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- Josaphat Kubayanda, “Dictatorial Literature of Post-Independence Latin America
• Carl Schmitt, “Definition of Sovereignty” in Political Theology (1985)
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