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CCL10	Control Council Law No. 10
CIC	Counter Intelligence Corps
HICOG	The Office of the American High Commissioner for Germany
IMT	International Military Tribunal
JA	Judge Advocate
JAD	Judge Advocate Division
JAG	Judge Advocate General
JCS	Joint Chiefs of Staff
Kripo	*Kriminalpolizei* or Criminal Police
NMT	Nuremberg Military Tribunals
NO	Nazi Organizations
OCCPAC	Office of the Chief of Counsel for the Prosecution of Axis Criminality
OCCWC	Office of the Chief of Counsel for War Crimes
OKW	Oberkommando der Wehrmacht
OMGUS	The Office of the Military Government, United States
RSHA	*Reichssicherheitspolitzei*
RuSHA	*Rasse- und Siedlungshauptamt*
SD	*Sicherheitsdienst*
Sipo	*Sicherheitspolizei*
USHMM	United States Holocaust Memorial Museum
WCB	War Crimes Branch
WCR	War Crimes Records

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