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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: Henry A. Kissinger *HK*
SUBJECT: Morning Briefing Items

[Omitted here is information unrelated to Nigeria.]

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Nigeria/Biafra: General Gowon of the Federal Military Government announced yesterday that Nigeria has agreed to the ICRC proposal for daylight relief flights to Biafra. The agreement is initially set for a three-week period, however, its extension will be subject to further negotiation.

A reliable source has reported that Gowon's decision was made in the face of almost unanimous cabinet opposition. Gowon reasoned, however, that Nigeria's position in international opinion was the crucial factor.

Attached at Tab A is the CIA Presidential briefing.