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OFFICIAL BREVITY CODES USED IN THE U.K.

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THE FOLLOWING LIST OF CODES ARE USED BY OFFICIAL BODIES THAT HAVE UNDERGONE SPECIAL RADIO PROCEEDURE TRAINING. UNITS INCLUDE. SPECIAL BRANCH/REGIONAL CRIME SQUAD/IMMIGRATION/CID CUSTOMS AND EXCISE/DIPLOMATIC AND ROYAL PROTECTION UNITS/DHSS INSPECTORS ETC.

HA	HOME ADDRESS
TA	TARGET ADDRESS
OP	OBSERVATION POINT (PRIVATE DWELLING OR EMPTY FLAT ETC)
CPS	CENTRAL POLICE STATION
RECIPROCAL	TARGET RETURNING ON SAME ROUTE
NATURAL	THE CALL OF NATURE (LOO)
MOODY	TARGET LOOKING AROUND, SHOWING EXCESS CAUTION ETC.
TK	TELEPHONE KIOSK
YES YES	CORRECT RADIO PROCEEDURE FOR YES
NO NO	CORRECT RADIO PROCEEDURE FOR NO
SO FAR	LAST TRANSMISSION RECEIVED
GO	UNIT HAS PERMISSION TO TRANSMIT
STRIKE	COMMAND BY SENIOR OFFICIAL FOR STRIKE ON PREMISIS OR TARGET
FRIENDLIES	PLAIN CLOTHED POLICEMAN MINGLING WITH SUSPECTS
NO CHANGE	CURRENT SITUATION IS UN-ALTERED
PERMISSION	UNIT ASKING FOR PERMISSION TO TRANSMIT MESSAGE
TARGET	SUBJECT OR PREMISES UNDER OBSERVATION
DRUM	TARGETS DWELLING
THE FACTORY	REFERS TO CPS OR UNITS MAIN OFFICE
STOP STOP	TARGET HAS STOPPED (A WARNING TO APPROACHING UNITS)
COVERT	SUN VISOR OR BODY WORN DISGUISED MICROPHONE
ORIGINAL	TARGET RESUMED HEADING IN ORIGINAL DIRECTION
WAIT ONE	UNIT TOLD TO HOLD NEXT TRANSMISSION
PNC	POLICE NATIONAL COMPUTER (VEHICLE CHECKS)
EYEBALL	COVERT OFFICER WITH CLOSEST VISUAL ON TARGET
CONTACT	TARGET OR TARGETS VEHICLE RELOCATED AFTER SEARCH
CONVOY	SERIES OF VEHICLES FOLLOWING TARGET ALSO IN VEHICLE
NOT EQUIPPED	USUALLY MEANS THAT A UNIT HAS NO FORCE-WIDE VHF RADIO
NOTED	TRANSMISSION RECEIVED AND UNDERSTOOD
FOOT MAN	OFFICER ON FOOT, USUALLY IN THE IMMEDIATE AREA OF THE TARGET
BATPHONE	UNOFFICIAL WORD FOR H/HELD MOTOROLA 8000S CELLULAR PHONE
WOODENTOP	UNOFFICIAL WORD FOR UNIFORMED POLICE OFFICER

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LOG		REFERS TO LOG KEPT OF ALL TARGET MOVEMENTS
BIG AIR		REFERS TO UNIT MONITORING REGULAR POLICE CHANNELS
SCOPE		REFERS TO A NIGHT VISION DEVICE (IMAGE INTENSIFIER)
STAND DOWN		ORDER TO CONCLUDE THAT DAYS OPERATION
OFF OFF		TARGET IS ON THE MOVE (SOME UNITS SAY LIFT-OFF)
NO DEVIATION		TARGET CONTINUING IN ORIGINAL DIRECTION
LIFT OFF		TARGET IS ON THE MOVE
BAULKED		TARGET OR UNIT IS HELD BY LIGHTS OR HEAVY TRAFFIC
2 UP ETC		IDENTIFIES NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN VEHICLE
BURNED		UNIT CAR OR OFFICER IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN SPOTTED
BLOW OUT		TARGET IS BELIEVED TO BE AWARE OF SURVEILLANCE
BACK-UP		UNIT BEHIND EYEBALL VEHICLE WAITING TO TAKE THE LEAD
TWO CLICKS		COVERT WAY USING H/HELD PTT BUTTON TO ANSWER NO
THREE CLICKS		COVERT WAY TO ANSWER YES/OR INDICATE LAST MESSAGE RECEIVED

NOTHING HEARD INDICATES THAT NO RESPONCE WAS RECEIVED OVER THE RADIO
AS IN YES-YES AND NO-NO, MANY OF THE PREVIOUS BREVITY CODES ARE REPEATED
TWICE OR THREE TIMES TO ENSURE CORRECT RECEPTION BY OTHER UNITS.