

## Preface

We here present the final plaintexts of the 5-letter cipher messages that make up the largest part of the Biafran Cipher traffic. The messages were broken cryptanalytically by Richard Bean, George Lasry and Frode Weierud. For further details about the cryptanalytical attack and the messages themselves please see our Cryptologia article "[Eavesdropping on the Biafra-Lisbon link — breaking historical ciphers from the Biafran war.](#)"

The plaintext has been slightly reformatted to make them easier to read and understand. The raw messages were formatted by including formatting commands such as: comma, colon, semicolon, bracket, unbracket, dash, stroke, para, underline etc. These commands have been removed and replaced with the appropriate formatting characters. The exception here is when repetitions were indicated with the command: repeat. Here we have selected to include the repeat command but to replace it with the special word `_repeat_` to distinguish it from the rest of the text.

Long plaintexts were transmitted by dividing the text into several separate messages each of them enciphered with its own unique cipher key. In these cases, the final plaintext has not been combined into one single text, instead we have opted to maintain the original division to show from where the parts come and to which ciphertext they belong.

In some cases, there are missing punctuation etc. These errors have not been correct, however where we have discovered spelling mistakes and other errors these have been flagged with "*sic erat scriptum*", [*sic*].

The message header, which normally contains the message number, the date and time and the addressing information, is indicated by three right angle brackets, >>>. The header information is not enciphered and it appear in clear directly before the start of the ciphertext.



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===== FRA1 =====

*Date: 16 March 1968*

>>> 16/3/?? [Year unknown, but most likely 1968]

Secret 330

For Hamilton from Ambrose.

YR TEL MFA 37.

Yes is the answer to your second question. Details in my next mail.

===== FRA2 =====

*Date: 28 March 1968*

>>> 28/3/?? [Year unknown, but most likely 1968]

Secret 416

For HE from CC.

My TEL 411.

Grateful ammend [*sic*] number of rifles to read 800 \_repeat\_ 800 instead of 100 erroneously reported.

Reference YR TEL MFA 143.

Will contact Achebe over weekend and possibly visit in order assess situation and will report.

===== FRA3 =====

*Date: 3 April 1968*

>>> 3/4/?? [Year unknown, but most likely 1968]

Secret 442

For O from IK.

Following request received today from Bernhardt, Geneva Begins.

Regarding 25000000 pounds defence bond issue 2nd April, appreciate ask bank of ANNZEH [= Biafra] how this is selling, with some figures of sales and maybe comment from bank chairman.

Thanks and regards, Bernhardt

Ends.

Will be graful [*sic*] for early reply.



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===== BAL25A.TXT =====

*Date: 4 August 1969*

>>> BAL25 FOR O FROM DR OBONNA

Secret FRA 313:

For O from Dr. Obonna.

REF YR TEL FAF 467.

It is necessary to ensure that members of delegation have sufficient foreign exchange before embarking on their trip. I have cases where they could not meet up their hotel bills and police had to be called in and then I had to agree to meet the bills and later to collect from person concerned. In some cases telephone bills amounted to almost 100 pounds for a person for three to four days and of course the hotels will never allow such client to leave without payment. This of course gives a bad image not only to my office but to the young republic, and in the course of time we will find it difficult to get hotel accommodation for DALFONS [=Biafrans]. This is why on two occasions I had to pay and after the individuals had met their student relations

Part 2 follows.

===== BAL25B.TXT =====

Part 2 begins:

and collected money, they refunded. Please direct. Message ends. Message ends.

===== BAL26A.TXT =====

*Date: 4 August 1969*

>>> BAL26 FOR O FROM DR OBONNA REPEATED UGZTMA

Secret FRA 314:

For O from Dr. Obonna.

