



# Referencing Mass Observation material

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## Abbreviation for all Mass Observation references

MOA : Mass Observation Archive

MO: Mass Observation

MOP: Mass Observation Project

## Early MO material (1937-50s)

FR : File Report.

Eg: FR 601 'The Bristol Blitz', April 1941, pp.5-7.

D : Diarist (followed by number).

Eg:, D 5234, diary for March 1943, p.3.

DR : Directive Respondent (followed by number).

Eg: DR 2890, reply to May 1945 Directive.

DS : Day Survey Writer (followed by number).

Eg: DS88, Day Survey for May 12th 1937.

TC : Topic Collection Number (followed by file number and letter, if accessed at The Keep, please cite the Reference number).

Eg: MOA: TC Air Raids,23/3/C **or** SxMOA1/2/23/3/C

## Mass Observation Project material (1981 – ongoing)

If you are quoting from Directive replies, you need to specify which Directive each quotation comes from. You can use the date and the title of the Directive to do this.

*Example:*

Mass Observation Archive (University of Sussex): Replies to Spring 1991 directive

At the end of a quotation, add the number of the M-O correspondent you have quoted:

*Example:* [F3341].

You might like to "humanise" this by adding biographical details:

*Example:*

[F3341, male student aged 22 from Birmingham]

or [R4216, hairdresser, female in her thirties, from London]

You could also use a pseudonym but you must ensure that the number is also included.

## Special Reports

You should cite the number of the MO correspondent (and other details as above if desired), the Special Report number, title, if there is one, and date.

*Example:* [V1324, Special Report 204, "Visit to hospital", May 1985].

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