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ABBREVIATIONS

ACS/CPC	Archivio Centrale dello Stato (Rome), Casellario Politico Centrale
ACS/PS	Archivio Centrale dello Stato (Rome), Pubblica Sicurezza
ANPI	Associazione Nazionale Partigiani d'Italia, biographical database
APC	Fondazione Istituto Gramsci, Archivio Partito Comunista
APC/CRM	Fondazione Istituto Gramsci, Archivio Partito Comunista, Correspondenza Roma/Milano
ASR/CAS	Archivio di Stato di Roma, Corte d'Assise Speciale
ASS/FRB	Archivio storico del Senato, Fondo Rosario Bentivegna
ASV/FAB	Archivio di Stato di Viterbo, Fondo Angelo la Bella
BCF/FOT	Biblioteca Comunale di Follonica, Fondo Otello Terzani
CGB/FAP	Circolo Gianni Bosio (Rome), Fondo Alessandro Portelli
FB/FGB	Fondazione Basso, Fondo Gerardo Bruni
FGAN	Fondazione Istituto Gramsci, Fondo Agostino Novella
FGFM	Fondazione Istituto Gramsci, Fondo Mosca
IPR/AC	Istituto Piemontese per la Storia della Resistenza e della Società (Turin), Fondo Arturo Colombi
ISEC/V	Istituto per la Storia dell'età contemporanea (Sesto San Giovanni), fondo Venegoni
MSdL/FSC	Museo Storico della Liberazione (Rome), Fondo Silverio Corvisieri
NA	National Archives, Kew