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Abbreviations

AGN	Archivo General de la Nación/General Archive of the Nation
ALM	Adolfo López Mateos
CCI	Central Campesina Independiente/Independent Campesino Center
CIA	Central Intelligence Agency
CNC	Confederación Nacional Campesina/National Campesino Confederation
CNED	Central Nacional de Estudiantes Democráticos/National Center of Democratic Students
CNOP	Confederación Nacional de Organizaciones Populares/National Confederation of Popular Organizations
CREST	CIA Records Search Tool
CTM	Confederación de Trabajadores Mexicanos/Confederation of Mexican Workers
DFS	Dirección Federal de Seguridad/Department of Federal Security
DGI	Dirección General de Inteligencia/General Intelligence Department
FAR	Fuerzas Armadas Revolucionarias/Revolutionary Armed Forces
FBI	Federal Bureau of Intelligence
FECSM	Federación de Estudiantes Campesinos Socialistas de México/Federation of Socialist Campesino Students of Mexico
FEMOSPP	Fiscalía Especial para Movimientos Sociales y Políticos del Pasado/Special Prosecutor for Social and Political Movements of the Past

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FEP	Frente Electoral del Pueblo/People's Electoral Front
FER	Frente de Estudiantes Revolucionarios/Student Revolutionary Front
FRAP	Fuerzas Revolucionarias Armadas del Pueblo/People's Armed Revolutionary Front
FRUS	Foreign Relations of the United States
GDO	Gustavo Díaz Ordaz
IPN	Instituto Politécnico Nacional/National Polytechnic Institute
IPS	Dirección General de Investigaciones Políticas y Sociales/Department of Political and Social Investigations
JFK	John F. Kennedy Presidential Library
LBJ	Lyndon Baines Johnson Presidential Library
MAR	Movimiento de Acción Revolucionaria/Revolutionary Action Movement
MINREX	Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores/Ministry of Foreign Relations
MLN	Movimiento de Liberación Nacional/National Liberation Movement
MRM	Movimiento Revolucionario del Magisterio/Revolutionary Teachers' Movement
MURO	Movimiento Universitario de Renovadora Orientación/University Movement of Renovating Orientation
NARA	US National Archives and Records Administration
OAS	Organization of American States
OSPAAAL	Organización de Solidaridad de los Pueblos de África, Asia, y América Latina/Solidarity Organization of the Peoples of Africa, Asia, and Latin America
PAN	Partido de Acción Nacional/Party of National Action
PCM	Partido Comunista Mexicano/Mexican Communist Party
PIPSA	Productora e Importadora de Papel, S.A./Producer and Importer of Paper
POCM	Partido Obrero-Campesino Mexicano/Mexican Worker-Peasant Party
POR	Partido Obrero Revolucionario/Revolutionary Workers' Party
PPS	Partido Popular Socialista/Popular Socialist Party
PRI	Partido Revolucionario Institucional/Institutional Revolutionary Party
SRE	Secretaría de Relaciones Exteriores/Foreign Ministry Archive

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TECOS	Tarea Educativa y Cultural hacia el Orden y el Síntesis/ Educational and Cultural Work toward Order and Synthesis
UGOCM	Unión General de Obreros y Campesinos Mexicanos/ General Union of Mexican Workers and Campesinos
UNAM	Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México/National Autonomous University of Mexico
VPLC	Versión Pública de Lázaro Cárdenas/Public Version of Lázaro Cárdenas

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