AIR AMERICA: ABBREVIATIONS:

More abbreviations – especially those referring to positions in the areas of CAT and Air America management, administration or ground support – can be found in my files entitled *Company Management, Administration, and Ground Support I, II, and III* within my *History of Air America*.

AABM: Administrative Assistant to Base Manager
ABCCC: Airborne Battlefield Command or Control Center, USAF aircraft
AACL: Air Asia Company Limited
AAM: Air America Inc
AB-1: CIA station at Udorn, Thailand
ABM: Acting Base Manager
ac: aircraft
ACM: Assistant Chief Mechanic
ACS: Air Commando Squadron, USAF
ACW: Air Commando Wing, USAF
ADO: Agriculture Development Organization (Laos)
AF: Air Force
AFr: Air Freight
AFD: Air Freight Dispatcher
AFS: Air Freight Specialist
AGR: Agriculture Division (USAID)
AIRA: USAF Attaché, Vientiane
AIRAM: Air America
AL: Airlines
AMCAR: American Civil Air Registers Quarterly Review
AOC: Air Operations Center
APM: Assistant Personnel Manager
APRFE: USAF, Air Procurement Region, Far East
ARC: Aviation Research Centre, India
ARCS: Air Resupply and Communications Service, USAF unit for secret missions
ARMA: US Army Attaché, Vientiane
ARPA: Advanced Research Projects Agency, Combat Development and Test Center, Bangkok
ASAP: as soon as possible
ASB: USAID Air Support Branch
Ass.: Associates
ASZ: Acting Station Manager
AT: Air Transport
ATM: Acting Traffic Manager
ATOG: Air Transport Operations Group
avn: aviation
AVP-FO: Assistant Vice-President - Flight Operations
AW: Airways
bef.: before
BKK: Bangkok
B/L: back log
BM: Base Manager
CAD: Customs Assistance Division (USAID)
canx: cancelled from the register
CASI: Continental Air Services Inc.
CATCL: Civil Air Transport Company Limited
CD/H via: crew dead head via
CEECO: Consolidated Electric Equipment Company
CEO: Chief Executive Official
CHM: Chiang Mai, Thailand
CLK: Clark AFB, Philippines
C.L.S.: center-line seats installed
C/n: constructor's serial number
CONUS: Continental United States
CORDS: Civil Operations for Revolutionary Development Support
CP: Chief Pilot
cr.: crashed
CSD: Combined Studies Division (US military)
CSG: US Army Composite Service Group in South Vietnam
DAD: Danang, South Vietnam
DAO: Defense Attaché Office
dba: doing business as
DEPCHIEF: Deputy Chief, Joint US Military Assistance Group
dest.: destroyed
DNG: Danang, South Vietnam
DSAFE: Director of Safety
DZ: Drop Zone
EDU: Education Division (USAID)
ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival
ETD: Estimated Time of Departure
ETR: Estimated Time of Return
FAC: Forward Air Controller
FCF: Functional check flight
FHWA: Federal Highway Administration (USAID)
FIC: Flight Information Center
F/M: Flight Mechanic
F/O: First Officer
F.O.C.: Flight Operations Circular
FOD: Flight Operations Division
FOTD: Flight Operations Training Division/Department
fr.: from
FTD: Flying Training Department
FW: Fixed-Wing
FY: Fiscal Year
GM: General Manager
GM-J: General Manager, Japan
GMD: General Maintenance Department
Govt.: Government
GTD: Ground Transportation Department
ICCS: International Commission of Control and Supervision
IRAN: Inspection and repair as necessary
JUSMAG: Joint US Military Assistance Group
SIS: Security Inspection Service (Air America)
sld.: sold
SMAMA: USAF, Sacramento Air Material Area
SOG: Studies and Observations Group
SOM: Senior Operations Manager
SRM: Superintendent Regional Maintenance
STT: Superintendent of Technical Training
SUPT: superintendent
SVN: South Vietnam
SW: Social Welfare (RLG, Dept. of)
SZ: Station Manager
TACC: USAF, 7/13th Air Force, Tactical Air Control Center, Udorn
TAW: Tachikawa, Japan
TD: Traffic Division
TDY: USAF, temporary duty personnel
TM: Traffic Manager
TNPD: Thai National Police Department
TPE: Taipei
TNN: Tainan, Taiwan
transf.: transferred
TTD: Technical Training Division, Tainan
UND: Udorn, Thailand
USAID: United States Agency for International Development
USOM: United States Operations Mission (> USAID)
UTH: Udorn, Thailand
VCA: Can Tho (V-17), South Vietnam
VIAT: Vietnamese Air Transport
VP: Vice-President
VTE: Vientiane, Laos
wfu: withdrawn from use
WRAMA: USAF, Warner Robins Air Material Area, Directorate of Procurement
XOXO: Radio message
Z: Zebra time, i.e. Greenwich time

Country prefixes used by civil aircraft quoted in the database:

- AN-pre-Sandinista Nicaragua
- B-Taiwan
- C-Canada
- CF-Canada
- D-Germany
- ET-Ethiopia
- F-France
- F-L-French Laos
- G-Great Britain
- HB-Switzerland
- HL-South Korea
- HP-Panama
- HS-Thailand
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