrant Visa
IVIS: Visa Information Lookout System

J

JCS: Joint Chiefs of Staff
JCTF: Joint Combined Task Force
JUSMAAG: Joint United States Military Assistance Advisory Group (in a foreign country)
JUSMAG: Joint United States Military Assistance Group (in a foreign country)
JUSMAT: Joint United States Military Advisory Team
JUSPAO: Joint United States Public Affairs Office (Vietnam)
**K**

**KAL:** Korean Airlines

**KAPPI:** Kesatuan Aksi Permuda Indonesia (Indonesian Youth and Students Action Front)

**KATUSA:** South Korean Augmentation to United States Army

**KClA:** South Korean Central Intelligence Agency (later, Agency for National Security Planning)

**KGB:** Komitet Gosudarstvennoy Bezopasnosti (State Security Committee of the USSR)

**KIA:** Killed in Action

**KLM:** Koninklijke Luchtvaart Maatschappij (Royal Dutch Airlines)

**KRO:** Katholieke Radio Omroep (Dutch Catholic Broadcasting Association); also Counterintelligence Section of the OGPU (Soviet Union)

**L**

**L:** Office of the Legal Adviser*

**LCM:** Landing Craft, Mechanised

**LDCs:** Less Developed Countries

**LDP:** Liberal Democratic Party (Germany, Japan); also Language Designated Position (at a Foreign Service post)

**LEGATT:** Legal Attaché (FBI office, at a Foreign Service post)

**LICs:** Low Income Countries

**LIMDIS:** Limited Distribution

**LLDCs:** Least Developed Countries

**LLGDS:** Landlocked and Geographically Disadvantaged States

**LOMé:** A series of economic cooperation conventions between Western Europe and former
European territories in Africa, the Pacific and the Caribbean

**LOS:** Law of the Sea

**LRDG:** Long Range Desert Group

**LRTNF:** Long-Range Theater Nuclear Forces

**LSB:** Loyalty Security Board

**LSD:** Lysergic Acid Diethylamide (drug)

**LST:** Landing Ship Tank

**LSU:** Labor Service Unit; also Liberalsoziale Union (Liberal Social Union, Germany)

**LTDP:** Long Term Defense Program

**MAAG:** Military Assistance Advisory Group

**MAC:** Military Assistance Command

**MACV:** Military Assistance Command Vietnam

**MAD:** Mutual Assured Destruction

**MAFF:** Ministry of Agriculture, Forests and Fisheries (Japan)

**MAP:** Military Assistance Program

**MAPS:** Multiple Aiming Point System

**MBFR:** Mutual and Balanced Force Reductions

**MC:** Minister-Counselor

**MCA:** Monetary Compensatory Amount

**MED:** Office of Medical Services*

**MEDO:** Medical Officer

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MEMCON: Memorandum of Conversation

MEX: Office of Mexican Affairs*

MFA: Multifiber Agreement; also Ministry of Foreign Affairs

MFN: Most Favored Nation

MFR: Mutual Force Reduction

MIA: Missing in Action

MIC: Middle Income Country

MIG: Russian or Soviet aircraft designed by Artem Ivanovich Mikoyan and M. I. Gurevich

MILATT: Military Attaché (at a Foreign Service post)

MINEX: Commodity stabilization scheme signed in the Lome III Convention in 1984 in reference to the STABEX export stabilization scheme initially signed in the Lome Convention of 1975

MIRV: Multiple Independent Reentry Vehicle

MITI: Ministry of International Trade and Industry (Japan)

MLA: Office of Multilateral Affairs*

MLF: Multilateral Force; also Multilateral Fleet

MMM: Maintenance & Material Management

MNCs: Multinational Corporations

MNEs: Multinational Enterprises

MNR: Milicias Nacionales Revolucionarias (National Revolutionary Militias, Cuba); also Mongolian People’s Republic; also Mouvement National de la Rèvolution (National Revolutionary Movement, Congo); also Movimiento Nacional Reformista (National Reform Movement, Guatemala); also Movimiento Nacional Revolucionario (National Revolutionary Movement, Spain); also Movimiento Nacionalista Revolucionario (National Revolutionary Movement, Bolivia); also Mozambique National Resistance.
MOPH: Military Order of the Purple Heart

