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AA  Auswärtiges Amt (German Foreign Office)
ABBAW  Archiv der Berlin-Brandenburgischen Akademie der Wissenschaften (Archive of the Berlin-Brandenburg Academy of Sciences, formerly the Prussian Academy of Sciences)
BA Koblenz  Bundesarchiv, Koblenz (German Federal Archives)
BA Potsdam  Bundesarchiv, Abteilung Potsdam (German Federal Archives, now in Berlin-Lichterfelde)
BA-MA Freiburg  Bundesarchiv-Militärarchiv, Freiburg im Breisgau (German Federal Military Archives)
BHStA Munich  Bayerisches Hauptstaatsarchiv, Munich (Bavarian State Archives)
GSTA Berlin-Dahlem  Geheimes Staatsarchiv Preußischer Kulturbesitz (Prussian Secret State Archives)
OHL  Oberste Heeresleitung (German Army Supreme Command)
PA-AA Bonn  Politisches Archiv des Auswärtigen Amtes, Bonn (Political Archive of the German Foreign Office)
SPD  Sozialdemokratische Partei Deutschlands (German Social Democratic Party)
Sten. Ber./Reichstag  Stenografische Berichte der Verhandlungen des deutschen Reichstages (Proceedings of the German Reichstag)
USPD  Unabhängige Sozialdemokratische Partei Deutschlands (Independent Social Democratic Party, founded in April 1917)