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– Leo Strauss
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CM The City and Man [Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1964]
GN “Geman Nihilism,” Interpretation 26 [1999]: 352–378
NRH Natural Right and History [Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1953]
PAS Persecution and the Art of Writing [Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1952]
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TM  Thoughts on Machiavelli (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1958)
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