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# SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The U.S. State Department Central Files are the definitive source of American diplomatic reporting on political, military, social, and economic developments throughout the world in the twentieth century. This edition consists of the Central Files for Biafra-Nigeria for the period between 1967 and 1969, arranged according to the State Department Records Classification System, February 1963–July 1973. The files here, consisting entirely of subjects from the category POL (Political Affairs and Relations), contain cables and letters sent and received by U.S. diplomats and embassy personnel; reports on meetings between U.S. and foreign government officials and leaders; newspaper clippings and summaries of international press reports; transcripts of speeches; and reports and observations on political, military, and social affairs.

On May 30, 1967, Lieutenant Colonel C. Odumegwu “Emeka” Ojukwu, the military governor of Nigeria’s eastern region, declared the independence of the “Republic of Biafra” (Reel 1, Frames 0497–0507). Ojukwu led a breakaway movement composed primarily of ethnic Ibos who had suffered persecution and massacre at the hands of supporters of Nigeria’s Federal Military Government (FMG). Refusing to acknowledge the secession, the FMG, led by Major General Yakubu Gowon, invaded Biafran territory in July, commencing a brutal civil war that would last two and a half years and claim the lives of between 500,000 and two million Nigerians. Most of the victims died of starvation and disease brought on by the encirclement of the Biafran enclave, a situation exacerbated by political disputes that hindered efforts to bring food and medical supplies to the besieged population.

The U.S. government, under the administrations of Presidents Lyndon Baines Johnson and Richard M. Nixon, officially maintained a policy of neutrality toward the conflict, deeming it “essentially a Nigerian, African, and [British] Commonwealth matter” (Reel 3, Frame 0549), but the reality of U.S. involvement was more complex. Despite an arms embargo prohibiting military assistance to either side, the U.S. government continued to recognize the FMG as Nigeria’s sole government while becoming one of the key international sources for humanitarian relief for the Biafran people. As Assistant Secretary of State for Legislative Affairs William B. Macomber Jr. explained to a congressional inquiry, “this conflict has its roots in tribal and regional animosities which cannot be exclusively blamed on either side” (Reel 6, Frame 0176), and U.S. policy makers attempted to balance the competing diplomatic and humanitarian demands that the conflict posed.

This edition of Central Files opens with three reels of material that establishes the political background to the Nigerian Civil War and introduces the individuals and issues covered throughout the collection. In addition to extensive documentation on Gowon, Ojukwu, and other military and government officials on both sides of the conflict, the files detail the involvement of missionaries and mercenaries, European and African diplomats, nongovernmental organizations and private citizens, and the oil industry, principally Shell-British Petroleum and the French state company Société Anonyme Française des Recherches et d’Exploitation de Pétrole (SAFRAP; now Elf Petroleum Nigeria Limited), both with critical interests in their Nigerian operations threatened by the war.

The next portion of the collection consists of material filed under the general heading “military operations” and runs from Reel 2, Frame 0601, through the end of Reel 9. In addition to topics already mentioned, this section provides day-by-day, month-by-month accounts of military actions, diplomatic maneuverings, and the international reach of the Nigerian Civil War. The United Kingdom and Soviet Union—an unlikely collaboration amidst global cold war tensions—supplied arms to Gowon’s FMG, Britain only a few years removed from colonial control over Nigeria, the Soviet Union attempting to gain influence on the African continent. Ojukwu relied on France and Portugal for military aid and succeeded in gaining diplomatic recognition from only five small countries—Tanzania, Gabon, Ivory Coast, Zambia, and Haiti. Peppered throughout the collection are documents relating to the efforts of both sides to develop and enhance relations (diplomatic, economic, and military) with other countries.

The third main category of material, “war damage,” begins on Reel 10, Frame 0133, and continues through the folder beginning at Reel 19, Frame 0614. This section provides an almost-daily narrative of the enormous humanitarian crisis brought on by the war and the efforts of various actors, notably the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and Joint Church Aid (JCA), to address those needs. The scope of the tragedy is made apparent in a report noting the estimate of Auguste R. Lindt, the United Nations High Commissioner for Nigerian relief operations, that the ICRC in November 1968 was “feeding 850,000 in Biafra...3 meals per week” (Reel 12, Frame 0617). Despite the magnitude of need, analysts determined that “the basic obstacle to increasing food deliveries to...Biafra is political rather than the inadequacy of supplies or availability of transport” (Reel 7, Frame 0806; see also Reel 10, Frame 0730, for evidence of the availability of “sufficient supplies for immediate short term relief”). Inhibiting the movement of food and medicine was the problem of relief routes. Biafran leaders refused to accept supplies transported by truck through FMG-held territory (Reel 6, Frames 0111 and 0254), fearing that such would open a corridor through which government troops might advance. Meanwhile, airlifts from nearby islands proved hazardous and limited by poor landing facilities (Reel 10, Frame 0909), and Gowon’s government suspected that arms were being smuggled into Biafra on flights originating in Portuguese-ruled Sao Tome and Fernando Po (Reel 12, Frames 0007–0010).

Also in this section are glimpses into the heartbreak felt around the world by the Biafran tragedy, especially following the “discovery” of the crisis by the major news media in mid-1968. Reportage in the *New York Times* by Lloyd M. Garrison and Gloria Emerson, in the *Washington Post* by Donald Louchheim, Alfred Friendly Jr., and Anthony Astrachan, and by a host of international correspondents, freelancers, and photojournalists, captured the stories and pictures of the suffering, starvation, and refugee crisis brought on by the war. One letter representative of the impact of the conflict on the lives of ordinary people was written by Mrs. Betty C. Carter of Washington, D.C., to Dean Rusk on July 25, 1968:

Yesterday evening while eating dinner and watching the news I was unable to finish eating upon seeing the faces of starving children, babies, men, and women in Biafra. I felt nauseated because of having so much when these people were in obvious pain and in dire need of food. I cannot bear to see anyone in need when I have something to share. Though it is not possible for me to go to Biafra at this time, I felt the least I could do was write to you and express my concern for these people and ask that the U.S. and other concerned governments and the United Nations press for a cease fire. I am sending a check to the World Church Service today to help the starving Biafrans (Reel 10, Frame 0895).



That same day, U.S. Army Specialist John G. Moss wrote from Vietnam, enclosing a check for \$10 “to help these desperate people” (Reel 11, Frame 0370). Petitions, resolutions, and appeals with dozens (and often hundreds) of signatures came from groups such as the Oregon State Legislature (Reel 8, Frame 0755), the Ithaca, New York, Junior Chamber of Commerce (Reel 7, Frame 0265), the Washington and Northern Idaho Council of Churches (Reel 7, Frame 0369), the Catholic War Veterans of Ohio (Reel 11, Frame 0404), the editorial staff of Doubleday publishers in New York (Reel 11, Frame 0413), and residents of Ottawa, Kansas (Reel 13, Frames 0372–0375), Dayton, Ohio (Reel 14, Frame 0205), and Hanover and Lebanon, New Hampshire, and White River Junction, Vermont (Reel 17, Frames 0127–0129). Also here is material on some of the organizations formally created to rally support for the Biafran cause, such as the American Committee to Keep Biafra Alive (Reel 1, Frames 0637–0638) and the Americans for Biafran Relief (Reel 14, Frame 0807). By June 1969 the hit CBS television news program *60 Minutes* featured segments reporting from both sides of the conflict; a description and transcript of the episode is reproduced on Reel 16, Frames 0413–0417.

The collection concludes with two reels of material related to seeking a halt to the fighting. Peace proposals, including efforts to secure truces during the Christmas holiday in 1968 and 1969, were initiated by the Organization of African Unity, led by Ethiopian Emperor Haile Selassie; the Commonwealth Secretariat under Secretary-General Arnold C. Smith; and the British government through Minister of State for Commonwealth Affairs Lord (Malcolm Newton) Shepherd. Despite good intentions, political and diplomatic efforts failed to end the violence.

Other notable international figures who appear in the documents include United Nations Secretary General U Thant; British Prime Minister Harold Wilson and Foreign Secretary Michael Stewart; French President Charles de Gaulle and Foreign Minister Michel Debré; African leaders Ahmadou Ahidjo (Cameroon), Hamani Diori (Niger), Albert Bongo (Gabon), Félix Houphouët-Boigny (Ivory Coast), Julius Nyerere (Tanzania), Émile Derlin Zinsou (Dahomey, now Benin), Kenneth Kaunda (Zambia), William V. S. Tubman (Liberia), and Léopold Senghor (Senegal); Biafran envoy and top advisor to Ojukwu, Louis Mbanefo; Nigerian writers Chinua Achebe and Wole Soyinka, who was arrested by the FMG in August 1967 on charges (later dropped) of involvement in espionage on behalf of the rebels (see Reel 3, Frames 0701–0702, and Reel 4, Frame 0455–0456); and the first president of independent Nigeria and one-time spokesman for the Biafran cause, Nnamdi (“Zik”) Azikiwe. The collection also includes material on debates in British Parliament over the UK’s role in Nigeria (see for example Reel 7, Frame 0479–0482).

U.S. government officials with prominent roles in the Nigerian crisis include ambassadors to Nigeria Elbert G. Mathews and William C. Trueheart; ambassadors David K. E. Bruce (UK), Sargent Shriver (France), William O. Hall (Ethiopia), and Roger W. Tubby (chief of U.S. mission to the European Office of the United Nations in Geneva); assistant secretaries of state for African affairs Joseph Palmer II and David Newsom and their deputy C. Robert Moore; secretaries of state Dean Rusk and William P. Rogers; Nixon administration undersecretary of state Elliot Richardson; and members of Congress Allard Lowenstein, Donald Lukens, Joseph Resnick, Charles Diggs, Charles Goodell, Edward M. Kennedy, and Eugene McCarthy.

One unique feature of this particular edition of *Confidential U.S. State Department Central Files* is that the collection is very nearly coterminous with the civil war itself. The files here conclude chronologically with dispatches between the U.S. Embassy in Lagos and the State Department in Washington in late 1969 as the FMG launched a final offensive. By mid-January 1970, Ojukwu had fled the country and his successor had

formally surrendered and the Biafran resistance collapsed. Despite a relatively magnanimous period of reconciliation, the devastation of the war left a legacy that impaired Nigerian unity and development for years. Gowon himself was overthrown in 1975 by a military coup and a return to civilian rule in the late 1970s coincided with a period of economic crisis that further hindered stability in the country.

Related LexisNexis collections concerning Africa include *Confidential U.S. State Department Central Files: British Africa: Internal Affairs and Foreign Affairs* (three sections: 1945–1949; 1950–1954; and 1955–1959); *CIA Research Reports: Africa, 1946–1976*; *The John F. Kennedy National Security Files, 1961–1963: Africa*; *The Lyndon B. Johnson National Security Files, 1963–1969: Africa*; *The Richard M. Nixon National Security Files, 1969–1974: Africa*; *Confidential U.S. State Department Central Files: Congo, 1960–January 1963*; and *Confidential U.S. State Department Central Files: Ghana, 1960–January 1963*.

# SOURCE NOTE

Microfilmed from the holdings of the National Archives and Records Administration in College Park, Maryland, Record Group 59: Records of the Department of State, Central Foreign Policy Files, Subject-Numeric Files, 1967–1969, for Biafra and Nigeria. Materials from the following Subject-Numeric File categories were included in this microfilm publication: Political and Defense. Specific subject categories include POL (Political Affairs and Relations).

# EDITORIAL NOTE

The Subject-Numeric Files for February 1963 through July 1973 are arranged by subject-numeric categories, not by country. Therefore, some file folders will contain multiple subject categories. In addition, some folders will have more than one country represented by a single subject category.

LexisNexis has microfilmed all available documents relating to the subject categories listed above for the State Department's country designation for Biafra-Nigeria. Only exact duplicates have been excluded. In addition to the documents, LexisNexis has filmed file folders when possible, and has microfilmed the documents as they are arranged at the National Archives. A small number of Document Withdrawal Sheets exist in the file and have been filmed. Withdrawal sheets itemize documents that have been withdrawn from the files by the National Archives staff for national security reasons. Withdrawal sheets note as much pertinent information as possible such as the date of the document, the sender and recipient, and the subject of the withdrawn item.



# STATE DEPARTMENT RECORDS CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM, FEBRUARY 1963–JULY 1973

Essential to the effective administration of the State Department and its overseas posts is the management of records. In keeping with the State Department's program to improve and modernize its administrative processes, the department developed a new comprehensive records classification system in February–March 1963 (used until July 1973).

This new uniform file system enabled users to file and find material rapidly—the usefulness of recorded information being largely dependent upon the logical arrangement of records. The new system applied to both official and working files.

The new system was based on several years of research and embodied many substantial contributions made by departmental and overseas personnel. An effort had been made to provide sufficient flexibility and subject matter coverage to meet the needs of offices and posts both large and small.

## A. PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The new Records Classification System embodied a uniform official file system to be used throughout the department and its overseas posts. It was intended for use by operating offices as well as by departmental and post central files operations. The new system did not apply to certain types of case files, however, such as official personnel files, security investigative files, voucher files, and so forth. Offices continued to maintain chronological files where necessary or desirable.

## B. ARRANGEMENT AND CONTENT

### 1. Subject File Outlines

The attached file outlines (which can be found immediately following this description of the classification system) compose the new file system. They were arranged within seven broad subject matter areas (known earlier as classes), with each area including specific subdivisions of related secondary and tertiary code symbols.

## 2. Special Instructions

### a. International Organizations and Conferences

This system provided a special method for handling records accumulated in large quantities by offices that were primarily interested in a specific organization or conference rather than in the subject matter with which it dealt. Use of this special feature of the new file system afforded such offices a method for organizing this type of record material to meet their own reference needs within the framework of the new system. It proved of particular use to the Bureau of International Organization Affairs and to United States Missions to international organizations, such as the U.S. United Nations Delegation.

### b. Commercial Officers

This instruction to the system was prepared in cooperation with the Department of Commerce for the special guidance of commercial officers in their use of the new file system. It provided for pre-coding of commercial-economic reports with the appropriate subject matter code symbols.

### c. Peace Corps Representatives

This instruction to the system was prepared in cooperation with the Peace Corps for the guidance of its field representatives in records organization and maintenance. It prescribed the use of the appropriate administrative subject outlines for Peace Corps records administration.

### d. U.S. Information Service (USIS)

Special subject designations were developed in cooperation with the U.S. Information Agency for use by those posts at which USIS files were maintained by the post's Central Records Unit. These designations were included in the Culture & Information subject outline.

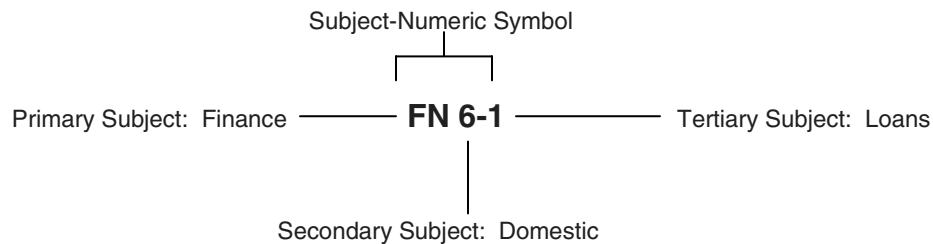
## C. TYPE OF SYSTEM

### 1. Subject-Numeric System

The new uniform file system was of the subject-numeric type. It was selected because of the flexibility that it provided for expansion purposes and the simplicity of file designations for marking purposes. A mnemonic symbol was selected for each of the fifty-five primary subjects for which file outlines had been developed. These symbols ranged from one to four letters in length and had been chosen because of their meaning or obvious relationship to the subject matter for which they stood. In some cases the symbol was identical with an office symbol (e.g., PPT for Passports & Citizenship, AV for Aviation

(Civil)). In other cases the key letters in the primary subject constituted the symbol (e.g., CON for Consular Affairs (General), REF for Refugees & Migration, AGR for Agriculture (General)).

