

LIST # 18 - ABBREVIATIONS

1. oz. - ounce (from Italian "onza")
2. lb. - pound (from Roman weight "libra")
3. no. - number (from Italian "numero")
4. a.m. - after midnight and before noon
(from Latin "ante meridiem")
5. p.m. - after noon and before midnight
(from Latin "post meridiem")
6. etc. - and so on (from Latin "et cetera")
7. R.S.V.P. - please reply
(from French "repondez s'il vous plait")
8. p.s. - postscript (from Latin "post scriptus")
9. v. or vs. - versus
10. est. - established
11. misc. - miscellaneous
12. E.S.P. - extra sensory perception
13. w/o - without
14. limo - limousine*
15. memo - memorandum*
16. AWOL - Absent Without Leave**
17. NASA - National Aeronautics and Space
Administration**
18. NATO - North Atlantic Treaty Organization**
19. scuba - self-contained underwater breathing
apparatus**
20. radar - radio detecting and ranging**

* Abbreviations that are shortened forms of a word don't have periods. **
Acronyms are words formed from the initial letter or letters of each major
part of a compound term