

GLOSSARY OF TERMS AND ACRONYMS

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A	Bureau of Administration, Department of State.
A-100	Orientation training program for new Foreign Service Officers of Department of State.
AAFSW	Associates of the American Foreign Service Worldwide. Membership is open to adult family members or employees of the U.S. foreign affairs agencies, active or retired.
AC	Bureau of Arms Control.
A&D	Accounting and Disbursing System. Overseas financial management system.
ACDA	Arms Control and Disarmament Agency.
ACS	American Citizens Services.
ADM/ ADMIN	Administrative Section overseas (includes HRO, FMO, GSO, IMO, IPC, MED).
ADST	Association for Diplomatic Studies and Training.
AF	Bureau of African Affairs, Department of State.
AFGE	American Federation of Government Employees.
AFM	American Family Member.
AFSA	American Foreign Service Association. Professional association for Foreign Service personnel. Certified as Foreign Service employee representative.
AGR	Agricultural Section overseas
AID	See USAID below.

Aide Memoire	French for "aid to memory" to describe an informal note presented to a foreign official to help in conveying USG views or position; a useful device to ensure "our" words, not the foreign official's notes, are the ones which convey our views to his superiors who may not be present for the discussion.
ALDAC	All Diplomatic and Consular Posts.
ALMA	A Logical Modernization Approach. Department IT standards, also installation project.
AMADS	Automated Message Distribution System. Department of State message processing system.
AMB E&P	Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, representing a head of state and with full powers.
AMCIT	See Consul.
AFSPA	American Foreign Service Protective Association Health Plan.
A/OS	Office of Overseas Schools.
APEC	Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation forum.
APHIS	Animal and Plant and Health Inspection Service, part of U.S. Dept of Agriculture.
APO	Army Post Office. A mail system managed by the Department of Defense, capable of dealing with personal mail, classified and unclassified reports, as well as spare parts for military equipment provided to friendly nations. See also FPO below. Many Foreign Service posts abroad are included in the APO/FPO system.
ASOS	Advanced Security Overseas Seminar
Attaché	Specialist, civilian or military, assigned to an overseas mission.
AWAL	Around the World in a Lifetime, a Foreign Service teen organization.
BCC	Beltsville Communications Center.
B & F	Budget and Fiscal Section in some overseas missions. Newer name is Financial Management Office (FMO).
BIMC	Beltsville Information Management Center.
Biodata	Biographic Data.

Biographic Register	Annual publication giving biographic ("Stud book") information on officers of the Department of State and certain other foreign affairs agencies.
BPP	Bureau Performance Plan. Budget planning tool for bureaus.
Branch Post	Post outside the capital city. Also called constituent post.
Buckslip	A covering note used to forward a document or a newspaper clipping to a specific recipient in the Department or at a Foreign Service post, often with a brief, informal comment or explanation.
Bureau	The basic organizational entity—either geographic or functional—of the State Department; headed by an Assistant Secretary responsible for directing the work of various "offices" or "country directors."
CA	Bureau of Consular Affairs, Department of State.
Cable/Telegram	Used interchangeably to refer to communications (messages) sent electronically.
Cablese Captions:	Abbreviations and other shortened language used in cables/telegrams. EXDIS, LIMDIS, GRIEVANCE CHANNEL, MED CHANNEL, etc.
CAO	Cultural Affairs Officer in Public Diplomacy section of Embassy
CDA/CDO	Career Development and Assignments/Career Development Officer.
CFMS	Central Financial Management System. Primary Department accounting system.
CFC	Combined Federal Campaign.
CG	Consul General, principal officer of a consulate general.
Chancery	Principal office of an Embassy (building housing the Ambassador's office).
Chargé d'Affaires	French, literally "in charge of affairs." The designation of the officer—normally the Deputy Chief of Mission—who is temporarily in charge of an Embassy when the Ambassador is out of the country. Usually followed by the letters "a.i.," which stands for the Latin "ad interim."
CIA	Central Intelligence Agency.
CIO	Chief Information Officer.
Classification	Unclassified; Limited Official Use (outdated Administrative Classification only);

Sensitive But Unclassified (not a classification, but used to indicate handling); Confidential, Secret, Top Secret.