While many small offices used the primary subjects alone, larger offices required further breakdowns of the primary subjects for more detailed subject matter coverage. Simple serial numbers were assigned to subject breakdowns at both the secondary and tertiary level. For example, a paper relating to the subject of agricultural production in general was classified AGR 12; a paper dealing with technological advances in agricultural production was AGR 12-1. The most detailed subdivision contained no more than four digits, making for a relatively simple file designation. Sample Reel Index entries with Subject-Numeric Codes are included with this introductory matter.

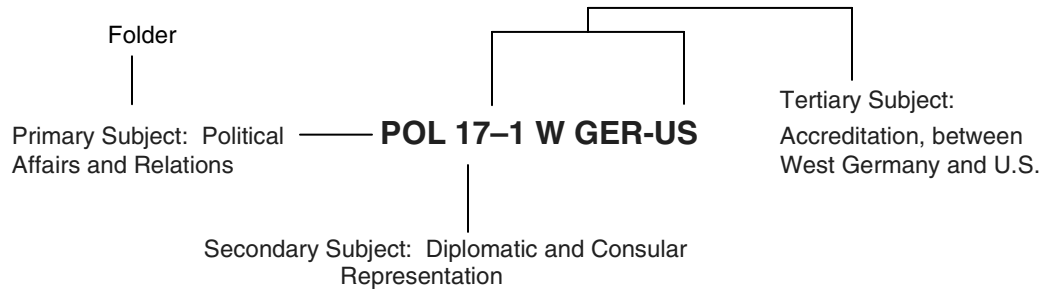


## 2. Use of Identical Numbers for Similar Subjects

As an additional aid, the same number was assigned to similar secondary and tertiary subjects appearing in different subject file outlines. In most outlines the first five secondary subjects were standard (e.g., General Policy, Plans, and Programs; General Reports and Statistics; Organizations and Conferences; Agreements and Treaties; and Laws and Regulations). This same principle was applied to other similar or related subjects (e.g., Communist Bloc activities in aid, trade, and educational and cultural fields were assigned a “6” number—AID 6, FT 6, EDU 6, respectively; production and consumption was assigned a “12” number in the various industry outlines—AGR 12, INCO 12, PET 12).

## 3. Expansion of Existing Subjects

While no attempt was made to provide breakdowns for subject matter beyond the tertiary level, there were cases in which an office might want or need to subdivide a secondary or tertiary subject alphabetically by name, geographic location, or other appropriate breakdown. For example, papers relating to visits by foreign dignitaries were subdivided by name (e.g., POL 7 Visits—Adenauer); papers relating to a trade fair by location (e.g., TP 8 Fairs—Moscow); or papers relating to a thermal power project by type (e.g., FSE 12 Electric Power—Thermal).



## D. SPECIAL FEATURES

### 1. Flexibility

Flexibility was an important feature of the uniform file system. The new system embodied an unusual amount of flexibility by providing users with several methods of arranging material according to their specific requirements. Three important areas of choice are indicated below:

#### a. Subject vs. Geographic Arrangement

Within each subject file outline, where appropriate, alternative ways of arranging material by subject or area/country were possible. An office interested only in a specific subject without regard to country selected the method of arrangement described above. An office that was primarily interested in specific subject matter but with a secondary concern for a geographic area or country selected the method described in Instruction "C" (Type of System). A geographic bureau or other office primarily concerned with a specific country used the method of arranging first by country and there under by subject described in Instruction "B" (Arrangement and Content).

#### b. Treatment of International Organizations and Conferences

Most offices accumulated a varying amount of material on international organizations and conferences in which the U.S. government was represented or participated. The interests of each office and its responsibility for international organization and conference activities determined the amount of record material that it accumulated and the method by which it arranged material to meet user needs.

An office that had a limited interest in such organizations and conferences and accumulated a relatively small quantity of papers probably found the "3" (Organizations and Conferences) classification within the appropriate subject outline adequate. An office that had a major interest in and responsibility for an organization such as the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), or the World Health Organization (WHO), however, adopted the method of arrangement described in Instruction "D" (Special Features). Under this arrangement a special subject file by title of organization was set up under the appropriate subject outline, using any of the secondary or tertiary breakdowns as necessary.



The Bureau of International Organization Affairs, special missions to international organizations, and other offices that accumulated a large volume of material on a specific organization or conference used the special instruction method of arrangement. This instruction contained a standard list of administrative subjects common to international organizations and conferences. It also provided a unique method of arranging substantive program material relating to the specific organization or conference by selecting appropriate subjects, permitting an organizational approach within the framework of a uniform subject system.

### c. Treatment of Industries and Commodities

Because of the importance of the commercial-economic reporting program, special attention was given to the treatment of industries and commodities under the new file system. Specific subject outlines were developed for the most significant industries, such as Agriculture (General), Fuels & Energy, Petroleum, Telecommunications, and Transportation. With the exception of Agriculture (General), these industry outlines covered the related commodities and products as well.

To take care of the large number of other industries, commodities, products, and specific agricultural crops, an alphabetical guide was developed as an adjunct to the Industries & Commodities (General) outline. This list, referred to as INCO (specific), provided offices with a simple method of filing materials on specific commodities, regardless of whether they were in their natural or manufactured state.

Instructions preceding the alphabetical listing offered users a choice of methods of arrangement within the list. For example, one office may have preferred to group all minerals and metals together while another office may have found it preferable to file by the specific mineral or metal.

## 2. Detailed Instructions (Miscellaneous)

In addition to the instructions above, alternative methods of arrangement, detailed statements, or explanations of the coverage of specific secondary and tertiary breakdowns of the primary subject were provided on an ad hoc basis. Specific cross-references to related subject matter within the same or in other outlines were also indicated. Classifiers found these instructions useful in determining proper file designations, particularly in the case of subject matter that may not have been familiar to them.

## 3. Country Symbols

A list of standard country abbreviations, used for coding papers relating to specific countries, is contained in this guide.



# **SUBJECT FILE OUTLINES**

## **(with Secondary File Designations)**

### **Culture and Information**

|         |  |
|---------|--|
| CUL     | Cultural Activities (USIS)                                     |
| EDU     | Education and Culture  |
| EDX     | Educational and Cultural Exchange                              |
| INF     | Information Activities (General)                               |
| MP      | Motion Pictures (USIS)   |
| PPV/PPB | Press, Publications and Visuals; Press and Publications (USIS) |
| RAD     | Radio (USIS)   |
| TV      | Television (USIS)  |

### **Economic**

|      |                                       |
|------|---------------------------------------|
| AGR  | Agriculture                           |
| AID  | [Foreign] Aid                         |
| AV   | Aviation (Civil)                      |
| E    | Economic Affairs (General)            |
| ECIN | Economic Integration                  |
| FN   | Finance                               |
| FSE  | Fuels and Energy                      |
| FT   | Foreign Trade                         |
| INCO | Industries and Commodities (General)  |
| INCO | Industries and Commodities (specific) |
| IT   | Inland Transport                      |
| LAB  | Labor and Manpower                    |
| OS   | Ocean Shipping                        |
| PET  | Petroleum                             |
| PO   | Postal Affairs                        |
| STR  | Strategic Trade Control               |
| TEL  | Telecommunications                    |
| TP   | Trade Promotion and Assistance        |
| TR   | Transportation (General)              |

**Political and Defense**

|     |                                 |
|-----|---------------------------------|
| CSM | Communism                       |
| DEF | Defense Affairs                 |
| INT | Intelligence                    |
| POL | Political Affairs and Relations |

**Science**

|     |                        |
|-----|------------------------|
| AE  | Atomic Energy          |
| SCI | Science and Technology |
| SP  | Space and Astronautics |

**Social**

|      |                         |
|------|-------------------------|
| HLTH | Health and Medical Care |
| REF  | Refugees and Migration  |
| SOC  | Social Conditions       |

The **Administrative subject outline** relates exclusively to the functioning of diplomatic posts and personnel.

The **Consular subject outline** relates exclusively to the functioning of consular offices and passport, visa, and protective services.

# COUNTRY ABBREVIATIONS

## A

|             |   |
|-------------|---|
| ADEN        | Aden Colony and Protectorate (Hadhramaut, Perim Island, Socotra Island) |
| AFG         | Afghanistan   |
| AFR         | Africa  |
| AFRE        | East Africa   |
| ALB         | Albania   |
| ALG         | Algeria   |
| AM SAMOA    | American Samoa (Tutuila Island)   |
| AMSTERDAM I | Amsterdam Island  |
| ANDAMAN IS  | Andaman Islands   |
| ANDORRA     | Andorra   |
| ANG         | Angola (Benguela, Cabinda, Landana, Portuguese West Africa)             |
| ANT         | Antarctica  |
| ARAB        | Arab countries  |
| ARC         | Arctic  |
| ARG         | Argentina   |
| ARMENIA     | Armenia   |
| ASCENSION I | Ascension Island  |
| ASIA        | Asia  |
| ATL O       | Atlantic Ocean  |
| AUS         | Austria   |
| AZORES      | Azores  |

## B

|             |  |
|-------------|--|
| BAH IS      | Bahama Islands (Great Inagua, Inagua, San Salvador) (see also BWI) |
| BAHREIN IS  | Bahrein Islands  |
| BALEARIC IS | Balearic Islands   |
| BALI        | Bali   |
| BALKAN ST   | Balkan States  |
| BALTIC ST   | Baltic States  |
| BANGKA IS   | Bangka Islands   |
| BAS         | Basutoland   |
| BECH        | Bechuanaland   |

|           |   |
|-----------|---|
| BEL       | Belgium   |
| BENELUX   | Benelux   |
| BERMUDA   | Bermuda   |
| BHU       | Bhutan  |
| BIS ARCH  | Bismarck Archipelago  |
| BOL       | Bolivia   |
| BONIN IS  | Bonin Islands   |
| BRAZ      | Brazil  |
| BR BORNEO | British Borneo (North Borneo)   |
| BR GU     | British Guiana  |
| BR HOND   | British Honduras  |
| BR S AFR  | British South Africa  |
| BRUNEI    | Brunei  |
| BUL       | Bulgaria  |
| BURMA     | Burma   |
| BURUNDI   | Burundi   |
| BWI       | British West Indies (Abaco, Acklin, Andros, Anguilla, Antigua, Barbados, Barbuda, Caicos, Cat, Cayman, Crooked, Dominica, Eleuthera, Exuma, Grenada, Grenadines, Harbour, Leeward, Long, Mayaguana, Montserrat, Morant Cays, Nevis, New Providence, Pedro Cays, Perico, Ragged, Redona, Rum Cay, St. Christopher, St. Kitts, St. Lucia, St. Vincent, Sombrero, Turks, Watlings, Windward) |

## C

|                    |  |
|--------------------|--|
| CAM                | Cameroon, Federal Republic of  |
| CAMB               | Cambodia   |
| CAN                | Canada (Alberta, British Columbia, Manitoba, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Ontario, Prince Edward Island, Quebec, Saskatchewan, Yukon, Newfoundland, Labrador) |
| CANARY IS          | Canary Islands   |
| CAPE VERDE IS      | Cape Verde Islands (Boa Vista, Branco, Brava, Fogo, Luzia, Maio, Santo Antao)  |
| CARIB              | Caribbean Area   |
| C AFR              | Central African Republic   |
| CEN AM             | Central America  |
| CEYLON             | Ceylon   |
| CHAD               | Chad, Republic of  |
| CHILE              | Chile  |
| CHINA              | China  |
| CHICOM             | China (Communist)  |
| CHINAT             | China (Nationalist) (Formosa, Penghu, Pescadores Islands, Taiwan)  |
| CHRIS I (INDIAN O) | Christmas Island (Indian Ocean) (Australia)  |

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|--------------------|--|
| CHRIS I (PAC O)    | Christmas Island (Pacific Ocean) (British)                             |
| COCOS (KEELING) IS | Cocos (Keeling) Islands  |
| COL                | Colombia   |
| COM BLOC           | Communist Bloc (Sino-Soviet Bloc)                                      |
| COMORO IS          | Comoro Islands   |
| CONGO              | Congo (Brazzaville) (formerly Middle Congo, now Republic of the Congo) |
| COSTA RICA         | Costa Rica   |
| CRETE              | Crete  |
| CROZET             | Crozet Island  |
| CUBA               | Cuba (Isle of Pines)   |
| CYP                | Cyprus   |
| CZ                 | Canal Zone, U.S. (Panama Canal Zone)                                   |
| CZECH              | Czechoslovakia   |

## D

|         |                        |
|---------|------------------------|
| DAHOMY  | Dahomey, Republic of   |
| DEN     | Denmark                |
| DOM REP | Dominican Republic     |
| DUBAI   | Dubai (Trucial States) |

## E

|            |   |
|------------|---|
| E AFR      | East Africa                             |
| ECUADOR    | Ecuador (Galapagos)                     |
| E EUR      | Eastern Europe (Iron Curtain countries) |
| E GER      | East Germany (Russian Zone)             |
| EL SAL     | El Salvador (Salvador)                  |
| ENTENTE ST | Entente States                          |
| EST        | Estonia                                 |
| ETH        | Ethiopia (Eritrea)                      |
| EUR        | Europe                                  |

## F

|           |  |
|-----------|--|
| FAEROE IS | Faeroe Islands   |
| FALK IS   | Falkland Islands                                       |
| FAR EAST  | Far East   |
| FIJI      | Fiji Island  |
| FIN       | Finland (Aland Islands)                                |
| FR        | France   |
| FR GU     | French Guiana (Cayenne)                                |
| FR INDIA  | French India   |
| FR POLY   | French Polynesia (Leeward, Marquesas, Society, Tahiti) |
| FR SOM    | French Somaliland (Djibouti)                           |

|          |  |
|----------|--|
| FR W AFR | French West Africa   |
| FR WI    | French West Indies (Guadeloupe, Marie-Galente, Martinique, St. Barthelemy) |
| F WORLD  | Free World   |

## **G**

|                 |  |
|-----------------|--|
| GABON           | Gabon, Republic of                         |
| GAMBIA          | Gambia                                     |
| GER (POL)       | Germany, Polish Administration             |
| GER             | Germany                                    |
| GER B           | Berlin                                     |
| GER E           | German Democratic Republic (East Germany)  |
| GER W           | Federal Republic of Germany (West Germany) |
| GHANA           | Ghana                                      |
| GIB             | Gibraltar                                  |
| GIL & ELLICE IS | Gilbert and Ellice Islands                 |
| GREECE          | Greece                                     |
| GREENLAND       | Greenland                                  |
| GUAM            | Guam                                       |
| GUAT            | Guatemala                                  |
| GUIN            | Guinea, Republic of                        |

## **H**

|      |           |
|------|-----------|
| HAI  | Haiti     |
| HOND | Honduras  |
| HK   | Hong Kong |
| HUNG | Hungary   |

