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|             |                                                            |
|-------------|------------------------------------------------------------|
| AC          | Archivio Capitolino, Rome                                  |
| ADP         | Archivio Doria Pamphili, Rome                              |
| AHNM        | Archivo Histórico Nacional, Madrid                         |
| AGS         | Archivo General, Simancas                                  |
| AMAE        | Archivo Ministerio de Asuntos Exteriores, Madrid           |
| AMAEt       | Archives du Ministère des Affaires Etrangères, Paris       |
| APF         | Archivio della Congregazione de Propaganda Fide, Rome      |
| ARSI        | Archivum Romanum Societatis Jesu, Rome                     |
| ASB         | Archivio di Stato, Bologna                                 |
| ASDMi       | Archivio Storico Diocesano, Milan                          |
| ASF         | Archivio di Stato, Florence<br>Mediceo del Principato = MP |
| ASGe        | Archivio di Stato, Genoa                                   |
| ASL         | Archivio di Stato, Lucca                                   |
| ASM         | Archivio di Stato, Mantua                                  |
| ASMo        | Archivio di Stato, Modena                                  |
| ASP         | Archivio di Stato, Parma                                   |
| ASR         | Archivio di Stato, Rome                                    |
| AST         | Archivio di Stato, Turin                                   |
| ASV         | Archivio Segreto Vaticano                                  |
| ASVe        | Archivio di Stato, Venice                                  |
| BA          | Biblioteca Angelica, Rome                                  |
| BAV         | Biblioteca Apostolica Vaticana                             |
| Barb. Lat.  | Barberini Latini ( ms.)                                    |
| Vat. Lat.   | Vaticani Latini ( ms.)                                     |
| Urb. Lat.   | Urbinati Latini ( ms.)                                     |
| Ottob. Lat. | Ottoboniani Latini ( ms.)                                  |
| Chigi       | Chigiani ( ms.)                                            |

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|------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| BL         | British Library, London                                                                             |
| BM         | Biblioteca Marciana, Venice                                                                         |
| BMC        | Biblioteca del Civico Museo Correr, Venice                                                          |
| BNCVE      | Biblioteca Nazionale Centrale Vittorio Emanuele, Rome                                               |
| BNF        | Bibliothèque Nationale de France, Paris                                                             |
| BNM        | Biblioteca Nacional, Madrid                                                                         |
| HHStA      | Haus-, Hof- und Staatsarchiv, Vienna                                                                |
| <i>DBI</i> | <i>Dizionario Biografico degli Italiani</i> , Rome, Istituto<br>dell'Enciclopedia Italiana, 1960– . |