- CLO** Community Liaison Office. Overseas field office of the Family Liaison Office. Also the informal title of the office coordinator.
- CME** Crisis Management Exercise. A one-day, tabletop exercise for an embassy's Emergency Action Committee (EAC) to exercise their mastery of the Emergency Action Plan (EAP).
- CNB** Chemical, Nuclear, Biological Weapons of Mass Destruction.
- CNBR** Chemical, Nuclear, Biological, and Radiation Weapons of Mass Destruction.
- CODEL** Congressional Delegation. Usually a group but can refer simply to one member of Congress traveling abroad on official business; as distinct from a "STAFFDEL," which is the term applied when the traveler or group of travelers is "Congressional staff."
- COM** Chief of Mission. This generally would be the Ambassador at an Embassy, the chargé d'affaires if there is no Ambassador or if he is out of the country, or the permanent representative (PERMREP) if a mission to a multilateral organization like the UN.
- COMPUSEC** Computer Security. Government term for data security.
- COMSEC** Communications Security. Policy/procedures to protect communications.
- CON** Consular Section overseas.
- Cone** One of the five functional specialties into which Foreign Service Officers (FSOs) are grouped at entry into the Foreign Service. The cones are: consular, economic, administrative, political, and public diplomacy.
- CONGEN** Consulate-General. A large consulate (see below) headed by a Consul General and capable of performing a wider variety of consular and reporting functions than a consulate.
- CONGEN** The FSI course conducted in a mock-up consulate preparing Foreign Service Officers for consular work following their graduation from the A-100 orientation course. Most officers will do some consular work in their first tour.
- CONOFF** Consular Officer.
- Consul/** Consular titles for officers doing consular work overseas; responsible for:

Vice Consul (1) administering U.S. immigration laws (issuing visas, etc.); and, (2) looking after passports, citizenship matters, and the welfare of American citizens (Cablese = AMCIT) overseas.

Consular Titles Consular Agent, Vice Consul, Consul, and Consul General.

Consulate A Foreign Service Post engaged primarily in consular work; officers assigned have consular titles. Consulates are usually constituent posts of an Embassy, either within the Embassy itself or in some other city in the foreign country. While consulates engage in routine reporting, they carry out no diplomatic or representational functions vis-à-vis the host government.

CONUS Continental United States.

COSPO Community Open Source Project Office. Intelligence Community system manager.

Counselor A diplomatic title accorded to a head of section in the Embassy, as "Counselor for Political Affairs" or "Political Counselor" (for which the acronym is POLCOUNS). (N.B. Do not confuse diplomatic ranks like "Counselor" with the Senior Foreign Service pay grades of "Counselor," "Minister-Counselor," "Career Minister," and "Career Ambassador," which correspond to the top four grades of the Senior Intelligence Service and the Senior Executive Service.)

Country Desk The basic country organization of the Department of State office, each "desk" is headed by a Country Desk Officer and sometimes includes several other persons.

Country Team Agency heads and other senior advisors of the Ambassador. Meets at intervals determined by the Ambassador.

CPO Communications Program Officer.

CS Civil Service.

CTC Career Transition Center. A division of the Transition Center at the George P. Shultz National Foreign Affairs Training Center.

D Deputy Secretary.

DACOR Diplomatic and Consular Officers Retired.

DAS Deputy Assistant Secretary (of State, of Defense, etc.) Works directly for the Assistant Secretary and supervises several office directors.

DCM Deputy Chief of Mission. The second-ranking officer at Post, functioning as

deputy to the Chief of Mission (COM); often functioning as the chief operating officer or chief of staff to the Ambassador. Acts for the Ambassador when he is away from post and as Chargé d'Affaires when the Ambassador is out of the country of assignment. Usually has the diplomatic rank of "Counselor of Embassy" or "Minister-Counselor." Responsible for managing the reporting program.

D&CP Diplomatic and Consular Programs (1019). DOS funding source.

DEA Drug Enforcement Administration.

Demarche A request or intercession with a foreign official; e.g., a request for support of a policy, a protest about the host government's policy or actions.

Desk Officer Officer responsible for a specific country or countries in the geographic bureaus of the Department of State.

DG Director General of the Foreign Service.

DIA Defense Intelligence Agency.

Diplomatic Corps All accredited members of all diplomatic missions at a given post.

Diplomatic Courier Carries the classified diplomatic pouch.

Diplomatic List List of accredited diplomats; issued by the Foreign Ministry. In some countries the list does not include all assigned personnel holding diplomatic passports.