## **I**

|          |  |
|----------|--|
| ICE      | Iceland  |
| INDIA    | India (Daman, Diu, Goa, Pondicherry)   |
| INDOCH   | Indochina  |
| INDON    | Indonesia (Borneo, Celebes, Java, Lombok, Molucca, Netherland Indies, Sumatra) |
| IRAN     | Iran (Azerbaijan)  |
| IRAQ     | Iraq   |
| IRE      | Ireland (Irish Free State)   |
| ISR      | Israel   |
| IT       | Italy  |
| IV CST   | Ivory Coast, Republic of the   |
| IWO JIMA | Iwo Jima (see Volcano Islands)   |



## **J**

|            |                 |
|------------|-----------------|
| JAM        | Jamaica         |
| JAP        | Japan           |
| JOHNSTON I | Johnston Island |
| JORDAN     | Jordan          |

## **K**

|          |                  |
|----------|------------------|
| KENYA    | Kenya            |
| KOR      | Korea            |
| KURIL IS | Kuril Island     |
| KUW      | Kuwait, State of |

## **L**

|              |                                      |
|--------------|--------------------------------------|
| LACCADIVE IS | Laccadive Islands                    |
| LAOS         | Laos                                 |
| LAT AM       | Latin America                        |
| LATVIA       | Latvia                               |
| LEB          | Lebanon                              |
| LIB          | Liberia                              |
| LIBYA        | Libya (Benghazi, Cyrenaica, Tripoli) |
| LIECH        | Liechtenstein                        |
| LITH         | Lithuania                            |
| LUX          | Luxembourg                           |

## **M**

|             |  |
|-------------|--|
| MACAO       | Macao  |
| MADEIRA     | Madeira  |
| MALAG       | Malagasy Republic (Madagascar)   |
| MALAYA      | Malaya (Federated Malay States, Malacca, Perlis, Selangor, Pahang, Perak, Penang, Trengganu) |
| MALDIVE IS  | Maldives Islands   |
| MALI        | Mali, Republic of  |
| MALTA       | Malta  |
| MANCH       | Manchuria  |
| MARCUS IS   | Marcus Islands   |
| MAURITANIA  | Mauritania, Islamic Republic of  |
| MAURITIUS   | Mauritius  |
| MAYOTTE IS  | Mayotte Islands  |
| MEDIT       | Mediterranean  |
| MEX         | Mexico   |
| MID EAST    | Middle East  |
| MIDWAY IS   | Midway Islands   |
| MIQUELON IS | Miquelon Islands   |

|               |                                     |
|---------------|-------------------------------------|
| MONACO        | Monaco                              |
| MONG          | Mongolia                            |
| MOON          | Moon                                |
| MOR           | Morocco                             |
| MOZ           | Mozambique (Portuguese East Africa) |
| MUSCAT & OMAN | Muscat and Oman                     |

## **N**

|            |   |
|------------|---|
| N BORNEO   | North Borneo (British Borneo)   |
| NEPAL      | Nepal   |
| NETH       | Netherlands   |
| NETH ANT   | Netherlands Antilles (Aruba, Bonaire, Curacao, Leeward, Netherlands West Indies, St. Eustatius, Windward) |
| NEW CAL    | New Caledonia (Chesterfield, Huon, Isle of Pines, Loyalty, Wallis Archipelago)                            |
| NEW GUIN   | New Guinea  |
| NEW HEBR   | New Hebrides  |
| NIC        | Nicaragua   |
| NICABAR IS | Nicabar Islands   |
| NIGER      | Niger, Republic of  |
| NIGERIA    | Nigeria, Federation of  |
| N IRE      | Northern Ireland  |
| N KOR      | North Korea   |
| NOR        | Norway  |
| NORFOLK I  | Norfolk Island  |
| NR EAST    | Near East   |
| N VIET     | North Vietnam   |
| NZ         | New Zealand (Cook, Kermadec)  |

## **O**

|           |                |
|-----------|----------------|
| ORKNEY IS | Orkney Islands |
| OUTER SP  | Outer Space    |

## **P**

|        |                          |
|--------|--------------------------|
| PAC IS | Pacific Islands          |
| PAC O  | Pacific Ocean            |
| PAK    | Pakistan                 |
| PAL    | Palestine                |
| PAN    | Panama                   |
| PAPUA  | Papua                    |
| PAR    | Paraguay                 |
| PERU   | Peru                     |
| PHIL   | Philippines, Republic of |

|            |                                     |
|------------|-------------------------------------|
| PITCAIRN I | Pitcairn Island                     |
| POL        | Poland                              |
| PORT       | Portugal                            |
| PORT GUIN  | Portuguese Guinea (Bijagoz, Bolama) |
| PORT INDIA | Portuguese India                    |
| PR         | Puerto Rico                         |

## Q

|               |               |
|---------------|---------------|
| QATER [QATAR] | Qater [Qatar] |
|---------------|---------------|

## R

|             |                                   |
|-------------|-----------------------------------|
| REDONDA IS  | Redonda Islands                   |
| REUNION IS  | Reunion Islands                   |
| RHOD & NYAS | Rhodesia and Nyasaland Federation |
| RUM         | Rumania                           |
| RWANDA      | Rwanda, Republic of               |
| RYU IS      | Ryukyu Islands (Okinawa)          |

## S

|                 |   |
|-----------------|---|
| SA              | South America                                   |
| S AFR           | South Africa, Republic of (Cape of Good Hope)   |
| SAHARA          | Sahara  |
| SAN MARINO      | San Marino                                      |
| SAO TOME & PRIN | Sao Tome and Principe                           |
| SARAWAK         | Sarawak   |
| SAUD            | Saudi Arabia                                    |
| SCAND           | Scandinavia                                     |
| SCOT            | Scotland  |
| SENEG           | Senegal, Republic of                            |
| SEY             | Seychelles                                      |
| SHETLAND IS     | Shetland Islands                                |
| SING            | Singapore (Straits Settlements)                 |
| S LEONE         | Sierra Leone                                    |
| SOL IS          | Solomon Islands (Bougainville)                  |
| SOMALI          | Somali Republic                                 |
| S KOR           | South Korea                                     |
| S PAC           | South Pacific                                   |
| SP              | Spain   |
| SP GUIN         | Spanish Guinea (Annobon, Fernando Po, Rio Muni) |
| ST HELENA I     | St. Helena Island (Gough)                       |
| ST PIERRE IS    | St. Pierre Islands                              |
| SUDAN           | Sudan   |
| SUR             | Surinam (Dutch Guiana, Netherlands Guiana)      |

|        |                      |
|--------|----------------------|
| S VIET | South Vietnam        |
| SW AFR | South-West Africa    |
| SWAZ   | Swaziland            |
| SWE    | Sweden               |
| SWITZ  | Switzerland          |
| SYR    | Syrian Arab Republic |

## T

|              |   |
|--------------|---|
| TANGAN       | Tanganyika  |
| THAI         | Thailand (Siam)   |
| THE CONGO    | Congo (Leopoldville) (formerly Belgian Congo, now Democratic Republic of the Congo)   |
| TIBET        | Tibet   |
| TIMOR        | Timor   |
| TOGO         | Togo, Republic of   |
| TONGA IS     | Tonga Islands   |
| TRIESTE      | Trieste   |
| TRIN & TOB   | Trinidad and Tobago   |
| TRISTAN I    | Tristan de Cunha Island   |
| TRUCIAL OMAN | Trucial Oman  |
| TRUCIAL ST   | Trucial States (Dubai, Abu Dhabi)   |
| TT PAC       | Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands (Caroline, Eniwetok, Mariana, Marshall, Palau) |
| TUN          | Tunisia   |
| TUR          | Turkey  |

## U

|         |  |
|---------|--|
| UAR     | United Arab Republic   |
| UGANDA  | Uganda   |
| UK      | United Kingdom (England, Great Britain, Wales)                     |
| UR      | Uruguay  |
| US      | United States of America   |
| USSR    | Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (Siberia, Azerbaijan, Ukraine) |
| U VOLTA | Upper Volta, Republic of   |

## V

|             |   |
|-------------|---|
| VAT         | Vatican City  |
| VEN         | Venezuela   |
| VIET        | Vietnam   |
| VIR IS (UK) | Virgin Islands (U.K.) (see also BWI)                    |
| VIR IS (US) | Virgin Islands (U.S.) (St. Croix, St. John, St. Thomas) |
| VOLCANO IS  | Volcano Islands (Iwo Jima)                              |

## **W**

W AFR STATES

West African States

WAKE I

Wake Island

W EUR

Western Europe

W GER

West Germany

W HEMIS

Western Hemisphere

WI

West Indies

W NEW GUIN

West New Guinea (Irian, Netherlands New Guinea)

W SAHARA

Western Sahara

W SAMOA

Western Samoa

WORLD

The World

## **Y**

YEMEN

Yemen

YUGO

Yugoslavia

## **Z**

ZAN

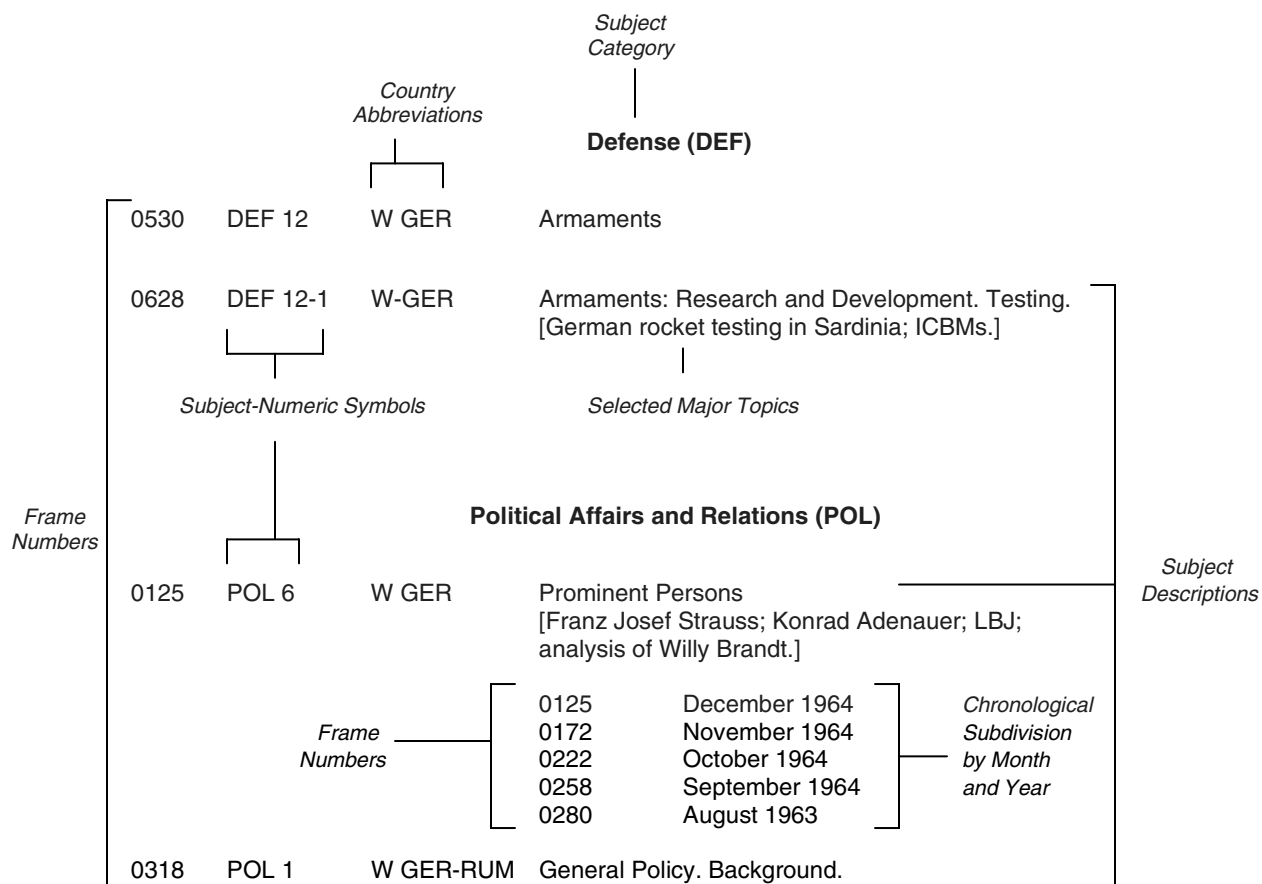
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# ABBREVIATIONS

The following abbreviations are used three or more times in this guide.

|               |  |
|---------------|--|
| <b>AID</b>    | United States Agency for International Development                                   |
| <b>BP</b>     | British Petroleum  |
| <b>FMG</b>    | Federal Military Government of Nigeria   |
| <b>FRG</b>    | Federal Republic of Germany (West Germany)   |
| <b>ICRC</b>   | International Committee of the Red Cross   |
| <b>JCA</b>    | Joint Church Aid   |
| <b>NNDP</b>   | Nigerian National Democratic Party   |
| <b>NTUC</b>   | Nigerian Trade Union Congress  |
| <b>OAU</b>    | Organization of African Unity  |
| <b>OCAM</b>   | Organisation Commune Africaine et Malgache (African-Malagasy<br>Common Organization) |
| <b>PL</b>     | Public Law   |
| <b>POWs</b>   | Prisoners of War   |
| <b>PRC</b>    | People's Republic of China   |
| <b>SAFRAP</b> | Société Anonyme Française des Recherches et d'Exploitation de<br>Pétrole             |
| <b>UAR</b>    | United Arab Republic   |
| <b>UK</b>     | United Kingdom   |
| <b>ULC</b>    | United Labor Congress (Nigeria)  |
| <b>UN</b>     | United Nations   |
| <b>UNICEF</b> | United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund                               |
| <b>USSR</b>   | Union of Soviet Socialist Republics  |



# REEL INDEX

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## Reel 1

### *Frame No.*

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|------|--------------|---|
| 0001 | POL BIAFRA   | Political Affairs and Relations.<br>[Félix Houphouët-Boigny; Ivory Coast recognition of Biafra; mercenaries; UK and USSR military assistance to FMG; Peter Lynch; Yakubu Gowon; Hank Warton; France-FMG relations.]   |
| 0013 | POL 1 BIAFRA | General Policy. Background.<br>[Missionaries; expatriates.]   |
| 0017 | POL 2 BIAFRA | General Reports and Statistics.<br>[Justin Vieyra; criticism of C. Odumegwu Ojukwu government; Félix Houphouët-Boigny; OCAM peace initiative; Bruce Loudon; war relief; Hank Warton; war casualties; French businesses in Biafra; Nnamdi Azikiwe; Tanzanian recognition |

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of Biafra; possible Portuguese recognition of Biafra; military mobilization.]

0029 POL 6 BIAFRA

Prominent Persons.

[Jaja Wachuku; Elbert G. Mathews.]

0034 POL 7 BIAFRA

Visits. Meetings.

[Egbert Nwogu; Biafran relations with Latin America and Caribbean countries; Pius Okigbo; persecution of Ibos; Muslim-Christian conflict in Nigeria; Nnamdi Azikiwe; OAU peace talks; William O. Hall; Okoi Arikpo; Michael Okpara; allegations of genocide; Yakubu Gowon; Hamzat Ahmadu; Tanzanian recognition of Biafra; Christopher C. Mojekwu; Joe Iyalla; C. Odumegwu Ojukwu; Gabon support of Biafra; Albert Bongo; Akanu Ibiam; Elbert G. Mathews; Jean Gueury; Elsie Kühn-Leitz; USSR-FMG relations; Communist bloc offer to mediate Nigerian Civil War; Shell-BP.]

