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Acronyms

ABCC   Atomic Bomb Casualty Commission
AEC    Atomic Energy Commission
ANZUS  Australia–New Zealand–United States
APAG   Atlantic Policy Advisory Group
CAB    Cabinet
CCP    Chinese Communist Party
CDF    Central Decimal File
CIA    Central Intelligence Agency
CINCFE Commander-in-Chief, Far East Command
CINCPAC Commander-in-Chief, Pacific Command
CNO    Chief of Naval Operations
COMSAC Commander, Strategic Air Command
COS    Chiefs of Staff (British)
CSUSA  Chief of Staff, US Army
DDEL   Dwight D. Eisenhower Library
DDRS   Declassified Documents Reference System
DEFE   Defence
DO     Dominions Office
DRV    Democratic Republic of Vietnam
FEPC   Fair Employment Practices Committee
FO     Foreign Office
FRUS   Foreign Relations of the United States
HSTL   Harry S. Truman Library
ICBM   Intercontinental Ballistic Missile
IPR    Institute of Pacific Relations
JCS    Joint Chiefs of Staff (US)
JFKL   John F. Kennedy Library
JIC    Joint Intelligence Committee
JSOP   Joint Strategic Objectives Plan
JSPC   Joint Strategic Plans Committee
JSSC   Joint Strategic Survey Committee
LBJL   Lyndon B. Johnson Library
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LC Library of Congress
LDP Liberal Democratic Party (Japan)
MAP Military Assistance Program
MDAP Mutual Development and Assistance Program
MRBM Medium-Range Ballistic Missile
NAACP National Association for the Advancement of Colored People
NARA National Archives and Records Administration
NATO North Atlantic Treaty Organization
NIE National Intelligence Estimate
NSC National Security Council
NYT New York Times
OCB Operations Coordinating Board
POLAD Political Adviser
PPC Policy Planning Council
PPS Policy Planning Staff
PRC People’s Republic of China
PREM Premier
RG Record Group
SAC Strategic Air Command
SASAE Special Assistant to the Secretary of State for Atomic Energy and Outer Space
SEATO South East Asia Treaty Organization
SIOP Single Integrated Operational Plan
SNIE Special National Intelligence Estimate
TNA The National Archives
TS Top Secret
UN United Nations
UNESCO United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
USIA United States Information Agency
USIS United States Information Service
WO War Office
WP Washington Post