MP: Military Police; also Minister Plenipotentiary

MPC: Military Payment Certificate (United States military currency); also Maharashtra Prajantra Congress (Maharashtra Progressive Congress, India); also Mosul Petroleum Company; Mysore Power Corporation (India); also Mouvement Progressive Congolais (Progressive Congolese Movement); also Movimiento Popular Cristiano (Popular Christian Movement, Bolivia)

MPLA: Malaysian People’s Liberation Army, Movimento Popular de Liberação dae Angola (Angolan Popular Liberation Movement)

MPP: Mission Program Plan (at a Foreign Service Post)

MPS: Multiple Protective Shelters

MSA: Most Seriously Affected; also Mutual Security Agency (economic assistance)

MTI: Mouvement de Tendance Islamique (Islamic Trend Movement, Tunisia); also Military Training Instructor

MTN: Multilateral Trade Negotiation

MUREFAAMCE: Mutual Reduction of Forces and Armaments and Associated Measures in Central Europe

MX: Mobil Experimental Missile

N

NACB: Nonaligned Coordinating Bureau

NAFTA: North American Free Trade Area or Agreement

NAM: Nonaligned Movement; also National Association of Manufacturers

NAMI: NATO Military Committee

NASA: National Aeronautical and Space Administration

NATCAP: National Technical Cooperation Assistance Plan
NATO: North Atlantic Treaty Organization

NAVELEX: Naval Electronic Systems Command

NB: Office of Nordic and Baltic Affairs*

NCE: Office of North Central European Affairs*

NDU: National Defense University

NEA: Bureau of Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs*

NEFA: New European Fighter Aircraft

NEFO: New Emergent Forces

NESA: Office of Analysis for Near East Asia and South Asia*

NFATC: National Foreign Affairs Training Center (FSI)

NFP: New Frontier Party (Japan)

NGO: Nongovernmental Organization

NHK: Nippon Hoso Kyokai (Japan Broadcasting Corporation)

NIAC: National Information & Analysis Center; also Naval Intelligence Automation Center

NIC: Newly Industrialized Country; also National Industrial Council

NICS: National Intelligence Computer System; also NATO Integrated Communications System

NID: National Intelligence Officer

NIE: National Intelligence Estimate

NIEO: New International Economic Order

NIMBY: Not In My Backyard

NIS: National Intelligence Survey; also New Independent States; also Naval Intelligence
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Service

**NIV**: Non-Immigrant Visa

**NLRB**: National Labor Reporting Board

**NMR**: National Movement for Renewal; also News Media Representative; also Nuclear Magnetic Resonance

**NODEX**: New Over the Beach Discharge Exercise

**NODIS**: No Distribution

**NORAD**: North American Air Defense

**NORAID**: Irish Northern Aid

**NPG**: Nuclear Planning Group

**NPT**: Non-Proliferation Treaty

**NRC**: Nuclear Regulatory Commission

**NRM**: National Resistance Movement (Uganda)

**NROTC**: National Reserve Officers Training Corps

**NSAM**: National Security Action Memorandum

**NSC**: National Security Council

**NSDD**: National Security Decision Directive

**NSSM**: National Security Study Memorandum

**NSTO**: New Scientific and Technological Order

**NTBs**: Non-Tariff Barriers

**NTU**: New Threat Upgrade

**NVA**: Nationale Volksarmee (National People’s Army, East Germany); also Vietnam People’s Army (use VPA, North Vietnam)
NWA: National War College (Washington, DC)
NWIO: New World Information Order
NWU: National Workers Union