0035 October 1969

0040 September 1969

0060 August 1969

0091 July 1969

0093 June 1969

0096 May 1969

0106 April 1969

0108 March 1969

0111 August 1968

0123 July 1968

0130 June 1968

0131 May 1968

0140 April 1968

0144 March 1968

0174 February 1968

0176 January 1968

0177 December 1967

0195 October 1967

0200 [March 1969]

0201 [January 1969]

0202 [September 1968]

0203 [August 1968]

0212 October 1967

0215 September 1967

0227 [June 1967]

0228 September 1967

0231 July 1967

0232 June 1967

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|------|-----------------|---|
| 0237 | POL 9-7 BIAFRA  | Intervention.<br>[Mercenaries.]   |
| 0239 | POL 12 BIAFRA   | Political Parties.<br>[Rivers Peoples Congress; Godfrey Amachree;<br>Ibo persecution of ethnic minorities; massacre of<br>civilians; postwar rehabilitation of East Central<br>State; Ukpabi Asika.]  |
| 0245 | POL 12-6 BIAFRA | Political Parties: Internal Political Affairs.<br>[Michael Okpara.]   |
| 0247 | POL 13 BIAFRA   | Non-Party Blocs.<br>[Ibo communities in Chad and Cameroon.]   |
| 0250 | POL 13-2 BIAFRA | Non-Party Blocs: Students. Youth Groups.<br>[Biafran Students Union in East Europe; Biafra-<br>PRC relations; Internal Revenue Service inquiry<br>into fund-raising by Biafra Students Association<br>in the Americas, Massachusetts Branch;<br>demonstration in Bonn by Biafran Student Union<br>of West Germany; UK and USSR arms trade<br>with FMG.]   |
| 0267 | POL 13-9 BIAFRA | Non-Party Blocs: Nationalist Organizations.<br>[Biafran Militant Movement (student organization<br>in Prague, Czechoslovakia).]   |
| 0269 | POL 15 BIAFRA   | Government.<br>[Structure and officials of Biafran and regional<br>FMG governments; war relief.]  |
| 0304 | POL 15-1 BIAFRA | Government: Head of State. Executive Branch.<br>[C. Odumegwu Ojukwu; William Trueheart;<br>military operations; petroleum industry; Nnamdi<br>Azikiwe; Harold Wilson; OAU; International<br>Observer team; ICRC; USSR; Elbert G.<br>Mathews; possible U.S. mediation of Nigerian<br>Civil War; internal politics in Biafra; war relief;<br>refugees; war damage; Robert J. Barnard;<br>reorganization of Biafran government.] |
| 0304 |                 | November 1969   |
| 0307 |                 | October 1969  |
| 0308 |                 | September 1969  |
| 0313 |                 | June 1969   |
| 0323 |                 | May 1969  |
| 0331 |                 | March 1969  |
| 0334 |                 | February 1969   |
| 0336 |                 | January 1969  |

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0353 November 1968  
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0386 October 1967  
0390 September 1967  
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0422 POL 16 BIAFRA

Independence. Recognition.  
[FMG-France relations; Conor Cruise O'Brien;  
N. Ade Martins; Joseph Palmer II; U.S. arms  
embargo and recognition of FMG; FMG relations  
with Upper Volta and Iraq; anti-Soviet  
demonstration in New York; Elbert G. Mathews;  
Biafran relations with Israel, France, and Ghana;  
SAFRAP and Shell-BP oil royalty payments;  
Charles E. Bohlen; position on Nigerian Civil  
War of governments of Belgium, Botswana,  
Canada, Chad, Dahomey, Ethiopia, France,  
Gambia, Germany, Greece, India, Kenya,  
Kuwait, Malaysia, the Netherlands, Portugal,  
Senegal, Sierra Leone, Spain, Sudan, Togo,  
USSR, and Zambia; UK-FMG arms trade;  
military mobilization; Louis Mbanefo; FMG-  
Cameroon relations; Biafra Union of Great  
Britain and Ireland; evacuation of civilians;  
proclamation of independence of the Republic of  
Biafra; C. Odumegwu Ojukwu; UK press  
(*Guardian*, *Times*, *Observer*, and *Sunday  
Telegraph*) appeals for FMG restraint toward  
Biafra; Northern Nigeria public opinion on  
Biafra.]

0423 December 1967  
0424 November 1967  
0425 October 1967  
0430 September 1967  
0432 August 1967  
0440 July 1967  
0452 June 1967  
0558 May 1967

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0569 POL 16 BIAFRA

Independence. Recognition.  
[Ireland-FMG relations; recognition of Biafra by Tanzania, Gabon, and Haiti; Nnamdi Azikiwe; Burundi public opinion on Nigerian Civil War; mercenaries; refusal to recognize Biafra by Uganda, Togo, Dahomey, and Liberia; Biafran diplomatic missions to Europe seeking support; Biafran relations with Gabon, France, and Ivory Coast; American Committee to Keep Biafra Alive; Eugene J. McCarthy proposal for U.S. recognition of Biafra; Félix Houphouët-Boigny; evacuation of Biafran children to Ivory Coast; PRC and Czechoslovakian arms trade with Biafra; divisions in French government over Biafra and FMG; Sargent Shriver; Rolf Steiner; Charles de Gaulle criticism of cold war division of Europe; anti-French demonstrations in Lagos, Nigeria; Albert Bongo; OAU peace talks; John Lyng; Norway relief contributions; David M. Bane; Tunisia; Arab Muslim and Communist influence in Sub-Saharan Africa; Chinua Achebe; Arsène Usher; George A. Morgan; possible recognition of Biafra by Burundi; C. Odumegwu Ojukwu; Italian neutrality.]

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|------|----------------|
| 0570 | October 1969   |
| 0571 | August 1969    |
| 0573 | July 1969      |
| 0577 | June 1969      |
| 0582 | May 1969       |
| 0591 | April 1969     |
| 0592 | March 1969     |
| 0627 | February 1969  |
| 0634 | January 1969   |
| 0639 | November 1968  |
| 0640 | October 1968   |
| 0644 | September 1968 |
| 0660 | August 1968    |
| 0682 | July 1968      |
| 0696 | June 1968      |
| 0733 | May 1968       |

0740 POL 16 BIAFRA

Independence. Recognition.  
[Massacre of civilians; mercenaries; Ukpabi Asika; recognition of Biafra by Zambia, Ivory Coast, Gabon, and Tanzania; OAU and Commonwealth Secretariat peace talks; Félix Houphouët-Boigny; possible recognition of Biafra by Tunisia; refusals to recognize Biafra by Liberia, Ghana, Cameroon, and Niger; George

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A. Morgan; Albert Bongo; FMG break of diplomatic relations with Ivory Coast and Tanzania; David M. Bane; France; Sargent Shriver; Dahomey; Hamani Diori; Ethiopia; Julius Nyerere.]

0741 May 1968  
0830 April 1968  
0938 March 1968  
0944 February 1968

## Reel 2

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|------|------------------|--|
| 0001 | POL 17-4 BIAFRA  | Diplomatic and Consular Representation: Ceremonial and Social Affairs. [Biafran independence day.]   |
| 0004 | POL 18 BIAFRA    | Provincial, Municipal, and State Government. [Calabar, Nigeria.]   |
| 0006 | POL 19 BIAFRA    | Government of Dependencies. [Michel Debré; William P. Rogers; Biafran Youth Committee.]  |
| 0008 | POL 23-8 BIAFRA  | Internal Security. Counterinsurgency: Demonstrations. Riots. [Biafran protest of UK and U.S. policies.]  |
| 0010 | POL 23-9 BIAFRA  | Internal Security. Counterinsurgency: Rebellion. Coups. [Mercenaries; guerrilla warfare.]  |
| 0020 | POL 23-10 BIAFRA | Internal Security. Counterinsurgency: Travel Control. [War relief; travel restrictions on journalists and relief workers; U.S. policy on visas for Biafra; ULC.] |
| 0026 | POL 27 BIAFRA    | Military Operations. [Mercenaries; Bob Denard; Rolf Steiner; arms trade; Frederick Forsyth; Shell-BP oil royalty payments.]                                      |
| 0036 | POL 27-3 BIAFRA  | Military Operations: Use of Foreign Country Forces. [Mercenaries; Robert Moore Jones.]   |



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|------|--------------------|---|
| 0037 | POL 27-9 BIAFRA    | Military Operations: War Damage.<br>[FMG-Biafra dispute over transportation of war relief; medical supplies; ICRC, Norway, Sweden, U.S., Denmark, French Red Cross, and Finland relief contributions; Frank Catchpool proposal for Albert Schweitzer Fellowship-funded hospital for Biafran refugee children in Gabon; AID; French military in Chad; hunger and malnutrition; proposal for ICRC airfield near Okigwe, Nigeria; Assemblies of God missionaries.] |
| 0096 | POL 29 BIAFRA      | Arrests. Detention.<br>[FMG security guarantees and offer of amnesty for Ibos; arrests of Biafran representatives in Equatorial Guinea.]  |
| 0102 | POL 30 BIAFRA      | Defectors and Expellees.<br>[Defection of Nnamdi Azikiwe; Michael Okpara.]  |
| 0108 | POL 30-2 BIAFRA    | Defectors and Expellees: Exile Political Activities.<br>[Possible Biafran government-in-exile.]   |
| 0111 | POL BIAFRA-CAM     | Political Affairs and Relations.  |
| 0113 | POL 32 BIAFRA-CAM  | Territory. Boundaries.<br>[Cameroon-Nigeria border dispute.]  |
| 0115 | POL BIAFRA-CAN     | Political Affairs and Relations.  |
| 0117 | POL BIAFRA-CHICOM  | Political Affairs and Relations.<br>[PRC statement of support for Biafra.]  |
| 0119 | POL BIAFRA-EQ GUIN | Political Affairs and Relations.<br>[U.S. arms embargo; Sao Tome; arms trade; evacuations of Biafran children; Portugal.]   |
| 0124 | POL BIAFRA-ETH     | Political Affairs and Relations.  |
| 0125 | POL BIAFRA-W EUR   | Political Affairs and Relations.  |
| 0126 | POL BIAFRA-FR      | Political Affairs and Relations.<br>[Biafran reaction to resignation of Charles de Gaulle; French arms embargo; French military in Chad; SAFRAP oil royalty payments.]  |
| 0141 | POL 1 BIAFRA-FR    | General Policy. Background.   |
| 0142 | POL BIAFRA-GABON   | Political Affairs and Relations.  |

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|------|--------------------------|--|
| 0145 | POL BIAFRA-E GER         | Political Affairs and Relations.<br>[Possible USSR mediation of Nigerian Civil War.]   |
| 0146 | POL BIAFRA-GHANA         | Political Affairs and Relations.   |
| 0152 | POL BIAFRA-HAI           | Political Affairs and Relations.<br>[Haitian recognition of Biafra.]   |
| 0154 | POL 17 BIAFRA-ICE        | Diplomatic and Consular Representation.  |
| 0155 | POL 17 BIAFRA-IV CST     | Diplomatic and Consular Representation.  |
| 0158 | POL 21 BIAFRA-IV CST     | Peace. Non-Aggression.<br>[Ivoro-Biafran Friendship Society.]  |
| 0160 | POL 33-4 BIAFRA-JAPAN    | Waters. Boundaries: Territorial Waters.  |
| 0162 | POL BIAFRA-NIGERIA       | Political Affairs and Relations.<br>[War relief; Albert Bongo; David M. Bane; UK policy on cease-fire proposals; UK-FMG arms trade; Nigeria Union of Great Britain and Ireland; Shell-BP royalty payment; military operations; economic development; Émile-Derlin Zinsou; FMG blockade of Eastern Nigerian ports; FMG requests for arms from UK and U.S.; USSR-FMG relations; Louis Mbanefo; N. U. Akpan; evacuation of expatriates.]  |
| 0253 | POL 27 BIAFRA-NIGERIA    | Military Operations.<br>[FMG-Biafra dispute over transportation of war relief; ICRC, JCA, and French Red Cross use of U.S. aircraft; Commonwealth Secretariat peace initiatives; USSR relations with FMG and Muslim countries; Ivory Coast–South Africa relations; David Rockefeller; Biafra relations with France, Gabon, Israel, Ivory Coast, South Africa, Tanzania, and Zambia; Félix Houphouët-Boigny; Carl Gustaf von Rosen; Ethiopian Red Cross; Robert L. Goldstein public relations campaign on behalf of Biafra; Biafran retention of U.S. law firm Surrey, Karasik, Gould and Green; Biafran treaty obligations.] |
| 0286 | POL 27-9 BIAFRA-NIGERIA  | Military Operations: War Damage.   |
| 0290 | POL 27-14 BIAFRA-NIGERIA | Military Operations: Truce. Cease-Fire.<br>Armistice.<br>[OAU peace talks.]  |

Frame No.

0291 POL BIAFRA-NIGERIA

Political Affairs and Relations.  
[OAU peace talks; war relief; AID; Timothy Omobare; FMG blockade of Eastern Nigerian ports; Shell-BP and SAFRAP royalty payments; Elbert G. Mathews; outbreak of Nigerian Civil War; war casualties; Communist bloc arms trade with FMG; FMG disavowal of C. Odumegwu Ojukwu; FMG conditions for peace; U.S. arms embargo; Okoi Arikpo; anti-Biafran propaganda; Edward Enahoro; arrests of Ibos; military mobilization; creation of 12 state system; Zambia; N. U. Akpan; Robert J. Barnard; Louis Mbanefo; FMG-Cameroon relations; Hassan Katsina; plans to evacuate U.S. citizens; petroleum industry in Rivers State; ICRC; Northern Nigeria public opinion on Biafra; Donald Louchheim; Julius Nyerere; refugees; U.S. citizens in Nigeria.]

0292 June 1968  
0295 May 1968  
0296 March 1968  
0297 December 1967  
0298 July 1967  
0354 June 1967  
0595 May 1967

0601 POL 27 BIAFRA-NIGERIA

Military Operations.  
[U.S. arms embargo; civil war in the Congo; evacuation of civilians; Biafran purchases of military aircraft from Europe; ICRC; C. Odumegwu Ojukwu; travel restrictions; Elbert G. Mathews; Robert J. Barnard; Kenneth Kaunda; UK-FMG relations; FMG blockade; Yakubu Gowon.]

0602 July 1967  
0676 June 1967  
0680 May 1967

0685 POL 27 BIAFRA-NIGERIA

Military Operations.  
[N. Ade Martins; Lloyd M. Garrison; Joseph Palmer II; Muslim-Christian conflict in Nigeria; Nigerian media and public opinion on U.S. and UK; NNDP; Elbert G. Mathews; C. Odumegwu Ojukwu; Donald Louchheim; Robert J. Barnard; war casualties; Father Edward McMahon; evacuations of civilians; Nigerian reactions to U.S. race riots; missionaries; travel restrictions; local economic impact of Nigerian Civil War;

Portugal relations with Congo (Kinshasa) and Biafra; war damage; Mid-West State government neutrality; FMG blockade of Eastern ports; U.S. arms embargo; Biafran refugees in Cameroon; Esso, Mobil, Gulf, and Shell-BP operations in Nigeria; Hassan Katsina; FMG creation of state governments in Northern Nigeria; Yakubu Gowon; Biafra Students Association in the Americas, Massachusetts Branch; mercenaries; international refusals to grant recognition to Biafra.]