DISA Defense Information Systems Agency.

Distribution Special Handling:

NODIS: No distribution to other than addresses
ROGER CHANNEL: Director INR and Principal Officer
STADIS: Distribution within State Department only
AGREEMENT CHANNEL: Agreement requests
DIRGEN: Sensitive Personnel Matters

DMS DOD messaging system.

DOD Department of Defense.

DODDS Department of Defense Dependents Schools.

DOE Department of Energy.

DOJ Department of Justice.

DOS Department of State.

DOSFAN Department of State Foreign Affairs Network. Department Web site.

DOSNET Department of State Network. Department E-mail network.

DPM Diplomatic Pouch and Mail.

DPO Deputy Principal Officer. The generic term for the number two at a Foreign Service post, whether Embassy or Consulate.

Drafter Officer Originator of a cable or memo, responsible for initiating clearance and finalizing changes.

DRL Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor, Department of State.

DS Bureau of Diplomatic Security, Department of State.

DSTC Diplomatic Security Training Center.

Duty Officer Officer at post or in the Department assigned during non-office hours to be responsible for any emergency.

E Under Secretary for Economic, Business, and Agricultural Affairs.

EAP Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs, Department of State.

EAC An embassy's Emergency Action Committee (see CME).

EB Bureau of Economic and Business Affairs, Department of State.

ECA Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, Department of State.

ECON Economic Section overseas.

ECOSOC Economic and Social Council, United Nations.

ECS Employee Consultation Service.

E&E Emergency & Evacuation. Term used in security planning.

EFM	Eligible family member. A dependent of a USG employee on travel orders; eligible for employment within a mission.
Embassy	A diplomatic mission in the capital city of a foreign country headed by an Ambassador.
EMBOFF/ MISOFF	Any officer assigned to the Embassy (or Mission); avoid further specificity by Section, e.g., “CONOFF,” “POLOFF.”
E.O. 12356	Executive Order—a presidential requirement to include specific declassification instructions on all government telegrams.
E.O. 12721	Executive Order Eligibility—gives Eligible Family Members opportunity to earn eligibility for Civil Service employment while they serve in non-career positions abroad.
E.O. 12958	Executive Order—federal declassification guidelines.
ERS	Electronic Receipt System. Part of the Diplomatic Pouch & Mail System.
ETA	Estimated Time of Arrival.
ETD	Estimated Time of Departure.
EU	European Union.
EUR	Bureau of European and Canadian Affairs, Department of State.
EVT	Emergency Visitation Travel.
EX	Executive Office.
FAC	Foreign Affairs Community.
FAH	Foreign Affairs Handbook.
FAM	Foreign Affairs Manual, the general (and authoritative) guide, in many volumes, for Foreign Service procedures.
FARA	Foreign Affairs Recreation Association.
FAS	Foreign Agricultural Service, Department of Agriculture. Provides Agricultural Attachés to missions abroad.

FASA Federal Acquisition Streamlining Act. USG procurement guidelines.

FBI Federal Bureau of Investigation.

FCC Federal Communications Commission.

FCS Foreign Commercial Service, Department of Commerce. Provides Commercial Attaches to missions abroad.

FEHB Federal Employees Health Benefits Program.

FERS Federal Employee Retirement System.

FLO Family Liaison Office, Department of State.

FMA Family Member Appointment. Department of State hiring mechanism.

FMC Financial Management Center. Budget and fiscal offices at 19 large embassies.

FMLA Family and Medical Leave Act.

FMO Financial Management Office. Unit of administrative section in post overseas. Formerly B&F.

FMP Bureau of Finance and Management Policy, Department of State.

FOIA Freedom of Information Act.

Foreign Office/Ministry Office or ministry handling foreign affairs, comparable to the Department of State in the United States. See also MFA.

FPO Fleet (Navy) Post Office. A mail system managed by the Department of Defense similar to the APO (see APO above).

FS Foreign Service Salary Schedule for all Foreign Service U.S. personnel

FE*Senior Foreign Service Salary Schedule

FO*Foreign Service Officer. Career Officer of the Department of State.

FP*All other Foreign Service personnel

(*Two-letter codes used in the computer database.)

FSAN Foreign Service Assignment Notebook. Published by the FSI Transition Center.

