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Abbreviations

DAK	Derzhavnyi arkhiv mista Kyiva
DAKO	Derzhavnyi arkhiv Kyivs'koi oblasti
DRZ	Dom Russkogo zarubezh'ia imeni Aleksandra Solzhenitsyna
GANISO	Gosudarstvennyi arkhiv noveishei istorii Saratovskoi oblasti
GARF	Gosudarstvennyi arkhiv Rossiiskoi federatsii
GASO	Gosudarstvennyi arkhiv Saratovskoi oblasti
HIA	Hoover Institution Archives
KDU	T. H. Shevchenko Kyiv State University
KGB	Committee for State Security
Komsomol	All-Union Leninist Communist Youth League (in Ukraine, Leninist Communist Youth League of Ukraine)
MGB	Ministry for State Security (1946–54)
MGU	M. V. Lomonosov Moscow State University of the Order of Lenin and the Order of the Red Banner of Labor
MVO	Ministry of Higher Education
NITS “Memorial” SPb	Nauchno-informatsionnyi tsentr “Memorial” v Sankt-Peterburge
RGANI	Rossiiskii gosudarstvennyi arkhiv noveishei istorii
RGASPI	Rossiiskii gosudarstvennyi arkhiv sotsial'no-politicheskoi istorii
RGASPI-M	Rossiiskii gosudarstvennyi arkhiv sotsial'no-politicheskoi istorii – molodezhnyi arkhiv
RLE/RL, HIA	Radio Free Europe / Radio Liberty corporate records, Hoover Institution Archives

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RSFSR	Russian Soviet Federative Socialist Republic
SGU	N.G. Chernyshevskii Saratov State University
TsAOPIM	Tsentral'nyi arkhiv obshchestvenno-politicheskoi istorii Moskvy
TsDAHOU	Tsentral'nyi derzhavnyi arkhiv hromads'kykh ob'iednan' Ukrainy
TsDAVO	Tsentral'nyi derzhavnyi arkhiv vyshchykh orhaniv vlady ta upravlinnia Ukrainy
TsDNA	Tsentr dokumentatsii "Narodnyi arkhiv"
TsK	Central Committee
TsMAM	Tsentral'nyi munitsipal'nyi arkhiv Moskvy
VIET	Voprosy istorii estestvoznaniia i tekhniki
VVSh	Vestnik vysshei shkoly