0686 July 1967

0923 POL 27 BIAFRA-NIGERIA

Military Operations.  
[FMG-Liberia relations; missionaries; Elbert G. Mathews; Louis Mbanefo; Robert J. Barnard; Nigerian press criticism of U.S. and UK; Shell-BP operations; FMG detention of Stanley Gray; mercenaries; Félix Houphouët-Boigny; closure of travel routes out of Biafra; FMG capture of Bonny Island; Okoi Arikpo; Obafemi Awolowo; postwar rehabilitation; ICRC.]

0924 July 1967

### Reel 3

0001 POL 27 BIAFRA-NIGERIA

Military Operations.  
[Evacuations of civilians; Czechoslovakia-FMG arms trade; Biafran occupation of Mid-West State; petroleum industry; C. Odumegwu Ojukwu; Elbert G. Mathews; Commonwealth Secretariat peace initiative; David K. E. Bruce; Wole Soyinka; Victor Banjo; Robert J. Barnard; FMG relations with UK and Togo; civil war in the Congo (Kinshasa); death of Joe Akahan; local economic impact of Nigerian Civil War and FMG blockade; David Hunt; Upper Volta and Sierra Leone support of FMG; Adamu Ciroma; Yakubu Gowon; Christopher C. Mojekwu; death of Chukwuma Kaduna Nzeogwu.]

0001 August 1967

0165 POL 27 BIAFRA-NIGERIA

Military Operations.  
[Nigerian Workers' Council; C. Odumegwu Ojukwu; Elbert G. Mathews; Portuguese support for Biafra; Santa Fe Drilling Company; Joseph

Ankrah; Mid-West State government neutrality; Commonwealth Secretariat and Ghana peace initiatives; military mobilization; petroleum industry; Robert J. Barnard; Yoruba relations with Biafra and FMG; Victor Banjo; Joseph Y. Resnick; N. U. Akpan; UK-FMG arms trade; Obafemi Awolowo; Austin Okwu; Biafran People's Army; AID; evacuations of civilians; FMG extension of blockade to Mid-West State.]

0166 August 1967

0404 POL 27 BIAFRA-NIGERIA

Military Operations.  
[N. Ade Martins; Joseph Palmer II; U.S. arms embargo; anti-U.S. public opinion in Nigeria; Elbert G. Mathews; South-Eastern State Students' Union, University of Ibadan branch; Commonwealth Secretariat peace initiatives; Arnold Smith; Upper Volta; Togo; USSR influence in Africa; Dahomey; Biafran government plans for postwar relations with Nigeria; NTUC and ULC support of FMG; Anthony Enahoro; USSR and Czechoslovakia arms trade with FMG; Joseph Ankrah; Yakubu Gowon; Santa Fe Drilling Company; Murtala Mohammed; mercenaries; Biafra Union of Great Britain and Ireland; Gnassingbé Eyadéma; Hamani Diori; military aircraft; N. U. Akpan; Nigerian Red Cross.]

0405 August 1967

0691 POL 27 BIAFRA-NIGERIA

Military Operations.  
[Yaw Adu; Arnold Smith; Commonwealth Secretariat and OAU peace initiatives; Elbert G. Mathews; anti-U.S. public opinion in Nigeria; Senegal; U.S.-UK talks; David K. E. Bruce; Victor Banjo; USSR military assistance to FMG; POWs; ICRC; Nigerian Red Cross; Portugal; Julius Nyerere; U.S. arms embargo; Yakubu Gowon.]

0691 September 1967

0927 POL 27 BIAFRA-NIGERIA

Military Operations.  
[Elbert G. Mathews; C. Odumegwu Ojukwu; Yakubu Gowon; Anthony Enahoro; war damage; Commonwealth Secretariat and OAU peace initiatives; Christopher C. Mojekwu; Okoi Arikpo; Robert J. Barnard; Victor Banjo; executions for

attempted coup against Ojukwu; economic impact of Nigerian Civil War on Mid-West State.]

0928      September 1967

## Reel 4

0002    POL 27 BIAFRA-NIGERIA

Military Operations.  
[Elbert G. Mathews; postwar rehabilitation plans; Akanu Ibiam; Nnamdi Azikiwe; Kenneth Kaunda; Murtala Mohammed; Biafran Student Union of FRG demonstrations; FMG capture of Mid-West State; war casualties; Workers Revolutionary War Council of Biafra; declaration of Republic of Benin; OAU; USSR-FMG relations.]

0002      September 1967

0177    POL 27 BIAFRA-NIGERIA

Military Operations.  
[War casualties; N. Ade Martins; C. Odumegwu Ojukwu; ethnic minorities in Nigerian Federal Army; Elbert G. Mathews; Commonwealth Secretariat peace initiatives; Arnold Smith; Yaw Adu; David K. E. Bruce; OAU; travel restrictions; evacuation of U.S. consulate in Enugu, Nigeria; Yakubu Gowon; Nigeria Union of Great Britain and Ireland; Ghana-FMG relations; mercenaries; demonstrations against UK and USSR in London; Clement Isong; economic impact of the Nigerian Civil War.]

0178      October 1967

0429    POL 27 BIAFRA-NIGERIA

Military Operations.  
[Joseph Y. Resnick; Okoi Arikpo; Ukpabi Asika; arrest and detention of Wole Soyinka on charges of espionage; OAU and Commonwealth Secretariat peace initiatives; anti-U.S. public opinion in Nigeria; Arnold Smith; David K. E. Bruce; Ahmadou Ahidjo; William V. S. Tubman; mercenaries; Austin Okwu; postwar reconciliation plans; Mid-West State reconstruction; Klaus W. Stephan; Yakubu Gowon; Dean Rusk; Communist bloc offer to mediate Nigerian Civil War.]

0430      October 1967

Frame No.

0650 POL 27 BIAFRA-NIGERIA Military Operations.  
[France-FMG relations; mercenaries;  
Commonwealth Secretariat and OAU peace  
initiatives; Arnold Smith; David K. E. Bruce;  
Elbert G. Mathews; Wole Soyinka; FMG  
blockade of Biafra; Nnamdi Azikiwe; Portugal-  
Biafra relations; Laide Soyinka; Ukpabi Asika;  
Hassan Katsina; FMG capture and occupation of  
Mid-West State; war casualties; death of  
Christian von Oppenheim; Irish missionaries;  
military campaign in mid-west Nigeria; Albert  
Okonkwo; Victor Banjo attempted coup;  
declaration of Republic of Benin; Samuel  
Ogbemudia; postwar reconstruction plans.]

0651 November 1967

0840 POL 27 BIAFRA-NIGERIA Military Operations.  
[Israel-FMG relations; Michael Okpara; Murtala  
Mohammed; Okoi Arikpo; Hamani Diori;  
international arms trade with Biafra and FMG;  
West African Economic Community; Mike  
Hoare; mercenaries; Commonwealth Secretariat  
peace initiatives; Arnold Smith; U.S. Peace  
Corps volunteers in Nigeria; anti-U.S. public  
opinion in Nigeria; Conor Cruise O'Brien;  
Stanley Diamond; Audrey Chapman.]

0840 December 1967

## Reel 5

0001 POL 27 BIAFRA-NIGERIA Military Operations.  
[Ukpabi Asika; Peter Lynch; mercenaries; Elbert  
G. Mathews; Yakubu Gowon; Hank Warton;  
Arnold Smith; Commonwealth Secretariat peace  
initiative; Okoi Arikpo; FMG bombing of Biafran  
civilians; war casualties; Adamu Ciroma; Chief  
S. O. Adebayo; ICRC relief flights; Hamani Diori;  
Biafran economy; Anthony Astrachan; Lloyd M.  
Garrison; Quaker missionaries; C. Odumegwu  
Ojukwu; labor unrest in Nigeria; Arnold Smith;  
David K. E. Bruce; Biafra-France arms trade;  
Elbert G. Mathews; Léopold Senghor; Biafra-  
Tanzania relations; Wilton Wynn; allegations of  
genocide; Ukpabi Asika; petroleum industry.]

0002 February 1968

0167 January 1968

Frame No.

0320 POL 27 BIAFRA-NIGERIA

Military Operations.  
[International Confederation of Free Trade Unions; Biafra-Tanzania relations; war casualties; John Horgan; death of Marc Auerbach; World Council of Churches; Catholic Church; Elbert G. Mathews; Commonwealth Secretariat peace initiative; Arnold Smith; postwar rehabilitation planning; Robert L. Goldstein fund-raising for Biafra.]

0321 March 1968

0420 POL 27 BIAFRA-NIGERIA

Military Operations.  
[Léopold Senghor; Biafran relations with France, Tanzania, and Dahomey; Elbert G. Mathews; looting of Enugu, Nigeria; C. Odumegwu Ojukwu; Julius Nyerere; international reactions to Tanzanian recognition of Biafra; Yakubu Gowon; Harold Wilson; Anthony Astrachan; war casualties; Félix Houphouët-Boigny; Kenneth Kaunda; FMG proposal for peace talks; Ukpabi Asika; William B. Macomber Jr.; UK-FMG relations; Chinua Achebe; Ojukwu appeal to UK Labour Party for support; allegations of genocide; PL 480 (Food for Peace Program); Catholic Church; World Council of Churches; Nigerian student protests in Moscow; postwar rehabilitation planning; J. T. Aguiyi-Ironsi; 1966 Nigerian coup; FMG and Biafran government structures; economic conditions; FMG arms trade with USSR, Czechoslovakia, and UAR; African public opinion on Nigerian Civil War; mercenaries; Commonwealth Secretariat peace initiatives; Arnold Smith; anti-Ibo opinion among ethnic minorities.]

0421 April 1968

0639 POL 27 BIAFRA-NIGERIA

Military Operations.  
[Assemblies of God missionaries; Commonwealth Secretariat and OAU peace initiatives; FMG bombing of civilians; civilian massacres by Biafran and FMG troops; Michael Okpara; war relief; ICRC; C. Odumegwu Ojukwu; Félix Houphouët-Boigny; war relief; Murtala Mohammed; internal politics and ethnic conflict in Mid-West State; Arsène Usher; OAU peace talks; FMG capture of Port Harcourt; recognition of Biafra by Zambia, Ivory Coast, and Gabon; Frederick Forsyth; Ahmadou Ahidjo;



Samuel A. Aluko; pro-FMG demonstrations by Nigerians around the world; Finland offer to mediate Nigerian Civil War settlement; Richard O. A. Akinjide; NNDP; Peter Odumosu; Western Yoruba fears of Northern Nigeria; Ibo demands for security guarantees from FMG; Yakubu Gowon; Arnold Smith; local economic impact of the Nigerian Civil War; UK-FMG arms trade; hunger and malnutrition.]

0640 May 1968

0825 POL 27 BIAFRA-NIGERIA

Military Operations.  
[UK and USSR arms trade with FMG; war relief; FMG and Biafran rejections of UK peace initiative; Lord Shepherd; Yakubu Gowon; C. Odumegwu Ojukwu; David K. E. Bruce; Félix Houphouët-Boigny; Biafran worker demonstration in Umuahia; France-Biafra relations; OAU peace talks; international arms embargoes on FMG; Commonwealth Secretariat peace initiative; war casualties; propaganda; civilian massacres by Biafran and FMG troops; Elbert G. Mathews; Okoi Arikpo.]

0825 June 1968

0938 POL 27 BIAFRA-NIGERIA

Military Operations.  
[Dean Rusk; Hank Warton; OAU; Klaus W. Stephan; Harold Wilson; UK-FMG arms trade; Haile Selassie; William O. Hall; FMG relations with Congo (Kinshasa) and FRG; Alfred Friendly Jr.; Hamani Diori; ICRC relief flights.]

0939 August 1968

0941 July 1968

## Reel 6

0002 POL 27 BIAFRA-NIGERIA

Military Operations.  
[Joseph Palmer II; Arsène Usher; Biafra relations with Ivory Coast and Israel; Yakubu Gowon; FMG relations with USSR, UK, and Uganda; Arab Muslim and PRC influence in Sub-Saharan Africa; Benjamin Adekunle; Elbert G. Mathews; war relief; OAU peace talks; economic conditions in Biafra; Okoi Arikpo; FMG-UK arms trade; Hamani Diori; David K. E. Bruce; hunger and malnutrition; C. Odumegwu

Ojukwu; U Thant; Biafra Union of Israel; British colonies in Africa; Nigerian independence; Nnamdi Azikiwe; ICRC relief flights; France-Biafra relations; Kenneth Kaunda; arms embargo; student protest in Hamburg of FRG arms shipments to FMG; Bola Ige; war casualties.]

0002 July 1968

0259 POL 27 BIAFRA-NIGERIA

Military Operations.  
[ICRC; David K. E. Bruce; Haile Selassie; Yakubu Gowon; FMG relations with UK and USSR; Nwonye Otue; UK, USSR, and UAR arms trade with FMG; allegations of genocide; Arsène Usher; French military assistance to Chad; cease-fire proposal; France-Biafra relations; Sargent Shriver; Elbert G. Mathews; OAU peace talks; Dean Rusk; donations by governments and organizations to ICRC; Hamani Diori; Nigerian refugees in Cameroon; C. Odumegwu Ojukwu; Charles de Gaulle influence on francophone Africa; propaganda; damage to Shell-BP Port Harcourt refinery; Western Nigerian public opinion; Assemblies of God missionaries; postwar reconstruction of Rivers State; FMG-Biafran dispute over relief transportation; Eugene McCarthy; UN; Ketema Yifru; Okoi Arikpo; pro-Biafran demonstration in Montreal, Canada; France-USSR relations; anti-French demonstration in Jos, Nigeria; U.S. missionary teachers in Ikot Ekpene, Nigeria; position on the Nigerian Civil War of Austria, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, FRG, Iceland, Italy, the Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, UK, and the Vatican; deaths of British relief workers.]

0260 August 1968

0569 July 1968

0598 POL 27 BIAFRA-NIGERIA

Military Operations.  
[Elbert G. Mathews; FMG opposition to Lord Shepherd peace proposal; William O. Hall; International Observer team; war relief; Yakubu Gowon; David K. E. Bruce; Biafran relations with Tanzania, Gabon, PRC, France, and Iceland; American Committee to Keep Biafra Alive; war casualties; hunger and malnutrition; Joseph Ankrah; Joseph Palmer II; Kenneth Kaunda;

postwar reconstruction; Peter Odumosu; OAU peace talks; C. Odumegwu Ojukwu; FMG relations with Canada, USSR, UK, and Sierra Leone; unemployment; Charles de Gaulle; Norway; ICRC airlift of Biafran refugee children to Gabon; Dean Rusk; Tunisia; guerrilla warfare; Yaw Adu; Bernard Fonlon; Ketema Yifru; Sangoulé Lamizana; George W. Ball; Sweden; Haile Selassie; petroleum industry; Albert Bongo; UK-FMG arms trade.]

0599 September 1968

0907 August 1968

0910 POL 27 BIAFRA-NIGERIA

Military Operations.

[ICRC; war relief; hunger and malnutrition; Biafran relations with France and Gabon; Hank Warton; International Observer team; Elbert G. Mathews; Nils-Goran Gussing; Ben Enwonwu; Quaker peace initiative; David K. E. Bruce; Biafran government revenues; John Lyng; guerrilla warfare; refugees; Italy; Haile Selassie; Canada; Joseph Palmer II; Biafran government-in-exile.]

