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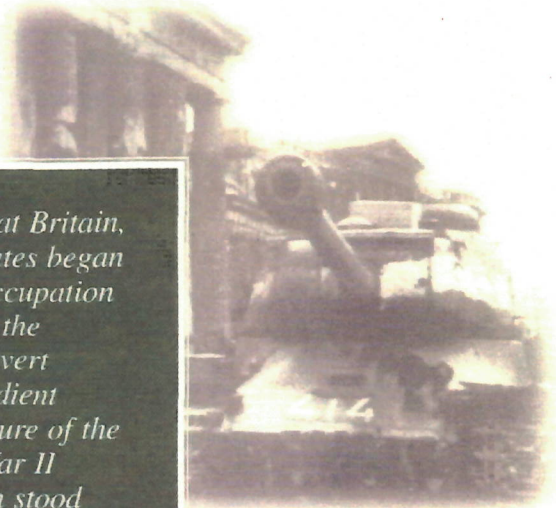
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Glossary of Abbreviations

BOB	Berlin Operations Base
BRD	Bundesrepublik Deutschland (Federal Republic of Germany, West Germany)
CIA	.....	Central Intelligence Agency
CIG	.....	Central Intelligence Group
CSI	.....	Center for the Study of Intelligence
DCI	.....	Director of Central Intelligence
DDCI	.....	Deputy Director of Central Intelligence
DDP	.....	Directorate of Plans
DDR	.....	Deutsche Demokratische Republik (German Democratic Republic, East Germany)
GRU	.....	Soviet military intelligence
HVA	.....	Hauptverwaltung Aufklärung (East German foreign intelligence)
IAB	.....	US Intelligence Advisory Board
IAC	.....	US Intelligence Advisory Committee
IWF	.....	Institut für Wirtschaftswissenschaftliche Forschung (cover name for the HVA)
JCS	.....	US Joint Chiefs of Staff
KGB	.....	Committee for State Security (Soviet foreign intelligence since 1954)
KI	.....	Committee of Information, (Soviet foreign intelligence, 1947-48)
MfS	.....	Ministerium für Staatssicherheit (East German Security and Intelligence)
MGB	.....	Soviet Ministry for State Security (Soviet foreign intelligence, 1946-47)
MVD	.....	Soviet Ministry of the Interior
NIE	.....	National Intelligence Estimate
NKGB	.....	People's Commissariat for State Security (Soviet foreign intelligence, 1943-46)
NKVD	.....	People's Commissariat for Internal Affairs (Soviet intelligence and security, until 1943)
OCI	.....	Office of Current Intelligence
ONE	.....	Office of National Estimates
OPC	.....	Office of Policy Coordination
ORE	.....	Office of Reports and Estimates
ORR	.....	Office of Research and Reports
OSO	.....	Office of Special Operations
OSS	.....	Office of Strategic Services
R&A	.....	Research and Analysis Branch of OSS
SED	.....	Sozialistische Einheitspartei Deutschlands (East German Communist Party)
SI	.....	Secret Intelligence Branch of SSU
SIS	.....	British Secret Intelligence Service
SMERSH	..	Smert Shpionam (Death to Spies!) Soviet counter-espionage unit
SNIE	.....	Special National Intelligence Estimates
SSU	.....	US Strategic Services Unit
USIB	.....	US Intelligence Board
X-2	.....	Counterintelligence Branch of SSU