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For H.E. From Eni Njoku.

"His Holiness Pope Paul VI received this afternoon the delegation sent by General Odumegwu Ojukwu, headed by Professor Eni Njoku, accompanied by Justice Gabriel Onyiuke and special representative Mr. Austine S.O. Okwu. His Holiness was welcomed by Archbishop Casaroli, Bishop Marcininkush, and Monsignor Carew, from the Vatican.

The meeting took place in the presence of His Excellency President Oboteteg and band of his foreign minister, the honourable Sam Odaka. The Mewiudi dtbong its hiál.5

Discussion was held concerning the possibility of commencing talks looking towards a solution of the present conflict, and concerning tr

Of aid in food and medicine to the victims on both sides.

This statement is, by agreement, the only public declaration to be made.
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