O

OAPEC: Organization of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries
OAS: Organization of American States
OAU: Organization of African Unity
OBC: Overseas Briefing Center*
OCB: Operations Coordination Board
OCD: Office of Civilian Defense
OCO: Operational Capabilities Objective; also Operational Contracting Officer
OCS: Overseas Citizens Services; also (United States military) Officer Candidate School
ODA: Official Development Assistance
ODC: Overseas Development Council; also Office of Defense Cooperation; also Office Douanier Congolais (Congolese Customs Office)
OEC: Organization for Economic Cooperation; also Organisation Européenne du Charbon (European Coal Organisation)
OECD: Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development
OECS: Organization of Eastern Caribbean States
OEEC: Organization for European Economic Cooperation
OES: Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs*
OFAR: Office of Foreign Agricultural Relations
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<td>Office of Foreign Missions*</td>
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<td>Office of the Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs* (under Nelson Rockefeller)</td>
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<td>Opportunities in Industrialization Center International</td>
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<td>Office of Intelligence Research*; also Organisation Internationale pour les Réfugiés (International Refugee Organisation)</td>
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<td>Office of Military Government (United States Zone of Occupation [Germany])</td>
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<td>OPA</td>
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ORT: Oral Rehydration Therapy; Organization for Rehabilitation and Training

OSARC: Office of Southern African Regional Cooperation (of USAID)

OSCE: Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (successor to CSCE)

OSD: Office of the Secretary of Defense; also Overseas Duty

OSI: Office of Special Investigations

OSR: Optical Scanning Recognition

OSS: Office of Strategic Services

P

PA: Bureau of Public Affairs and Policy*

PAA: Pan American Airways

PAB: Office of Pakistan, Afghanistan, Bangladesh Affairs*

PAC: Pan-African Congress

PAHO: Pan American Health Organization

PAO: Public Affairs Office or Officer (at a Foreign Service post)

PASEX: United States Navy Passing Exercise (with foreign naval and/or air units)

PCAD: Poste de Commandement d'Artilleries Divisionnaire (Artillery Division Command Post)

PCT: Patent Cooperation Treaty

PCV: Peace Corps Volunteer

PD: Presidential Directive

PDF: People’s Defense Force (Singapore)

PER: Bureau of Personnel*
**PFLP:** Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine

**PFP:** Partnership for Peace (NATO)

**PIA:** Office of Pacific Island Affairs*

**PIMBS:** Office of Philippine, Indonesia, Malaysia, Brunei, and Singapore Affairs*

**PL 480:** Public Law 480 (Food for Peace)

**PLO:** Palestine Liberation Organization

**PLPF:** Portuguese Liberation Party Front

**PM:** Bureau of Politico-Military Affairs (also called POL-MIL)*

**PNC:** People’s National Congress

**PNET:** Peaceful Nuclear Explosions Treaty

**PNG:** Persona Non Grata

**POL:** Political Cone; Political Officer or Political Section (also called PolSec)

**POLAD:** Political Advisor (at a Foreign Service post)

**POLISARIO:** Popular Front for the Liberation of Saquia el Hamra and Rio del Oro (Western Sahara)

**PPBS:** Planning, Programming, & Budgeting System

**PPC:** Parti Populaire Congolais (Congolese Popular Party); also Parti Progressiste Congolais (Congolese Progressive Party); also Partido Popular Catalá (Catalan People’s Party); also Partido Popular Cristiano (Christian Popular Party, Peru, Argentina); also Partido Progresista Cristiano (Progressive Christian Party, Dominican Republic); also Partita Populare Corsu (Corsican Popular Party)

**PPG:** Policy Planning Group

**PPT:** Passport Services*

**PQLI:** Physical Quality of Life Index
**PRD:** Partido de la Revolucion Democrática (Democratic Revolution Party, Mexico)