0910 October 1968

## Reel 7

0002 POL 27 BIAFRA-NIGERIA

Military Operations.

[OAU; FMG relations with UK and USSR; France-Biafra relations; war relief; Diallo Telli; Elbert G. Mathews; Félix Houphouët-Boigny; Michel Debré; Nicholas Katzenbach; International Observer team; war casualties; Henry Alexander; hunger and malnutrition; Simon Nko'o Etoungou; Okoi Arikpo; Nils-Goran Gussing; allegations of genocide; Dean Rusk; deaths of ICRC relief workers at Okigwe, Nigeria; C. Robert Moore; Subcommittee on Africa, U.S. Senate Committee on Foreign Relations; postwar reconstruction; war damage; death of Priya Ramrakha; Edward Enahoro.]

003 October 1968

0173 POL 27 BIAFRA-NIGERIA

Military Operations.

[W. A. Milroy; guerrilla warfare; refugees; International Observer team; fund-raising in

Africa for Biafra; C. Odumegwu Ojukwu; Biafra–Ivory Coast relations; French relations with Biafra and FMG; Sargent Shriver; Nigerian public opinion; David Hunt; Edward M. Kennedy; UK-FMG relations and arms trade; war relief; hunger and malnutrition; Arsène Usher; Biafran Students' Union in East Europe; William B. Macomber Jr.; Gabriel Onyiuke; anti-tax demonstration in Ibadan, Nigeria; U.S. government and voluntary agency relief contributions; war casualties; Nigerian economy and agriculture; Hamani Diori; postwar reconstruction; demobilization; Austria.]

0174          November 1968

0351    POL 27 BIAFRA-NIGERIA

Military Operations.  
[French relations with Biafra and FMG; Charles de Gaulle; Michel Debré; ICRC; international organizations and U.S. government and voluntary agency relief contributions; refugees; arms trade; Elbert G. Mathews; Northern Nigeria public opinion; UK relations with Ivory Coast and France; cease-fire proposals; Hamani Diori; Irish missionaries; Sargent Shriver; Michael Okpara; local economic conditions; John Dunwoody; hunger and malnutrition; Yakubu Gowon; Lord Shepherd; Michael Stewart; International Observer team; mercenaries; Alec Douglas-Home; David K. E. Bruce; war damage; POWs; deaths of relief workers at Okigwe, Nigeria; allegations of genocide; Colin Legum; Okoi Arikpo; Haile Selassie; relief transportation; arms embargo; JCA relief airlift; PL 480 (Food for Peace Program); Biafran refugee children in Gabon and Ivory Coast; Susan Garth; medical supplies and equipment; Nigerian Red Cross; OAU peace talks; Louis Mbanefo; Yaw Adu; Abubakar Tafawa Balewa; C. Odumegwu Ojukwu; Commonwealth Secretariat and Nnamdi Azikiwe peace initiatives.]

0351          December 1968  
0565          November 1968  
0569          October 1968  
0571          [December 1968]  
0644          June 1968  
0664          May 1968  
0721          February 1968

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0735 POL 27 BIAFRA-NIGERIA Military Operations.  
[FMG executions of Biafran assassins; Félix Houphouët-Boigny; Diallo Telli; OCAM; Nnamdi Azikiwe peace initiative; David K. E. Bruce; USSR-FMG relations; Elbert G. Mathews; refugees; cease-fire proposals; fraud charges against Susan Garth; France-Biafra relations; NNDP; U Thant; anti-U.S. Nigerian public opinion; war relief; Léopold Senghor; Edward M. Kennedy; Haile Selassie; Sargent Shriver; relief airlifts; International Observer team; POWs; economic conditions; hunger and malnutrition; war damage; Okoi Arikpo; C. Odumegwu Ojukwu; Obafemi Awolowo; Auguste R. Lindt; Ukpabi Asika; National Rehabilitation Commission; Pope Paul VI; Charles de Gaulle; Michel Debré; Ethiopia; Günter Grass; Allard Lowenstein; anti-U.S. and anti-French demonstration in Lagos.]

0736 January 1969

## Reel 8

0001 POL 27 BIAFRA-NIGERIA Military Operations.  
[Harold Wilson; David K. E. Bruce; FMG bombing of civilians; war casualties; JCA relief airlift; France-Biafra relations; Sargent Shriver; Mid-West Nigeria public opinion; Elbert G. Mathews; Margery Perham; FRG relief contributions; Charles E. Goodell; Allard Lowenstein; Obilago, Nigeria, relief proposal; Okoi Arikpo; OCAM and Nnamdi Azikiwe peace initiatives; Haile Selassie; Hamani Diori; Mobuto Sese Seko; Félix Houphouët-Boigny; Charles de Gaulle; Charles C. Diggs Jr.; C. Odumegwu Ojukwu; possible U.S. mediation; William V. S. Tubman.]

0002 February 1969

0150 POL 27 BIAFRA-NIGERIA Military Operations.  
[Sargent Shriver; Félix Houphouët-Boigny; war relief; E. U. Essien-Udom; FMG relations and arms trade with UK and USSR; Elbert G. Mathews; Richard Nixon appointment of Clarence Clyde Ferguson Jr. as U.S. relief coordinator; ICRC; allegations of genocide; arms embargo; Donald E. Lukens; American Council

of Young Political Leaders; Student Council of the North American College, the Vatican; Michael Stewart; Edward M. Kennedy; Nigeria/Biafra Relief Fund of Canada; Alec Douglas-Home; Bernard E. Fergusson; Phillip M. Kaiser; Ahmadou Ahidjo; Biafra-Zambia relations; Nigeria Union of Ireland; Nnamdi Azikiwe; Benjamin Adekunle; Hassan Katsina; Winston Churchill II; David K. E. Bruce; Maurice Foley; William B. Macomber Jr.; Colin Legum; OAU peace talks; American Friends Service Committee mission; International Observer team; POWs; refugees; North-Central State public opinion; Austria, Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, and Sweden position on Nigerian Civil War; FMG bombing of civilians; France-Biafra relations; Michel Debré; AID; Yakubu Gowon; Lloyd M. Garrison.]

0151            March 1969

0467    POL 27 BIAFRA-NIGERIA

Military Operations.  
[Resignation of Charles de Gaulle; Elbert G. Mathews; USSR-FMG relations; FMG capture of Biafran capital of Umuahia, Nigeria; C. Odumegwu Ojukwu; OAU peace talks; hunger and malnutrition; war relief; Harold Wilson; Haile Selassie; Clarence Clyde Ferguson Jr.; Biafra relations with Congo (Kinshasa), France, and Zambia; Félix Houphouët-Boigny; Lesotho; Hamani Diori; William V. S. Tubman; establishment of new Biafran capital at Orlu, Nigeria; Yakubu Gowon; Pius Okigbo; Louis Mbanefo; refugees; Belgium relief contributions; creation of 12 state system in Nigeria; AID; Malcolm MacDonald; postwar rehabilitation in East Central State; E. U. Essien-Udom; Bishop Richard Finn; Nigeria Union of Ireland.]

0468            April 1969

0715    POL 27 BIAFRA-NIGERIA

Military Operations.  
[Conditions in Mid-West State; International Observer team; POWs; refugees; war relief; ICRC; Elbert G. Mathews; Biafran relations with France, Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, and Sweden; Canada and Norway relief contributions; petroleum industry; arrest and expulsion of Auguste R. Lindt from Nigeria;

Frame No.

C. Odumegwu Ojukwu; Yakubu Gowon; Félix Houphouët-Boigny; OAU peace talks; Biafran air attacks; war casualties; Wole Soyinka; postwar rehabilitation in East Central State; FMG relations with Sweden and UK; Michel Debré; religious denominations in Nigeria; reorganization of FMG military command; Benjamin Adekunle; Said-Uddin Khan.]

0716 June 1969

0802 May 1969

0933 POL 27 BIAFRA-NIGERIA

Military Operations.  
[The Vatican; public opinion in Malawi, Dahomey, Burundi, Togo, Canada, Niger, Mali, Morocco, Gabon, France, the Netherlands, Tunisia, Guinea, Tanzania, Senegal, Central African Republic, Sweden, and Libya on Nigerian Civil War; petroleum industry; Carl Gustaf von Rosen; evacuations of civilians; war relief; Pius Okigbo.]

0933 July 1969

## Reel 9

0002 POL 27 BIAFRA-NIGERIA

Military Operations.  
[Public opinion in Madagascar, Norway, Sudan, Algeria, Congo (Kinshasa), and South Africa on Nigerian Civil War ; hunger and malnutrition; war relief; Niger–Ivory Coast relations; ICRC; William B. Macomber Jr.; Elliot L. Richardson; Subcommittee on Refugees, U.S. Senate Committee on the Judiciary; USSR-FMG arms trade; Warren Magnuson; Georges Pompidou; France-Biafra relations; Sargent Shriver; William P. Rogers; the Vatican; Richard M. Nixon; Babatunde “Babs” Fafunwa; Elbert G. Mathews; Marcel Naville; opposition by FMG and C. Odumegwu Ojukwu’s to relief proposals; mercenaries; conditions in Asaba, Nigeria; Harold Wilson; George Coumantaros; Michael Stewart; Alec Douglas-Home; medical aid to Biafran children; Jacques Foccart; Nigerian public opinion on relief agencies.]

0003 July 1969

Frame No.

- 0176 POL 27 BIAFRA-NIGERIA Military Operations.  
[Nnamdi Azikiwe; Richard Funkhouser; France-Biafra relations; Okoi Arikpo; Hamani Diori; USSR-FMG relations and arms trade; Yakubu Gowon; Richard M. Nixon; C. Odumegwu Ojukwu; ICRC; war relief; Father Kevin Doheny; missionaries; Pierre Trudeau; Albert Bongo; hunger and malnutrition; conditions in Port Harcourt; Keith Holyoake; Biafran air attacks on oil facilities; public opinion in Lesotho, Liberia, Kenya, Gambia, Botswana, Somalia, FRG, UK, Swaziland, Uganda, Rwanda, Upper Volta, Cameroon, Ivory Coast, Portugal, Chad, Finland, Ghana, Sierra Leone, Zambia, Ireland, and Denmark on Nigerian Civil War; Carl Gustaf von Rosen; American Committee to Keep Biafra Alive; Eugene J. McCarthy; allegations of genocide; Anthony Lewis; Peter Odumosu; Congressional resolution to recognize Biafra.]
- 0177 August 1969
- 0461 POL 27 BIAFRA-NIGERIA Military Operations  
[William H. Brubeck; Aymar Achille-Fould; France-Biafra relations; civil unrest in Western Nigeria; allegations of genocide; Biafran air attacks on oil facilities; public opinion in Norway and Western Nigeria on Nigerian Civil War; Biafran refugee children in Ivory Coast and Gabon; Nnamdi Azikiwe; war relief; USSR-UK relations; Thierry Desjardins; C. Odumegwu Ojukwu; Siaka Stevens; Julius Nyerere; U Thant.]
- 0462 September 1969  
0619 September 1967
- 0622 POL 27 BIAFRA-NIGERIA Military Operations  
[OAU; JCA relief airlift; UK-France relations; Biafran air attacks on oil facilities; William Trueheart; FMG–Equatorial Guinea relations; David D. Newsom; Benjamin Adekunle; civil unrest in Western Nigeria; Obafemi Awolowo; William H. Brubeck; refugees; POWs; Okoi Arikpo; Joe Iyalla; International Observer team; Arnold Smith; William P. Rogers.]
- 0623 November 1969  
0625 October 1969



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| 0795 | POL 27 BIAFRA-NIGERIA | Military Operations.<br>[Postwar reconstruction; UK and USSR arms trade with FMG; arms trade with Biafra; Harold Wilson; C. Odumegwu Ojukwu; William H. Brubeck; Tanzania; Canada; Charles C. Diggs Jr.; David D. Newsom; Joe Iyalla; France-Biafra relations; FMG-Congo (Kinshasa) relations; United Friends of Biafra; Donald E. Lukens; Christmas truce proposal; AID; William Trueheart; Joseph Luns; Maurice Foley; Yakubu Gowon; Haile Selassie; Biafran air attacks on oil facilities; riots in Mushin, Nigeria; Biafra-FMG trade; United Nigeria Ibo Union of Great Britain and Ireland.] |
| 0796 |                       | December 1969   |
| 0816 |                       | November 1969   |
| 0831 |                       | September 1969  |
| 0837 |                       | August 1969   |
| 0840 |                       | June 1969   |
| 0846 |                       | May 1969  |
| 0848 |                       | March 1969  |
| 0851 |                       | February 1969   |
| 0853 |                       | [December 1969]   |
| 0946 |                       | [November 1969]   |

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| 0002 | POL 27-1 BIAFRA-NIGERIA | Military Operations: Invasion.<br>[Lord Carrington; mercenaries; Fenner Brockway; Canada relief contributions; UK-FMG arms trade; Harold Wilson.]                      |
| 0033 | POL 27-2 BIAFRA-NIGERIA | Military Operations: Blockade.<br>[New Nigerian currency.]   |
| 0034 | POL 27-3 BIAFRA-NIGERIA | Military Operations: Use of Foreign Country Forces.<br>[Niger.]  |
| 0036 | POL 27-4 BIAFRA-NIGERIA | Military Operations: Use of International Forces.<br>[Gabon.]  |
| 0038 | POL 27-7 BIAFRA-NIGERIA | Military Operations: POWs. Hostages. Civilian Internees.<br>[International Observer team; POWs; FMG detention of Italian oil workers; killing of Italian oil workers.] |

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- 0116 POL 27-9 BIAFRA-NIGERIA Military Operations: War Damage.  
[War relief; hunger and malnutrition; Catholic Relief Service; war casualties; Nigerian Red Cross.]
- 0130 POL 27-10 BIAFRA-NIGERIA Military Operations: Chemical and Germ Warfare  
[Hunger and malnutrition; Catholic Bishops of Biafra.]
- 0132 POL 27-12 BIAFRA-NIGERIA Military Operations: War Crimes and Criminals.  
[Nigerian soldier executed for killing Ibo civilians.]
- 0133 POL 27-9 BIAFRA-NIGERIA Military Operations: War Damage.  
[Hank Warton; mercenaries; ICRC, Nigerian Red Cross, the Netherlands, France, USSR, Finland, and U.S. relief contributions; effect of Nigerian Civil War on Icelandic stockfish market; Bjarni Benediktsson; Elbert G. Mathews; refugees; hunger and malnutrition; C. Odumegwu Ojukwu; Yakubu Gowon; Georges Hoffman; UK, Biafra, and FMG positions on war relief; Roger W. Tubby; Commonwealth Secretariat peace initiative; Arnold Smith; Republic of Biafra Refugee Welfare Association.]
- 0134 June 1968  
0232 May 1968  
0287 April 1968  
0293 March 1968  
0300 February 1968  
0340 January 1968
- 0345 POL 27-9 BIAFRA-NIGERIA Military Operations: War Damage.  
[War relief; ICRC; refugees; Roger Gallopin; Dean Rusk.]
- 0388 POL 27-14 BIAFRA-NIGERIA Military Operations: Truce. Cease-Fire. Armistice.  
[NTUC demonstration.]
- 0389 POL 27-9 BIAFRA-NIGERIA Military Operations: War Damage.  
[ICRC; war relief; Elbert G. Mathews; France; Sargent Shriver; UK consideration of C. Odumegwu Ojukwu as obstacle to peace and relief shipments; David Hunt; UK and U.S. relief contributions; Dean Rusk; U.S.-UK talks; David K. E. Bruce; Okoi Arikpo; hunger and malnutrition; John C. Moberly; Joseph Palmer II;

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National Commission for Rehabilitation; refugees; arms embargoes; AID; Louis Mbanefo; Nigerian Red Cross; FRG; World Council of Churches; Hank Warton; ICRC purchase of Icelandic stockfish; Félix Houphouët-Boigny.]

