

Abbreviations and Terms

- A-1**, U.S.-made single engine, propeller driven, attack aircraft
AAA, anti-aircraft artillery
ABF, attacks by fire
ABM, anti-ballistic missile
ACA, Office of Asian Communist Affairs, Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs, Department of State
AF, Air Force
AID, Agency for International Development
AK-47, Soviet-designed Kalashnikov assault weapon
Amb, Ambassador
AMH, Alexander Meigs Haig, Jr.
ANZUS, Australia, New Zealand, United States
APC, Accelerated Pacification Campaign
Arc Light, code name for U.S. B-52 bombing strikes in Southeast Asia
ARDF, Aerial Radio Direction Finding
ARVN, Army of the Republic of (South) Vietnam
ASAP, as soon as possible
ASD, Assistant Secretary of Defense
ASPAC, Asian and Pacific Council
- B-52**, all weather, intercontinental, strategic heavy bomber
Backchannel, a method of communication outside normal bureaucratic procedure; the White House, for instance, used “backchannel” messages to bypass the Department of State.
Barrel Roll, code name for U.S. Air Force-Navy interdiction of North Vietnamese infiltration routed in northern Laos
BOB, Bureau of the Budget
BPP, Border Patrol Police (Thailand)
Breakfast, code name for initial secret U.S. bombing campaign in Cambodia
- C-47**, propeller-driven, twin engine, low-wing aircraft used for cargo or troop transportation
C-123, high-wing, 2 prop engine transport aircraft
C-130, high-wing, 4 turbo prop engine aircraft used for rapid transportation of troops and/or equipment.
C-141, high-wing, 4 turbo prop engine, long-range transport aircraft
CAP, Combined Action Platoon
CAS, Controlled American Source
Cherokee, special telegraphic distribution channel for the Secretary of State
CH-47, heavy transport helicopter (“Chinook”)
ChiCom, Chinese Communist(s)
CIA, Central Intelligence Agency
CINCPAC, Commander-in-Chief, Pacific
CIP, Commodities Import Program
CJCS, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff
CL, classified
CM, Chairman’s (of JCS) memorandum
CMC, Commandant of the Marine Corps
CNO, Chief of Naval Operations

XXII Abbreviations and Terms

- Cobras**, U.S. helicopter gunship
CODEL, Congressional delegation
COMINT, communications intelligence
COMUSMACHTHAI, Commander, U.S. Military Assistance Command, Thailand
COMUSMACV, Commander, U.S. Military Assistance Command, Vietnam
CONUS, Continental United States
CORDS, Civil Operations and Revolutionary Development Support
COSVN, Central Office for South Vietnam
CPDC, Central Pacification and Development Council
CSA, Chief of Staff of the Army
CSAF, Chief of Staff of the Air Force
CTZ, corps tactical zone
CVA, attack aircraft carrier
CVT, Confederation of Vietnamese Labor (*Travail*)
CY, calendar year
- Daniel Boone (DB)**, MACV reconnaissance operations in Cambodia
DAO, Defense Attaché Office
DCI, Director of Central Intelligence
DCM, Deputy Chief of Mission
DDI, Deputy Directorate for Intelligence, Central Intelligence Agency
DIA, Defense Intelligence Agency
del, delegate; delegation
Delto, Delegation to (telegram series indicator from the Delegation to the Paris Peace Talks on Vietnam)
DMZ, demilitarized zone
DOD, Department of Defense
DOD/ISA, Department of Defense, Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs
DOS, Department of State
DPRG, Defense Program Review Group
DRV (also DRVN), Democratic Republic of Vietnam (North Vietnam)
- EAP (also EA)**, Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs, Department of State
EAP/ACA, Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs, Office of Asian Communist Affairs
EC-121, unarmed, four engine propeller-driven reconnaissance aircraft
ECM, electronic counter measures
Embtel, Embassy telegram
EOB, Executive Office Building
EST, eastern standard time
Exdis, exclusive distribution (extremely limited distribution)
- FAL**, forward air liaison
FANK, Forces Armées Nationales Khmeres (Khmer National Armed Forces)
FARK, Forces Armées Royales Khmeres (Royal Khmer Armed Forces)
FDF, Free Democratic Forces (of South Vietnam)
FE, Division for Far East, Directorate of Operations, Central Intelligence Agency
FEOP, Foreign Exchange Operations Fund
Flash, indicates message of highest priority requiring the attention of the Secretary of State
FMS, foreign military sales
FUNK, National United Front of Kampuchea
FWE, Free World forces

FY, fiscal year

FYI, for your information

GMT, Greenwich Mean Time

GOC, Government of Cambodia

GRC, Government of China

GVN, Government of Vietnam

GVR, Government of the Republic of Vietnam

HAK, Henry A. Kissinger

HES, Hamlet Evaluation System

HEW, Department of Health, Education, and Welfare

hq, headquarters

ICC, International Supervision and Control Commission

ICRC, International Committee of the Red Cross

IG, Interdepartmental Group

IMF, International Monetary Fund

INR, Bureau of Intelligence and Research, Department of State

INR/IL, Office of Information Liaison, Bureau of Intelligence and Research

ISA, Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs

JCS, Joint Chiefs of Staff

JCSM, Joint Chiefs of Staff Memorandum

JGS, General Joint Staff, Vietnamese Armed Forces

JHH, John Herbert Holdridge

JUSMAG, Joint United States Military Assistance Group

JUSPAO, Joint United States Public Affairs Office

K, Kissinger

KK, Khmer Krom

KIA, killed in action

KW, kilowatt

LCM, landing craft, mechanized

LCT, landing craft, tracked

LCU, landing craft, utility

Lien Minh, Vietnamese acronym for National Social Democratic Front

Limdis, limited distribution

LOC, lines of communication

M-1, World War II-era U.S. military rifle

M-14, semi-automatic U.S. military rifle

MAAG, Military Assistance Advisory Group

MAC, Military Assistance Command

MACTHAI, Military Assistance Command, Thailand

MACV, Military Assistance Command, Vietnam

MASE, Military Assistance Sales Funded

MAP, Military Assistance Program

Market Time, code name for coastal interdiction of South Vietnam

MAT(s), Mobile Advisory Team(s)