**PRG:** People’s Revolutionary Government (Granada); also Program Review Group (of USAID)

**PRI:** Partido Revolucionario Institucional (Institutional Revolutionary Party)

**PRM:** Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration; also Presidential Review Memorandum

**PSA:** Parti Socialiste Africain (African Socialist Party); also Parti Solidaire Africain (Solidarity African Party); also Partido Socialista de Andalucía (Socialist Party of Andalucia, Spain); also Partido Socialista de Andalucía (Socialist Party of Andalucia, Spain); also Partido Socialista Aponte (Bolivia); also Partido Socialista de Aragón (Socialist Party of Aragon, Spain); also Partido Socialista de Argentina (Argentine Socialist Party); People’s Supreme Assembly; also Port of Singapore Authority; Presidential Support Aircraft; also Public Service Announcement

**PTT:** Pasokan Pertahanan Tempatan (Local Defense Group, Malaysia); Politikai Tanacskozo Testulet (Political Consultative Commission, Warsaw Pact); also Post, Telegraph and Telephone

**PVO:** Private Voluntary Organization

**PVV:** Partij voor Vrijheiden Vooruitgang (Freedom and Progress Party, Belgium)

**PWD:** Public Work Department

**PX:** Post Exchange

**RA:** Office of Regional Affairs*

**RAF:** Royal Air Force (United Kingdom)

**RAMC:** Regional Administrative Management Center (at a Foreign Service post)

**RBP:** Restrictive Business Practices

**RCM:** Radar/Radio Countermeasures; also Regional Communications Manager

**REA:** Office of Analysis for Russia and Eurasia*

**REDSO:** Regional Economic Development Services Officer
REE: Comité Européen de Recontruction Économique Européenne (European Economic Reconstruction Committee)

REPTO: Reporting Officer

RFC: Reconstruction Finance Corporation

RFE: Radio Free Europe

RIAS: Research Institute for Advanced Studies; also Rundfunk im Amerikanischen Sektor (Radio in the American Sector, Berlin)

RIF: Reduction in Force

RL: Radio Liberty

ROCAP: Regional Office for Central America and Panama (AID, located in Guatemala)

ROK: Republic of Korea

RPB: Rassemblement Populaire de Burundi (Popular Rally of Burundi); also Republica Populara Bulgara (Bulgarian People’s Republic); also République Populaire du Benin (Benin People’s Republic)

RPE: European Office of Regional Political and Economical Affairs; also Registered Professional Engineer

RPG: Rocket-Propelled Grenade

RPM: Office of Regional, Political and Security Issues*

RPP: Office of Resources, Plans and Policy*

RRA: Refugee Relief Act

RSNT: Revised Single Negotiating Text

RSB: Office of Regional and Security Policy Affairs*

RSO: Regional Security Officer (at a Foreign Service post)

RSS: Rok Stranickeho Skoleni (Party Indoctrination Year, Czechoslovakia)
**RUS:** Office of Russian Affairs*

**RV:** Radikale Venstre (Radical Liberals, Denmark); Recreational Vehicle; also Rod Valgallianse (Red Electoral Alliance, Norway)

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**S**

**SA:** Bureau of South Asian Affairs*

**SACLANT:** Supreme Allied Command, Atlantic

**SACSA:** Special Assistant for Counter-Insurgency and Special Activities

**SADCC:** Southern African Development Coordination Conference

**SADF:** South African Defense Forces

**SAE:** Secretary’s Office on Atomic Energy*

**SAF:** Sultan’s Armed Forces [Oman]

**SAIS:** School of Advanced International Studies (of Johns’ Hopkins University)

**SALT:** Strategic Arms Limitation Talks

**SAPRC:** Security Assistance Review Committee

**SAS:** Scandinavian Air System; also School of Area Studies*; also Special Air Service (United Kingdom)

**SASP:** Southern African Student Program

**SAVAK:** Sazman-e Ettela'At va Amniyat-e Keshvar (National Intelligence and Security Organization, Iran)

**SCA:** Bureau of Security and Consular Affairs*; also Service Contract Act; also Service Cryptologic Agency; also Shipping Control Authority; also Southern Communications Area