0389 July 1968

0613 POL 27-9 BIAFRA-NIGERIA

Military Operations: War Damage. [ICRC; war relief; Hank Warton; Joseph Palmer II; Hamani Diori; Dean Rusk; hunger and malnutrition; refugees; Finland, Norway, U.S., and USSR relief contributions; Donald E. Lukens; UN Economic and Social Council; UNICEF; Eugene J. McCarthy; International Council of Voluntary Agencies; OAU peace talks; FRG; Yakubu Gowon; Auguste R. Lindt; Henry R. Labouisse; Nicholas Katzenbach; Julius Nyerere; British Red Cross; Robert L. Goldstein; Kenneth Kaunda; David Hunt.]

0613 July 1968

0862 POL 27-9 BIAFRA-NIGERIA

Military Operations: War Damage. [Yakubu Gowon; ICRC; Lyndon Baines Johnson; John Reagan "Tex" McCrary; war relief; hunger and malnutrition; Reverend Edward H. Riley; Joseph Palmer II; United States Catholic Conference; Reverend Joseph (later Cardinal) Bernardin; international government and agency contributions to ICRC; OAU peace talks; Betty C. Carter; Rabbi Robert A. Rothman; Morris B. Abram; American Jewish Committee; Bishop Edward E. Swanstrom; Catholic Relief Services; George McGovern; public opinion in Norway on the Nigerian Civil War; Roger Gallopin; Auguste R. Lindt; Roger W. Tubby; Elbert G. Mathews; C. Robert Moore.]

0862 August 1968

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0002 POL 27-9 BIAFRA-NIGERIA

Military Operations: War Damage. [Refugees; Auguste R. Lindt; war relief; ICRC; John P. White; Joseph Palmer II; C. Robert Moore; Okoi Arikpo; Elbert G. Mathews; Haile Selassie; C. Odumegwu Ojukwu; Yakubu Gowon; hunger and malnutrition; Portugal;

U Thant; Catholic Relief Services; OAU; Hyman Bookbinder; American Jewish Committee; Dean Rusk; Morris B. Abram; FRG and Canada relief contributions; Roger Gallopin; Lyndon Baines Johnson; Hank Warton; Eugene J. McCarthy; Hubert H. Humphrey; ULC and NTUC support for FMG.]

0002 August 1968

0208 POL 27-9 BIAFRA-NIGERIA Military Operations: War Damage. [Joseph Palmer II; John W. McCormack; Dean Rusk; ICRC; war relief; hunger and malnutrition; John C. Moberly; Lord Shepherd; Edward Enahoro; Gabon; Auguste R. Lindt; Elbert G. Mathews; Sweden and Finland relief contributions; Yakubu Gowon; Nils-Goran Gussing; Roger W. Tubby; John Lyng; Norway.]

0208 August 1968

0401 POL 27-9 BIAFRA-NIGERIA Military Operations: War Damage. [PL 480 (Food for Peace Program); Catholic Relief Services; Church World Service; Roy M. Melbourne; Peter McChesney; war relief; Joseph Owono; Joseph Palmer II; Marcus Daly; ICRC; Haile Selassie; Auguste R. Lindt; Roger W. Tubby; Carl Gustaf von Rosen; Elbert G. Mathews; C. Robert Moore; Morris B. Abram; American Jewish Committee; Bishop Edward E. Swanstrom; James McCracken; hunger and malnutrition; Sweden relief contributions; Abraham Ribicoff.]

0401 August 1968

0619 POL 27-9 BIAFRA-NIGERIA Military Operations: War Damage. [ICRC; American Committee to Keep Biafra Alive; Houari Boumédiène; OAU; U.S., Austria, Senegal, FRG, and UK relief contributions; Elbert G. Mathews; evacuations of civilians; Joseph Palmer II; Subcommittee on Africa, U.S. Senate Committee on Foreign Relations; Eugene J. McCarthy; Auguste R. Lindt; Félix Houphouët-Boigny; Zambia; Julius Nyerere; Yakubu Gowon; Lyndon Baines Johnson; Richard M. Nixon; hunger and malnutrition; genocide; Benjamin Adekunle; Roger Gallopin; Roger W. Tubby; Catholic Relief Services; George W. Ball; Endalkachew Makonnen; Albert

Bongo; Gabon; David M. Bane; George W. Shepherd Jr.; C. Robert Moore; Action Committee of the United Church of Christ; Ethiopia; UNICEF; Haile Selassie; Alfred Friendly Jr.; League of Red Cross Societies; American Friends Service Committee mission; hospital conditions; refugees; David K. E. Bruce; John Lyng; World Council of Churches; Ketema Yifru; Michel Debré; John C. Moberly.]

0619            September 1968

0830    POL 27-9 BIAFRA-NIGERIA

Military Operations: War Damage. [War relief; ICRC; Commonwealth Secretariat; Lord Shepherd; David K. E. Bruce; Elbert G. Mathews; Ketema Yifru; Edward M. Kennedy; OAU; hunger and malnutrition; C. Robert Moore; Auguste R. Lindt; orphans; Henry R. Labouisse; UNICEF; Joseph Palmer II; Rolf Steiner; Okoi Arikpo; estimated nutritional requirements and operating expenses for relief efforts; Caritas Internationalis; Gabon, South Africa, and Canada relief contributions; Kenneth Kaunda; American Committee to Keep Biafra Alive; George W. Ball; refugees; Mitchell Sharp; Canada; U Thant; OAU; Arthur S. Flemming; National Council of Churches; C. Odumegwu Ojukwu rejection of relief proposals; Dean Rusk.]

0830            September 1968

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0002    POL 27-9 BIAFRA-NIGERIA

Military Operations: War Damage. [Andrew C. Oji; PL 480 (Food for Peace Program); war relief; ICRC; Swedish and Canadian relief flights; Albert Schweitzer Foundation evacuation of Biafran children; Rhena Eckert-Schweitzer; Elbert G. Mathews; Auguste R. Lindt; U.S. Senate resolution to expand relief efforts; arms trade; the Netherlands; Piet de Jong; ICRC-FMG relations; Lord Shepherd; Roger Gallopin; France-FMG relations; Pierre Trudeau; Subcommittee on Africa, U.S. Senate Committee on Foreign Relations; Eugene J. McCarthy; C. Robert Moore; Edward M. Kennedy; Edward W. Brooke; Committee for Survival of Biafran Children;

International Observer team; genocide; killings of relief workers and missionaries at Okigwe, Nigeria; death of Priya Ramrakha; William Proxmire; Canadian neutrality in Nigerian Civil War; Joseph Palmer II.]

0002          October 1968

0192    POL 27-9 BIAFRA-NIGERIA

Military Operations: War Damage.  
[C. Robert Moore; Sherman A. Nagel Jr.; Edith Nagel; missionaries; war relief; ICRC; Roger Gallopin; Yakubu Gowon; Roger W. Tubby; League of Red Cross Societies; refugees; Rhena Eckert-Schweitzer; Albert Bongo; Albert Schweitzer Fellowship; American Committee to Keep Biafra Alive; Susan Garth; France and Gabon arms trade with Biafra; Canadian relief flights; International Observer team; Michael Stewart; Nordchurchaid (relief organization); Church World Service; ICRC-FMG relations; Edward M. Kennedy; mercenaries; Diallo Telli; UNICEF; OAU; Joseph Palmer II; Dean Rusk; hunger and malnutrition.]

0192          October 1968

0407    POL 27-9 BIAFRA-NIGERIA

Military Operations: War Damage.  
[Edward M. Kennedy; war relief; Nicholas Katzenbach; ICRC; C. Odumegwu Ojukwu; Caritas Internationalis; Elbert G. Mathews; Roger W. Tubby; Roger Gallopin; Auguste R. Lindt; World Food Program; postwar rehabilitation; Timothy Omobare; Catholic Relief Services; international government and agency contributions to ICRC; Susan Garth; Food for Biafra Committee; UN; POWs; prisons.]

0407          November 1968

0593    POL 27-9 BIAFRA-NIGERIA

Military Operations: War Damage.  
[John W. McCormack; war relief; Sherman A. Nagel Jr.; missionaries; refugees; Leo Cherne; International Rescue Committee; Joseph Palmer II; international government and agency contributions to ICRC; Nigeria Task Force; Biafran exiles in Ivory Coast; ICRC purchase of Icelandic stockfish; ICRC finances; mercenaries; Elbert G. Mathews; Edward M. Kennedy; Nicholas Katzenbach; hunger and malnutrition; Nils-Goran Gussing; POWs; prisons; Roger W.

Frame No.

Tubby; Auguste R. Lindt; Rolf Steiner;  
International Observer team; World Food  
Program.]

0593            November 1968

0757    POL 27-9 BIAFRA-NIGERIA

Military Operations: War Damage.  
[ICRC; war relief; Roy M. Melbourne; Nigeria  
Task Force; hunger and malnutrition; Albert  
Schweitzer Hospital (Lambaréné, Gabon); Frank  
Catchpool; United States National Student  
Association; Joseph Palmer II; American  
Committee on Africa; Biafran refugee children in  
Gabon and Ivory Coast; Auguste R. Lindt;  
Belgium relief contributions; international  
government and agency contributions to ICRC;  
FMG bombing of French hospital in Biafra; Leo  
Cherne; International Rescue Committee;  
Charles de Gaulle; measles and smallpox  
vaccination program; JCA; France; Nicholas  
Katzenbach; Japan; Roger W. Tubby; Arnold  
Smith; Samuel Gonard; Roger Gallopin; OAU;  
International Observer team.]

0757            December 1968

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0002    POL 27-9 BIAFRA-NIGERIA

Military Operations: War Damage.  
[UK position on Obilago, Nigeria, relief proposal;  
Maurice Foley; John C. Moberly; David K. E.  
Bruce; Haile Selassie; Allard Lowenstein;  
Nnamdi Azikiwe; Ketema Yifru; William O. Hall;  
war relief; Yakubu Gowon; U.S. provision of  
C-97 cargo aircraft for relief effort; Elbert G.  
Mathews; ICRC; relief flights from Equatorial  
Guinea; Albert Schweitzer Fellowship; Frank  
Catchpool; Biafran children refugees in Gabon;  
U.S. relations with FMG and UK; Donald E.  
Lukens; OAU; PL 480 (Food for Peace  
Program); France and Portugal arms trade with  
Biafra; USSR-FMG arms trade; Roger W.  
Tubby; Eugene J. McCarthy; Catholic Relief  
Services; Russell Warren Howe; Nicholas  
Katzenbach; measles and smallpox vaccination  
program; UK-France relations; Joseph Palmer II;  
Denmark relief contributions; hunger strike;  
C. Robert Moore; hunger and malnutrition; Frank  
E. Armbruster; Auguste R. Lindt; William

Frame No.

- Trueheart; Fenner Brockway; Peace in Nigeria Committee; C. Odumegwu Ojukwu; ICRC purchase of Icelandic stockfish.]
- 0002          December 1968
- 0316    POL 27-9 BIAFRA-NIGERIA    Military Operations: War Damage.  
[Okoi Arikpo; war relief; Roger Gallopin; Auguste R. Lindt; ICRC; Roger W. Tubby.]
- 0317          January 1969
- 0323    POL 27 BIAFRA-NIGERIA    Military Operations.  
[Elbert G. Mathews; Yakubu Gowon; Edward Enahoro.]
- 0327    POL 27-9 BIAFRA-NIGERIA    Military Operations: War Damage.  
[U.S.-FMG relations; ICRC; war relief; Dean Rusk; public demonstration by Operation Outrage, North American Coalition for Biafran Relief; Donald E. Lukens; Fenner Brockway; hunger and malnutrition; Allard Lowenstein; William P. Rogers; Edward Enahoro; Elbert G. Mathews; Haile Selassie; Joseph Palmer II; Roger W. Tubby; Auguste R. Lindt; FMG accusation of missionaries aiding Biafra; Frank Catchpool; measles and smallpox vaccination program; killing of relief workers and missionaries at Okigwi, Nigeria; Congressional resolution to increase U.S. relief; U.S. provision of C-97 cargo aircraft for relief effort; Carl Gustaf von Rosen; Ahmadou Ahidjo; Nigeria–Equatorial Guinea relations; Equatorial Guinea’s limitations on ICRC relief flights to Biafra; Michel Debré; Biafran refugee children in Ivory Coast; Canada; ICRC purchase of Icelandic stockfish; French support for Biafra.]
- 0327          January 1969
- 0630    POL 27-9 BIAFRA-NIGERIA    Military Operations: War Damage.  
[War relief; Okoi Arikpo; ICRC; UK High Commission; Yakubu Gowon; Elbert G. Mathews; Frank Catchpool; Albert Schweitzer Fellowship; Biafran refugee children in Gabon; Caritas Internationalis; ICRC purchase of Icelandic stockfish; Spain; Equatorial Guinea ban on ICRC relief flights to Biafra; Atanasio Ndongo Miyone; U Thant; Michel Debré; France; Roger Gallopin; Auguste R. Lindt; JCA; Joseph



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Palmer II; Canada-Biafra relations; U.S.-FMG relations; measles and smallpox vaccination program; Roger W. Tubby; U.S. provision of C-97 cargo aircraft for relief effort.]

0630 January 1969

0820 POL 27-9 BIAFRA-NIGERIA

Military Operations: War Damage. [War relief; JCA; Roger W. Tubby; Mobil Oil; ICRC operations in Dahomey; American Committee to Keep Biafra Alive; Émile-Derlin Zinsou; the Netherlands; Auguste R. Lindt; Joseph Palmer II; OAU; ICRC purchase of Icelandic stockfish; Italy; Okoi Arikpo; Yakubu Gowon; Susan Garth; Portugal; U Thant; Atanasio Ndongo Miyone; Anthony Enahoro; William P. Rogers; Richard M. Nixon; Donald E. Lukens; mercenaries; Biafran refugee children in Gabon and Ivory Coast; Equatorial Guinea ban on ICRC relief flights to Biafra; Congressional resolution to increase U.S. relief; UK relations with France and Biafra; Francisco Macias Nguema; Nils-Goran Gussing; Harold Wilson.]

0820 January 1969

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0001 POL 27-9 BIAFRA-NIGERIA

Military Operations: War Damage. [France; Okoi Arikpo; Obilago, Nigeria, relief proposal; Elbert G. Mathews; war relief; Biafran refugee children in Gabon and Ivory Coast; ICRC operations in Dahomey; killings of relief workers and missionaries at Okigwe, Nigeria; Portugal; JCA; Italy; Nils-Goran Gussing; Auguste R. Lindt; fraud charges against Susan Garth; Biafran Relief Service Foundation; American Committee to Keep Biafra Alive; Paul Connett; Clearing House for Nigeria-Biafra Information; Aid to Biafran Children; Norman Cousins; Allard Lowenstein; Equatorial Guinea; Émile-Derlin Zinsou; Charles E. Goodell; measles and smallpox vaccination program; ULC; Zanzibar and U.S. relief contributions; Nigeria-Dahomey relations; ICRC purchase of Icelandic stockfish; Joe Iyalla; Frank Catchpool; Aymar Achille-Fould.]

