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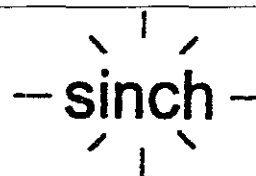
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FIDO (Free Information Databases Online)

<http://www.geac.com.au/aldis>

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Hague Conventions

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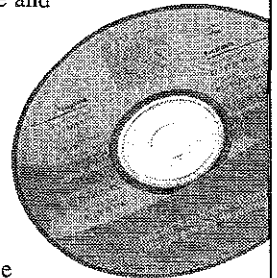
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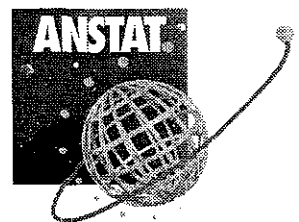
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