**SCAP:** Supreme Commander of the Allied Powers

**SCC:** Special Coordination Committee
SCE: Office of South Central European Affairs*

SCFP: Sri Lanka Freedom Party

SCI: Sensitive Compartmented Intelligence; also Southern Cross International (United Kingdom)

SCNR: Scientific Committee of National Representatives

SDAR: Sahara Democratic Arab Republic

SDI: Strategic Defense Initiative

SDR: Special Drawing Right

SE: Office of Southern European Affairs*

SEATO: South East Asia Treaty Organization

SED: Socialist Unity Party

SEIU: Service Employees' International Union

SERI: Solar Energy Research Institute

SHAEF: Supreme Headquarters Allied Expeditionary Force

SHAFR: Society of Historians of American Foreign Relations

SHAPE: Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers, Europe

SIG: Senior Interdepartmental Group; also Special Interest Group

SKF: Sosialistiko Kinima Foititon (Student Socialist Movement, Greece)

SLBM: Submarine-Launched Ballistic Missile

SLS: School of Language Studies*

SNCC: Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee

SNIE: Special National Intelligence Estimate
SNT: Single Negotiating Text

SOA: Special Operating Agency; also Special Operations Aircraft; also Statement of Agreement; also Strategic Offensive Arms

SOP: Standard Operating Procedure

SOUTHCOM: Southern Command

SPAS: School of Professional and Area Studies (of the Foreign Service Institute)

SPD: Sozialdemokratische Partei Deutschland (German Social Democratic Party)

SPU: Signal Processing Unit

SRF: Selected Reserve Force (Naval); also Special Reporting Facility; also Ship Repair Facility

SSA: United States Social Security Administration; also Security Supporting Assistance

SSOD: Special Session on Disarmament

STABEX: Stabilisation des Exports (export stabilization scheme)

STADIS: State Department Distribution Only

START: Strategic Arms Reduction Talks

SUDENE: Superintendencia do Desenvolvimento do Nordeste (Superintendency for Development of the Northeast, Brazil)

SWAPO: South West Africa People’s Organization

SY: Bureau of Security Affairs*

TC: Office of Taiwan Coordination*

TCA: Technical Cooperation Administration; also Trans-Canada Airlines

TCDC: Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries
TCM: Tactical Cruise Missile; also Technical Cooperation Mission

TCN: Third Country National Employee (at a Foreign Service post)

TDA: Trade and Development Agency; also Trade and Development Act

TDF: Transborder Data Flows

TDP: Trade & Development Program

TDY: Temporary Duty

TEC: Teritorijski Evakuacitki Center (Territorial Evacuation Center); also Tanganyika European Council

TGIF: Thank God It’s Friday

TIAA-CREF: Retirement system mainly for educators set up under the Carnegie Corporation

TIC: Time in Class

TNC: Office of Analysis for Terrorism, Narcotics and Crime; also Transnational Corporation

TNF: Theater Nuclear Forces

TPM: Trigger Price Mechanism

TPP: Office of Trade, Policy and Programs*

TRA: Office of Transportation Affairs*

TRW: Tactical Reconnaissance Wing

TTBT: Threshold Test Ban Treaty

TWEP: Terminate With Extreme Prejudice

TWU: Textile Workers Union

UAE: United Arab Emirates
**UAF:** Uganda Air Force

**UAR:** United Arab Republic

**UBI:** Office of United Kingdom, Benelux, and Ireland Affairs*

**UCLA:** University of California at Los Angeles

**UCR:** Unión de Campesinos Revolucionarios (Revolutionary Peasants Union, El Salvador); also Unión Cívica Radical (Radical Civic Union, Argentina, Colombia); also Unión Cívica Revolucionaria (Revolutionary Civic Union, Costa Rica)

**UDI:** Unilateral Declaration of Independence; also Unión Democrática Independiente (Independent Democratic Union); also Unión Democrática de Izquierda (Leftist Democratic Union); also Unión Dominicana de Independientes (Dominican Union of Independants)