0001 February 1969

Frame No.

0182 POL 27-9 BIAFRA-NIGERIA Military Operations: War Damage. [Obilago, Nigeria, relief proposal; Elbert G. Mathews; war relief; ICRC; Auguste R. Lindt; Joseph Luns peace proposal; Spain–Equatorial Guinea relations; citizens petition from Dayton, Ohio; Nigeria-Dahomey border dispute; civilian war casualties; Edward W. Brooke; Joseph Palmer II; Zambia; Pius Okigbo; Émile-Derlin Zinsou; Sangoulé Lamizana; Clarence Clyde Ferguson Jr.; hunger and malnutrition; International Relief Fund, University of Minnesota; U.S. congressional and private citizen visits to Nigeria; Auguste R. Lindt; Biafran refugee children in Gabon and Tanzania; Frank Catchpool; Albert Schweitzer Fellowship; ICRC budget; Paul O’Dwyer; the Netherlands; Okoi Arikpo; UK and USSR arms trade with FMG; France-Biafra arms trade; International Observer team; FRG; charges of corruption against C. Odumegwu Ojukwu; Elliot L. Richardson; Charles E. Goodell; JCA; Allard Lowenstein; Yakubu Gowon; Caritas Internationalis; Joe Iyalla; mercenaries; measles and smallpox vaccination program; Catholic Relief Services; U.S. provision of C-97 cargo aircraft for relief effort.]

0182 February 1969

0440 POL 27-9 BIAFRA-NIGERIA Military Operations: War Damage. [Refugees in Equatorial Guinea; Elliot L. Richardson; Switzerland; U.S. contributions to ICRC; Clarence Clyde Ferguson Jr.; Jacques Freymond; Auguste R. Lindt; Joseph Luns peace proposal; Elbert G. Mathews; Biafran refugee children in Ivory Coast; National Biafra Week in France; Ivoro-Biafran Friendship Society; mercenaries; Obilago, Nigeria, relief proposal; Okoi Arikpo; Allard Lowenstein; Nigeria-Dahomey relations; International Observer team; measles and smallpox vaccination program; Bishop Edward E. Swanstrom; Catholic Relief Services; JCA; relief operations in Sao Tome; FMG response to cease-fire proposal; Albert Schweitzer Hospital, (Lambaréné, Gabon); expulsion of Nigerian refugees from Gabon into Dahomey; Spain–Equatorial Guinea relations; Roger W. Tubby;

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civilian war casualties; Porto Novo, Dahomey, demonstrations against Nigeria closing border.]

0440 March 1969

0625 POL 27-9 BIAFRA-NIGERIA

Military Operations: War Damage.  
[War relief; Clarence Clyde Ferguson Jr.; Spyros P. Skouras; ICRC; JCA; Congressional resolution to increase U.S. relief; C. Odumegwu Ojukwu; hunger and malnutrition; Yakubu Gowon; measles and smallpox vaccination program; Atanasio Ndongo Miyone; Nigeria-Dahomey relations; Biafra refugee children in Gabon and Ivory Coast; Auguste R. Lindt; Allard Lowenstein; Charles E. Goodell; France public opinion on Biafra; Obilago, Nigeria, relief proposal.]

0625 March 1969

0765 POL 27-9 BIAFRA-NIGERIA

Military Operations: War Damage.  
[International Observer team; evacuation of civilians; Elbert G. Mathews; war relief; ICRC; JCA; Americans for Biafra Relief; PL 480 (Food for Peace Program); Clarence Clyde Ferguson Jr.; Okoi Arikpo; the Netherlands; Joseph Luns peace proposal; Obilago, Nigeria, relief proposal; Francisco Macias Nguema; Equatorial Guinea limitations on ICRC relief flights to Biafra; Albert Bongo; Félix Houphouët-Boigny; OAU; William P. Rogers.]

0765 April 1969

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0002 POL 27-9 BIAFRA-NIGERIA

Military Operations: War Damage.  
[War relief; JCA; Clarence Clyde Ferguson Jr.; ICRC purchase of Icelandic stockfish; Bishop Edward E. Swanstrom; Norway; measles and smallpox vaccination program; Kenneth O. Dike; Timothée Ahoua N'Guetta; UK cease-fire proposals; Okoi Arikpo; Auguste R. Lindt; Biafra Relief Services Foundation; postwar rehabilitation planning; Liechtenstein relief contributions; Joe Iyalla.]

0002 May 1969

Frame No.

0183 POL 27-9 BIAFRA-NIGERIA Military Operations: War Damage.  
[ICRC purchase of Icelandic stockfish; Carl Gustaf von Rosen; Auguste R. Lindt; Clarence Clyde Ferguson Jr.; war relief; Okoi Arikpo; the Netherlands; Order of Malta, Norway, and South Africa relief contributions; Donald E. Lukens; Wole Soyinka; Children's Medical Relief International.]

0183 May 1969

0369 POL 27-9 BIAFRA-NIGERIA Military Operations: War Damage.  
[Clarence Clyde Ferguson Jr.; war relief; ICRC; UNICEF; Iceland, Switzerland, New Zealand, Austria, Denmark, Norway, Ethiopia, Canada, the Netherlands, Sweden, and USSR relief contributions; Biafran refugee children in Sao Tome, Ivory Coast, and Gabon; Haile Selassie; William O. Hall; joint Nordic governments peace initiatives; Elbert G. Mathews; C. Odumegwu Ojukwu; Harold Wilson; Frank Catchpool; Yakubu Gowon; David Hunt; measles and smallpox vaccination program; Émile-Derlin Zinsou; Nigeria-Dahomey relations; Ivory Coast-Biafra relations; Auguste R. Lindt; France.]

0369 March 1969

0556 POL 27-9 BIAFRA-NIGERIA Military Operations: War Damage.  
[War relief; Clarence Clyde Ferguson Jr.; Biafran opposition to relief plans; AID; the Netherlands; Frank Catchpool; France; ICRC; JCA; Caritas Internationalis; U.S. voluntary agencies and Luxembourg relief contributions; William P. Rogers; American Friends Service Committee mission; Biafran refugee children in Gabon, Ivory Coast, and Sao Tome; medical supplies and equipment; arms trade; Joe Iyalla; effect of Nigerian Civil War on Icelandic stockfish market; International Observer team; Denmark; petition for greater U.S. involvement from students at University of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's College, Notre Dame, Indiana; Jacques Freymond; Elliot L. Richardson; Nigeria-Dahomey relations; Okoi Arikpo.]

0556 April 1969

Frame No.

0769 POL 27-9 BIAFRA-NIGERIA Military Operations: War Damage.  
[ICRC; Auguste R. Lindt; war relief; Elbert G. Mathews; Frank Catchpool; Aid to Biafran Children; National Commission for Rehabilitation; Okoi Arikpo; Clarence Clyde Ferguson Jr.; Committee for Nigeria-Biafra Relief; Maurice Foley; ICRC purchase of Icelandic stockfish; the Netherlands; Okoi Arikpo; C. Odumegwu Ojukwu; Mitchell Sharp.]

0769 June 1969

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0001 POL 27-9 BIAFRA-NIGERIA Military Operations: War Damage.  
[FMG control of war relief; Biafran opposition to new relief inspections; Anthony Enahoro; ICRC; JCA; Joseph Palmer II; Clarence Clyde Ferguson Jr.; Committee for Nigeria-Biafra Relief; William P. Rogers; hunger and malnutrition; Donald E. Lukens; France; Jacques Freymond; the Vatican; Michael Stewart; Clarence Clyde Ferguson Jr.; Elbert G. Mathews.]

0002 July 1969

0089 POL 27-9 BIAFRA-NIGERIA Military Operations: War Damage.  
[Roger W. Tubby; war relief; Sule Kolo; ICRC; JCA; International Observer team; military hospitals; refugees; POWs; personal property destruction; Mitchell Sharp; Canada; the Vatican; Elbert G. Mathews.]

0090 July 1969

0130 POL 27-9 BIAFRA-NIGERIA Military Operations: War Damage.  
[Henry R. Labouisse; UNICEF; war relief; Okoi Arikpo; Joseph Luns; ICRC; Walter H. Annenberg; Jacques Freymond; Michael Stewart; Christopher C. Mojekwu; Roger W. Tubby; Clarence Clyde Ferguson Jr.; Austin Okwu; U Thant; Edward Enahoro; Elbert G. Mathews; the Vatican; Biafra Children's Relief Committee.]

0131 July 1969

Frame No.

- 0199 POL 27-9 BIAFRA-NIGERIA Military Operations: War Damage.  
[Clarence Clyde Ferguson Jr.; Louis Mbanefo; killing of Italian petroleum industry workers; N. U. Akpan; Icelandic stockfish; Denmark and Norway relief contributions; ICRC; Roger W. Tubby; Lagos, Nigeria, demonstration against Sweden aiding Biafra; Biafran refugee children in Ivory Coast.
- 0200 June 1969
- 0243 POL 27-9 BIAFRA-NIGERIA Military Operations: War Damage.  
[War relief; ICRC; Icelandic stockfish; Clarence Clyde Ferguson Jr.; Yakubu Gowon.]
- 0244 June 1969
- 0284 POL 27-9 BIAFRA-NIGERIA Military Operations: War Damage.  
[ICRC; JCA; Norway relief contributions; FMG attack on relief plane; Clarence Clyde Ferguson Jr.; the Netherlands.]
- 0285 June 1969
- 0327 POL 27-9 BIAFRA-NIGERIA Military Operations: War Damage.  
[Elbert G. Mathews; Jacques Freymond; ICRC; FMG attack on relief plane; JCA; U.S.-FMG relations.]
- 0328 June 1969
- 0396 POL 27-9 BIAFRA-NIGERIA Military Operations: War Damage.  
[Okoi Arikpo; Elbert G. Mathews; war relief; FMG attack on relief plane; Roger W. Tubby; Clarence Clyde Ferguson Jr.; Jacques Freymond; *60 Minutes* television episode on Nigerian Civil War; Joe Iyalla; cost of ICRC relief operations; medical supplies and equipment; Icelandic stockfish; petroleum industry; Norway; JCA.]
- 0397 June 1969
- 0459 POL 27-9 BIAFRA-NIGERIA Military Operations: War Damage.  
[War relief; Yakubu Gowon; ICRC; postwar rehabilitation; Elbert G. Mathews; hunger and malnutrition; Jacques Freymond.]
- 0460 June 1969

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- 0495 POL 27-9 BIAFRA-NIGERIA Military Operations: War Damage.  
[War relief; ICRC; Elbert G. Mathews; Jacques Freymond; Roger W. Tubby; Icelandic stockfish.]
- 0496 June 1969
- 0536 POL 27-9 BIAFRA-NIGERIA Military Operations: War Damage.  
[War relief; ICRC; Nigerian Red Cross; Sweden; FMG attack on relief plane; FMG expulsion of Auguste R. Lindt; Jacques Freymond; Roger W. Tubby; Clarence Clyde Ferguson Jr.; Okoi Arikpo; International Observer team; hunger and malnutrition.]
- 0537 June 1969
- 0669 POL 27-9 BIAFRA-NIGERIA Military Operations: War Damage.  
[FMG expulsion of Auguste R. Lindt; Elbert G. Mathews.]
- 0670 June 1969
- 0684 POL 27-9 BIAFRA-NIGERIA Military Operations: War Damage.  
[Anthony Enahoro; ICRC; war relief; Elbert G. Mathews; Henry R. Labouisse; UNICEF; Roger W. Tubby; Icelandic stockfish; JCA; France; Aid to Biafran Children; Clarence Clyde Ferguson Jr.; American Jewish Committee; Church World Service; Catholic Relief Services; Michael Stewart; Torsten Nilsson; Sweden; Haile Selassie; Ketema Yifru; William P. Rogers.]
- 0685 July 1969
- 0759 POL 27-9 BIAFRA-NIGERIA Military Operations: War Damage.  
[War relief; ICRC; Elbert G. Mathews; Clarence Clyde Ferguson Jr.; Icelandic stockfish; Jacques Freymond; Nigerian-Biafran Relief Committee; William H. Tunner; France; Michael Stewart; C. Odumegwu Ojukwu; ULC.]
- 0760 July 1969
- 0832 POL 27-9 BIAFRA-NIGERIA Military Operations: War Damage.  
[War relief; Yakubu Gowon; Okoi Arikpo; Elbert G. Mathews; ICRC; Jacques Freymond; Richard M. Nixon; Icelandic stockfish; Marcel Naville; William P. Rogers; the Vatican; Bishop Edward E. Swanstrom; JCA; Michael Stewart; hunger and malnutrition; Félix Houphouët-Boigny;

Charles E. Goodell; Elliot L. Richardson;  
Humphrey Task Force on U.S. African Policies;  
William P. Rogers.]

0832 July 1969

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0002 POL 27-9 BIAFRA-NIGERIA Military Operations: War Damage.  
[Biafran refugee children in Gabon; ICRC; Henry R. Labouisse; war relief; Joseph Luns; Clarence Clyde Ferguson Jr.; France; Sargent Shriver; Okoi Arikpo; Elbert G. Mathews; Marcel Naville; C. Odumegwu Ojukwu; Félix Houphouët-Boigny; Christopher C. Mojekwu; Ivory Coast; Tunisia; Senegal; Roger W. Tubby; Richard M. Nixon; Pope Paul VI; hunger and malnutrition; Haile Selassie; Committee for Nigeria-Biafra Relief; Norman Cousins; Jacques Chaban-Delmas; Yakubu Gowon; Dartmouth College petition.]

0002 July 1969

0145 POL 27-9 BIAFRA-NIGERIA Military Operations: War Damage.  
[War relief; New Zealand; Muslim International Relief Organization; Elbert G. Mathews; Yakubu Gowon; UK; C. Odumegwu Ojukwu; Jacques Freymond; ICRC; Clarence Clyde Ferguson Jr.; Edward Enahoro; Sargent Shriver; Maurice Schumann; France; Félix Houphouët-Boigny; Georges Pompidou; Icelandic stockfish.]

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On May 30, 1967, Lieutenant Colonel C. Odumegwu “Emeka” Ojukwu, the military governor of Nigeria’s eastern region, declared the independence of the “Republic of Biafra.” Ojukwu led a breakaway movement consisting primarily of ethnic Ibos who had suffered persecution and massacre at the hands of supporters of Nigeria’s Federal Military Government (FMG). Refusing to acknowledge the secession, the FMG, led by Major General Yakubu Gowon, invaded Biafran territory in July: A brutal civil war ensued that would last two and a half years and claim the lives of between 500,000 and two million Nigerians. Most of the victims died of starvation and disease brought on by the encirclement of the Biafran enclave. Political disputes exacerbated the situation and hindered efforts to bring food and medical supplies to the besieged population.

One unique feature of this particular edition of *Confidential U.S. State Department Central Files* is that the collection is very nearly coterminous with the civil war itself. The files here conclude chronologically with dispatches between the U.S. Embassy in Lagos and the State Department in Washington in late 1969 as the FMG launched a final offensive. By mid-January 1970, Ojukwu had fled the country, his successor had formally surrendered, and the Biafran resistance collapsed. Despite a relatively magnanimous period of reconciliation, the devastation of the war left a legacy that impaired Nigerian unity and development for years. Gowon himself was overthrown in 1975 by a military coup and a return to civilian rule in the late 1970s coincided with a period of economic crisis that further hindered stability in the country.