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To my cheeky monkey Ilia and my little pumpkin Yuri

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AA	Ministry of Provisioning, General State Archives, Athens
AAT	Tsouderos Archive, General State Archives, Athens
AC	General State Archives, Cyclades, Hermoupolis
ACI	General State Archives, Cyclades, Hermoupolis, Italian archive
AH	General State Archives, Hios
AT	General State Archives, Thessalonike
ATE	Agrotike Trapeza Ellados (Agricultural Bank of Greece)
AUEM	Autonome Uperesia Episitismou Makedonias (Autonomous Provisioning Service of Macedonia)
AMFA	Archives of Greek Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Athens
ARGA	Argenti archive, in Koraes library, Hios
DEASA	Deas Archive, Benaki Museum, Historical Archive, Athens
EA	Ethnike Alluleggue (National Solidarity)
EAM	Ethniko Apeleutherotiko Metopo (National Liberation Front)
EDES	Ethnikos Demokratikos Ellenikos Sundesmos (National Democratic Greek League)
ELAS	Ethnikos Laikos Apeleutherotikos Stratos (People's Liberation Army)
EOHA	Ethnikos Organismos Hristianikes Alluleggues (National Organisation of Christian Solidarity)
ETOTA	Society for 'The Support of the Family of the Fighter', founded by the Greek Orthodox Church
FO	Foreign Office files, Public Record Office, Kew, London
GAK	General State Archives
GDEOA	Genike Dieuthunse Episitistikou kai Oikonomikon Anagkon (General Directorate of Provisioning and Financial Requirements)
ICRC	International Committee of the Red Cross

ICRCA	International Committee of the Red Cross Archives, Geneva
KEPES	State cereal company, responsible for the purchase of cereals from the producers
KES	Kentrike Epitrope Sussition (Central Committee of the Soup Kitchens)
KKE	Kommounistiko Komma Ellados (Communist Party of Greece)
MAE	Ministère des Affaires Etrangères, Archives Diplomatiques, Nantes
NES	Nomarhiake Epitrope Sussution (District Committee of the Soup Kitchens)
THEA	M. Theotokas archive, in Koraes library, Hios
UNRRA	United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration
WO	War Office files, Public Record Office, Kew, London

It should be noted that modern transliterations of Greek names are used in preference to ‘traditional’ ones: thus Hios, Lesvos not Chios, Lesbos.