**UGTM:** Union Generale des Travailleurs Marocains (Moroccan General Work Union)

**UGTT:** Union Général Tunisienne du Travail (Tunisian General Work Union)

**UN:** United Nations

**UNCAST:** United Nations Conference on the Application of Science and Technology for the Benefit of the Less Developed Areas

**UNCLOS:** United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea

**UNCSTD:** United Nations Conference on Science and Technology for Development

**UNCTAD:** United Nations Conference on Trade and Development

**UNDP:** United Nations Development Programme

**UNECA:** United Nations Economic Commission for Africa

**UNEF:** United Nations Emergency Forces

**UNEP:** United Nations Environment Programme

**UNFAO:** United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization

**UNGA:** United Nations General Assembly
**UNESCO:** United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization

**UNHCR:** United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

**UNHRC:** United Nations Human Rights Council

**UNICEF:** United Nations Children’s Emergency Fund

**UNIDO:** United Nations Industrial Development Organization

**UNIFIL:** United Nations International Force in Lebanon

**UNIP:** United National Independence Party (Trinidad and Tobago and Zambia)

**UNITA:** National Union for the Total Independence of Angola

**UNITAR:** United Nations Institute for Training and Research

**UNLA:** Ugandan National Liberation Army

**UNPICPUNE:** United Nations Conference for the Promotion of International Cooperation in the Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy

**UNRRA:** United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration

**UNSC:** United Nations Security Council

**UNRWA:** United Nations Relief and Work Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East

**UNVIE:** Vienna Office of the United Nations

**UPC:** Unit Passport Clerk

**USA:** United States Army

**USACOM:** United States Atlantic Command

**USAF:** United States Air Force

**USAFE:** United States Air Forces in Europe

**USAID:** United States Agency for International Development
USAREUR: United States Army, Europe

USCG: United States Coast Guard

USDA: United States Department of Agriculture

USEC: United States Mission to the European Communities (later USEU)

USEU: United States Mission to the European Union (formerly USEC)

USG: United States Government

USIA: United States Information Agency

USIS: United States Information Service (USIA overseas)

USN: United States Navy

USNATO: United States Mission to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization

USNAVEUR: United States Navy, Europe

USOAS: United States Mission to the Organization of American States

USOEC: United States Mission to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development

USOM: United States Operations Mission (economic assistance)

USRO: UNESCO Subregional Office; also United States Regional Office (at a Foreign Service post)

USSR: Union of Soviet Socialist Republics

USTR: United States Trade Representative’s Office

USUN: United States Mission to the United Nations

USUNVIE: United States Mission to the Vienna Office of the United Nations

VA: Veterans Administration
VAT: Value-Added Tax
VER: Voluntary Export Restraints
VJ: Victory in Japan (VJ Day)
VMI: Virginia Military Institute
VO: Visa Office*
VOA: Voice of America
VOLAG: Voluntary Agency
VRA: Voluntary Restraint Agreement
VU: Flemish Nationalists Party

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W3: Working Party Three
WARC: World Administrative Radio Conference
WASAG: Washington Action Group
WE: Office of Western European Affairs
WEEKA: Weekly Reporting Airgram (from Foreign Service posts)
WHO: World Health Organization
WID: Weekly Intelligence Digest
WIPO: World Intellectual Property Organization
WMO: World Meteorological Organization
WPA: Work Progress Administration
WPB: War Production Board
WSAG: Washington Special Action Group

WST: Office of Western Slavic and Moldovan Affairs*

WTDR: World Trade Directory Report

WTO: World Trade Organization

WWF: World Wildlife Fund

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Y

YFU: Youth for America

YIPSEL: Young People’s Socialist League

Z

ZANU: Zimbabwe African National Union

ZAPU: Zimbabwe African People’s Union

ZOA: Zionist Organization of America