MENU, code name for U.S. bombings in Cambodia

MIG, Soviet fighter aircraft

MR, Military Region

XXIV Abbreviations and Terms

MSTS, Military Sea Transport Ship

NASA, National Aeronautics and Space Administration

NATO, North Atlantic Treaty Organization

NCO, non-commissioned officer

NIE, National Intelligence Estimate

NLF, National Liberation Front

NLHX, Neo Lao Hat Xat, political organization of the Pathet Lao

Nodis, no distribution (other than to persons indicated)

Noforn, no foreign dissemination

Notal, not to all

NSA, National Security Agency

NSAM, National Security Action Memorandum

NSC, National Security Council

NSDF, National Social Democratic Front (of South Vietnam)

NSDM, National Security Decision Memorandum

NSE, National Salvation Front (of South Vietnam)

NSSM, National Security Study Memorandum

NVA (also NVNA), North Vietnamese Army

NVN, North Vietnam

OASD/ISA, Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs

OEP, Office of Emergency Preparedness

ONE, Office of National Estimates, Central Intelligence Agency

OSD, Office of the Secretary of Defense

P, President Nixon

PARU, police aerial resupply unit (Thailand, paramilitary arm of BBP)

PAVN, People's Army of Vietnam

PBR, river boat patrol

p.c., press conference

PDJ, Plaine des Jarres

PF, Popular Forces

PFIAB, President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board

Phoenix, American name for the Phuong Hoang program to destroy the Viet Cong infrastructure

PL, Pathet Lao

PL-480, Public Law 480 (Food for Peace)

POL, petroleum, oil, and lubricants

POL, political issues in the Department of State Central Files

POW, prisoner of war

PR, public relations

Prairie Fire (PF), code name for U.S.-led South Vietnamese reconnaissance teams sent into Laos to seek targets for U.S bombing operations of the Ho Chi Minh Trail and to assess bombing damage

PRG, Provisional Revolutionary Government

PRU, Provincial Reconnaissance Unit (South Vietnam unit of the Phuong Hoang program to destroy the Viet Cong infrastructure)

PSDF, (also PS/DF), People's Self Defense Force

PSYOPS(s), psychological operation(s)

RCT, regimental combat team

RD, rural development

- Recce**, reconnaissance
Reftel, reference telegram
RF/PE, Regional Forces/Popular Forces
RG, Record Group
RKG, Royal Khmer (Cambodian) Government
RLA, Royal Lao Army
RLAF, Royal Lao Air Force; Royal Lao Armed Forces
RLG, Royal Lao Government
RLGAF, Royal Lao Government Armed Forces
RN, Richard Nixon
ROK, Republic of Korea
RTAF, Royal Thai Air Force
RVN, Republic of Vietnam
RVNAF, Republic of Vietnam Armed Forces
- SAC**, Strategic Air Command
Salem House, code name for U.S.-led intelligence missions into Cambodia (formerly known as Daniel Boone)
SALT, Strategic Arms Limitation Talks
SAM, surface-to-air missile
SEACOORDS, Southeast Asia Coordinating Group
SEATO, Southeast Asia Treaty Organization
Secto, series indicator for telegrams from the Secretary of State or his party to the Department of State
Septel, separate telegram
SGU(s), Special Group Unit(s)
Sierra Romeo, code name for Thai artillery units in Laos
SNIE, Special National Intelligence Estimate
SR, strategic reserve
SR-71, U.S. high altitude reconnaissance aircraft
S/S, Executive Secretariat of the Department of State
Steel Tiger, U.S. Air Force-Navy interdiction of North Vietnamese infiltration routes in southern Laos
SVN, South Vietnam
- T-28**, single engine 1950s-era propeller-driven trainer aircraft converted for tactical combat
Tacair, tactical air strikes
TAC, Tactical Air Command
TCC, Troop Contributing (to South Vietnam) Countries
TDY, temporary duty
TOT, time of target
TS, Top Secret
- U**, Office of the Under Secretary of State
UAR, United Arab Republic
UN, United Nations
US, United States
USA, United States Army
USAF, United States Air Force
USG, United States Government
USIA, United States Information Agency
USMC, United States Marine Corps
USN, United States Navy

XXVI Abbreviations and Terms

VC, Viet Cong

VCI, Viet Cong Infrastructure

VC/VN, Viet Cong/North Vietnamese

VN, Vietnam

VNAF, Vietnam Air Force

VSSG, Vietnam Special Studies Group

WH, White House

WHO, White House Office (series indicator for White House messages)

WIA, wounded in action

WSAG, Washington Special Actions Group

Z, Zulu (Greenwich Mean) Time