FSC Financial Service Center. Three financial centers supporting FS posts.

FSI Foreign Service Institute, Department of State, located at the George P. Shultz National Foreign Affairs Training Center.

FSN Foreign Service National. A non-American employed by a Foreign Service Post abroad, usually from the host country; important as staff members in every section.

FSO Foreign Service Officer, an American recruited by examination and thereafter a member of a disciplined career service. May be employee of the State Department, AID, Commerce Department, or Agriculture Department.

FSPS Foreign Service Pension System.

FSRDS Foreign Service Retirement and Disability System.

FSYF Foreign Service Youth Foundation. Organization dedicated to the internationally mobile youth of all United States' foreign affairs agencies.

FTE Full Time Equivalent. Full-time or equivalent part-time employees.

Fulbright Commission Popular name for binational educational exchange commissions. Administers an exchange of persons program—students, research scholars, professors, and teachers—between the United States and other countries.

FY Fiscal Year.

G Under Secretary for Global Affairs.

GAO General Accounting Office.

GBL Government Bill of Lading.

Globe Trotters A Foreign Service group for children between the ages of 9 and 12.

GLS Geographic Learning Site. On Department Web site—public outreach.

GPO Government Printing Office.

GS General Schedule, designation for Civil Service jobs.

GSA General Services Administration. USG agency providing goods and services.

GSO General Services Officer in an overseas mission. Responsible for motor pool, supplies, building maintenance, contracts and procurement, customs, travel, and

shipping.

GTR	Government Travel Request.
GWACs	Government-Wide Agency Contracts. Procurement vehicle any agency can use.
H	Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State.
HCN	Host country national.
HHE	Household Effects.
HL	Home Leave.
HR	Bureau of Human Resources, Department of State.
HRO	Human Resources Officer. Formerly Personnel Officer.
HST	Harry S. Truman building; Department of State main building.
HSTA	Home Service Transfer Allowance.
IC	Intelligence Community.
ICASS	International Cooperative Administrative Support Service.
IG	Inspector General.
IM	Information Management
IMO/IPO	Information Management/Programs /Office of administrative section that handles computer systems and communications (classified and unclassified).
IMS	Information Management Specialist.
IMTS	Information Management Technical Specialist.
INL	Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement, Department of State.
INR	Bureau of Intelligence and Research, Department of State.
INRISS	INR Intelligence Support System.
INS	Immigration and Naturalization Service.
Inspector	A Foreign Service or General Schedule officer assigned to inspect a diplomatic or

consular post.

INTELINK Intelligence Community Network. IC classified data network.

Interest Section The office responsible for protecting the interests of the United States, housed in a third country embassy, in a country with which the United States has no formal relations.

IO Bureau of International Organization Affairs, Department of State.

IPC Information Program Center. Post computer processing area.

IRM Bureau of Information Resource Management

JCS Joint Chiefs of Staff.

JUSMAAG/MAAG Joint U.S. Military Assistance and Advisory Mission (if indeed "Joint") or Military Assistance Advisory Mission (if not); other terms in use include: "Security Assistance Office," "Office of the Defense Representative" and "Office of Defense Cooperation." All describe a military office within an Embassy responsible for directing programs of military assistance and training to foreign governments. Although sometimes done by the DAO, this is usually an entirely separate office, with no intelligence connotation. The head of the office may be referred to as "Chief MAAG," "Chief ODC," etc.

KSA Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities.

L Office of the Legal Advisor, Department of State.

Legation States A diplomatic mission in a foreign country headed by a minister. The United States has none at the present time, but a few other countries do.

Liaison Office The office responsible for protecting the interests of the United States prior to the establishment of diplomatic relations (or while diplomatic relations are suspended) between the United States and the host country.

LM Office of Logistics Management

LMS School of Leadership and Management at the Foreign Service Institute.

LWOP Leave Without Pay

M Office of the Undersecretary for Management, Department of State.

Main State Department of State main building (21st & C Street, NW). Harry S. Truman

Building

MAP Military Assistance Program.

MED Office of Medical Services.

MEMCON Memorandum of Conversation recounting the details of an official conversation with a foreign contact or official, traditionally sent by pouch (although most cable reports of calls and meetings are also MEMCONS).

MFA Minister and/or Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Minimize A communications term used to describe a post using minimum communications to avoid overload during a crisis; e.g., "Embassy Beirut is on minimize." This reduces routine communications and means outgoing communications require very senior-level authorization.

