

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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HAK:

The Princess de Bourbon has asked to see you tomorrow about Biafra. She flew out with Ojukwu, and has a message from him for the President. She has been appearing on European TV the last two days with her personal accounts of atrocities and mass starvation. She comes personally recommended by John Kenneth Galbraith and others.

Seeing the Princess could ruffle feelings in Lagos, but that should be manageable if we explain our dilemma to them in advance.

For if we refuse to see her, we will be refusing to hear at least an eyewitness account at a time when the President is deeply concerned and we have very little hard information.

On balance, I recommend you see her -- and that we inform Trueheart to tell the Feds we are doing so to avoid embarrassment to them as well as us.

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RMorris

Approve
Disapprove

Give Princess opportunity to speak

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Per Roger Morris:

Richardson said we would prefer to have the Princess see Deputy Assistant Moore over here on the grounds that she would still be seen by an authoritative official but would not be as conspicuous and would not get us in trouble with the Federals. She has been making some rather serious charges.

Question is who calls Galbraith? Richardson or Kissinger?

HAK will call.

WJ