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<td>Archiwum Instytutie Pamięci Narodowej – Komisji Scigania Zbrodni przeciwko Narodowi Polskiemu, Warsaw</td>
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<td>AMV</td>
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<td>BAS</td>
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<td>BBGFW</td>
<td>Bulletin der Berliner Gesellschaft für Faschismus- und Weltkriegsforschung</td>
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<td>BDC</td>
<td>Berlin Document Center (in the German Federal Archive, Berlin)</td>
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<td>Befehshaber der Sicherheitspolizei und des SD</td>
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<td>BNGS</td>
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<td>CdS</td>
<td>Chief of the Security Police and Security Service</td>
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<td>CChlDK</td>
<td>Center for the Storage of Historical-Documentary Collections, Moscow</td>
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<td>CEH</td>
<td>Central European History (journal)</td>
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<td>DRZW</td>
<td>Militärisches Forschungsamt der Bundeswehr, ed., Das Deutsche Reich und der Zweite Weltkrieg</td>
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<td>GuG</td>
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List of Abbreviations

JGR      Journal of Genocide Research
JSS      Jewish Social Studies
KG      Kammergericht (higher court)
LBIY      Leo Baeck Institute Yearbook
MGM      Militärgeschichtliche Mitteilungen
OKW      Supreme Command of the German Armed Forces
PA AA      Politisches Archiv des Auswärtigen Amtes (of Germany)
RBD      Reichsbahndirektion (Reich Railway Directorate [regional])
RHS      Revue de l’histoire de la Shoah/le monde juif
RMO      Reich Ministry for the Occupied Eastern Territories (of the Soviet Union)
RSHA      Reichssicherheitaufamt (Head Office of Reich Security)
SA      Sturmbteilungen (storm troopers)
SD      Sicherheitsdienst (Security Service, of the SS)
SDIY      Simon Dubnow Institute Yearbook
SS      Schutzstaffeln (Protective Squads)
SSPF      SS and Police Leader
StA      Staatsanwaltschaft (State Prosecutor’s Office)
SWCA      Simon Wiesenthal Center Annual
TSD      Theresienstädter Studien und Dokumente
VIZ      Vierteljahreshften für Zeitgeschichte
WVHA      Economic and Administrative Head Office of the SS
YVS      Yad Vashem Studies
ZfG      Zeitschrift für Geschichtswissenschaft
ZStL      Central Authority of German States for the Investigation of National Socialist Violent Crimes, Ludwigsburg