Mission A generic term that can be used interchangeably with "embassy" or "post." The entirety of official U.S. representation in a given foreign country that functions under the supervision of the Ambassador, including civilian and military personnel (except U.S. military reporting to a unified command and official U.S. representation to a multilateral organization). However, USAID uses the word to mean specifically the USAID component of a diplomatic mission. Also used as the term for posts accredited to multilateral organizations; e.g., the U.S. Mission to the United Nations, the U.S. Mission to NATO.

LGF Local Guard Force. Post security group.

LMR Land Mobile Radio. Radio used by post security groups.

MED Medical Services, Department of State.

MOH Member of Household. An individual who falls outside the Department's legal and statutory definition of family member. An MOH could include a same or opposite sex unmarried partner, parents, other relatives, or adult children who have accompanied the employee overseas and whom the employee has declared to the COM are a part of his/her household and will reside at post with the employee.

MPP Mission Performance Plan. Budget planning tool for missions.

NAS Narcotics Affairs Section. Embassy anti-drug section.

NATO North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

NEA Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs, Department of State.

NGO	Non-governmental organization.
NIV	Non-immigrant visa.
NOTAL	Cables not received by all addresses.
NP	Bureau of Nonproliferation.
NSA	National Security Agency.
NSC	National Security Council.
OAS	Organization of American States.
OAU	Organization of African Unity.
OB	Official Building (Embassy Building).
OBC	Overseas Briefing Center at the Foreign Service Institute.
OBO	Overseas Buildings Operations (formerly FBO).
OCS	Overseas Citizens Service.
OECD	Organization of Economic Cooperation and Development, headquartered in Paris.
OES	Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs, Department of State.
Official/Informal	A term deeming a type of communication, either cable or letter, BOTH official and informal; may NOT be used for making action requests or for official reporting.
OIG	Office of the Inspector General, Department of State.
OMB	Office of Management and Budget.
OMS	Office Management Specialist (formerly Foreign Service secretary).
OpenNet	Intranet. Online resources available only within the Department of State.
ORE	Official Residence Expense. A special account for funding official expenses of the Ambassador's (Chief of Mission) residence.
OSAC	Overseas Schools Advisory Council.

OSAC	Overseas Security Advisory Council.
OSCE	Organization of Security and Cooperation in Europe.
OSPB	Overseas Security Policy Board.
P	Undersecretary for Political Affairs.
PA	Public Affairs, Department of State.
PA/PC	Office of Public Communications. Office within PA.
p.c.	Pour condolances (to express sympathy).
p.f.	Pour feliciter (to extend congratulations).
p.p.c.	Pour prendre conge (to take leave).
p.r.	Pour remercier (to express thanks).
PA	Bureau of Public Affairs, Department of State.
PAO	Public Affairs Officer. The title of Public Diplomacy officer assigned to the Public Affairs Section of an Embassy or Consulate. Responsible for managing programs of public information and cultural affairs.
PC	Peace Corps (PC Rep—Peace Corps Representative, PCV—Peace Corps Volunteer).
PDD	Presidential Decision Directive.
PERMREP	See COM.
PIT	Part-time/Intermittent/Temporary employee. This was the term applied to most dependent employment slots and is now obsolete (per Department directive).
PL 480	Public Law 480 dealing with the overseas sale of surplus agricultural products.
PM	Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State.
PNG	Persona Non Grata.
POL	Political Section overseas.

POLCONS See Counselor.

Post Any diplomatic or consular establishment maintained by the United States abroad.

POTUS President of the United States.

Pouch Also called air pouch or diplomatic pouch. Used as a noun to refer to the mailbag by which communications and other materials are conveyed to and from posts. Pouches enjoy diplomatic protection and thus are exempted from customs search. They may travel by air or by sea, depending on bulk. Pouches may be unclassified (moving on their own like mail) or classified (moving under the care of a U.S. Department of State employee known as a Diplomatic Courier). The word can also be used as a verb, i.e., “to pouch.”

POV Privately Owned Vehicle.

Precedence How fast a cable is to be transmitted electronically. Precedence is: Routine, Priority, Immediat, or Night Action (NIACT) Immediate, Flash, Critic.

PRM Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration, Department of State.

Protocol Officer Officer assigned to deal with protocol and ceremonial matters.

PSC Personal Services Contract.

PSO Post Security Officer.

Public Diplomacy Section Formerly the United States Information Agency (USIA). See PAO.

R Under Secretary for Public Affairs & Public Diplomacy.

R&R Rest and recuperation leave.

RCSO Regional Computer Security Officer.

REFTEL Reference Telegram.

RFE/RL Radio Free Europe and Radio Liberty.

RFSC Regional Financial Service Center.

RMO Regional Medical Officer.

RPSO Regional Procurement Service Office. Overseas logistics support center.

RSO Regional Security Officer. Reports directly to the Deputy Chief of Mission.

- RUF** Revolutionary United Front.
- S** Office of the Secretary, Department of State
- SA** Bureau of South Asian Affairs, Department of State.
- SA** State Annex. A Department of State building besides Main State.
- SAIT** School of Applied Information Technology at the Foreign Service Institute.
- SC** Shultz Center, also known as the George P. Shultz National Foreign Affairs Training Center.
- S&E** Salary & Expenses (2026).

Secretary Overseas A diplomatic rank, as in Third Secretary, Second Secretary, and First Secretary, in ascending order of seniority. In the Department of State (or Defense or Commerce, etc.) usually prefaced with “The” and referring to the cabinet officer in charge.

Section A A subdivision of a Foreign Service post abroad; e.g., the Administrative Section, the Economic Section. Officers in charge of these are section heads, and large Embassies usually hold the title of Counselor.

SEP Special Embassy Program. A program reflecting the reduced communications and reporting capabilities of the smallest Foreign Service Posts abroad. SEP posts are exempted from certain reporting requirements.

SEA Subsistence Expense Allowance.

SEPTTEL Separate Telegram.

Seventh Floor Department of State terminology referring to the Secretary of State, the Deputy Secretary and the Under Secretaries.

SFS Senior Foreign Service.

Sixth Floor State Department terminology referring to the next lower echelon within the Department; i.e., the Assistant Secretary level.

SLS School of Language Studies at the Foreign Service Institute.

SMA Separate Maintenance Allowance.

SOS Security Overseas Seminar.

S/CPR	Chief of Protocol.
S/P	Policy Planning Staff.
SPAS	School of Professional and Area Studies at the Foreign Service Institute.
S/S	Executive Secretariat.
SR	Standardized Regulations.
STAFFDEL	See CODEL.
Stud book	See Biographic Register.
T	Under Secretary of State for Arms control and International Security.
TAGS	Traffic Analysis by Group and Subject. A distribution and filing system for telegraphic traffic.
TC	FSI Transition Center (OBC, Training Division, and CTC)
TCC	Temporary Continuation of Coverage Program. For family member's health insurance benefits in case of the death of or divorce from employee.
TC/T	Training Division of the Transition Center at the George P. Shultz National Foreign Affairs Training Center.
TCN	Third country national. A citizen of a country other than the United States or the host country.
TDY	Temporary Duty.
The Residence	Living quarters of the Ambassador.
TM	Travel message.
TQSA	Temporary Quarters Subsistence Allowance
TSP	Thrift Savings Plan.
UAB	Unaccompanied Air Baggage.
UNESCO	United Nations Education, Scientific, and Cultural Organization.
USAID	United States Agency for International Development. An agency responsible to the Secretary of State, with missions attached to U.S. Embassies, under USAID

Mission Directors, in countries where the United States maintains economic aid programs.

USDA	United States Department of Agriculture.
USG	United States Government.
USEU	U.S. Mission to the European Union in Brussels.
USIA	United States Information Agency. (Former foreign affairs agency incorporated into the DOS in 1999.)
USNATO	U.S. Mission to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization in Brussels.
USO	Unit Security Officer.
USTR	U.S. Trade Representative's office.
USUN	United States Mission to the United Nations in New York.
VIP	Very Important Person.
VOA	Voice of America; the broadcasting service that beams programs overseas.
WAE	When actually employed; generally a retiree who returns to work for short periods.
WDIDN	What Do I Do Now. Handbook on regulations, allowances, and finance published by the Transition Center.
WHA	Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs, Department of State (formerly ARA).
WHO	World Health Organization, United Nations.
WMD	Weapons of Mass Destruction.
WTO	World Trade Organization in Geneva.