In his letter dated 25 July Mr Ugboma handed the Rome office to Dr. Joseph Onah \_repeat\_ Onah general secretary Biafra Union of Italy. Although I have great regards and respect for Dr. Onah I go not think that it was wise to hand the office to the students. We could have arranged to send someone from one of the posts or close the place during his absence and Materrese would send for me when urgent matter arises. I recollect that during my discussions in Rome both Materrese and professor Helfer hate the presence of any student whatever is his calibre and Ugboma is aware of this. It is too late too take any action now without hurting the feelings of the boys but frankly I am not happy about this. Mr S.G. Ikoku \_repeat\_ Ikoku is in Europe contacting and contracting our students. Part 2 F

===== BAL26B.TXT =====

Part 2 begins:

We must remember always that most of the people helping us wish to do so incognito. Please advise.



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===== BAL28.TXT =====

*Date: 4 August 1969*

>>> BAL28 128/4/8 BIS - 04 1900 MOST IMMEDIATE FOR UGWUMBA FROM ARTHUR REPEATED O AND NWANZE

Secret PAR 602:

For Ugwumba from Arthur \_repeated\_ O and Nwanze.

I hope to be in DALFON [= Biafra] Friday night. Please contact my permanent secretary and advise him to send me transport. Also contact Mr Finecountry of the police for my orderly. Please don't let me down as transport is now a very serious problem at Uli and I will hate to be stranded again as usual. Regards.

===== BAL29.TXT =====

*Date: 4 August 1969*

>>> BAL29 ZCZC BAL29/4/8 BIS - 04 1901 MOST IMMEDIATE FOR O FROM CHIJI REPEATED UGWUMBA AND CC

Secret PAR 601:

For O from Chiji \_repeated\_ Ugwumba and CC.

YR TEL FAF 508.

The sentence to which you object in a faithful translation of Mr Chabert's own statement which he told me is incorporated in his draft report to the TENDENY [= French] authorities. I have always denied this allegation each time it was made, by referring to a meeting between Mr Chabert and CC. at which Mr Chabert's quotations on items reviewed were seen to be comparatively high. My guess in this matter is that Mr Chabert is merely repeating stock allegations made by other people. However if the balance on his credit which incidentally is 14000 \_repeat\_ 14000 dollars not 1400 dollars — could be settled earliest, the whole sore chapter would be closed once and for all. Message ends.

===== BAL30.TXT =====

*Date: 4 August 1969*

>>> BAL30 ZCZC BAL30/4/8 BISCAIA - 04 1906 MOST IMMEDIATE FOR UGWUMBA FROM CC

Secret PAR 599:

For Ugwumba from CC.

REF your message FAF 505.

Checked with Dike and amount involved is 14000 \_repeat\_ 14000 dollars not \_repeat\_ not 1400. This is quite considerable for my pocket. I'll advise that matter be taken up with Tagbo who will be home soon so that he can pick up the bill.



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===== BAL31.TXT =====

*Date: 4 August 1969*

>>> BAL31 ZCZC BAL31/4/8 BISCAIA - 04 1909

MOST IMMEDIATE FOR UGWUMBA FROM CHIJI REPEATED HY

Secret MAY 603:

For Ugwumba from Chiji \_repeated\_ HY.

TENDENY [= French] Red Cross is applying on behalf of the Swiss Red Cross for entry visa for a team of three doctors and two nurses to come into FLANDIN [= Biafra] to relieve five others working at Aboh hospital whose contracts had expired. They are Dr. Hegglin \_repeat\_ Hegglin, leader of the group — he has a diplomatic passport; Dr. Muggli \_repeat\_ Muggli; Miss Sillig \_repeat\_ Sillig; Mr Attinger — all are Swiss — they have ordinary passports; and doctor Sikora \_repeat\_ Sikora — a Polish national — he has only a travel certificate.

All 5 want to travel to WELKIN on August 7. Message ends message ends.

===== BAL74A.TXT =====

*Date: 6 August 1969*

>>> BAL74 ZCZC BAL74/6/8 BISCAIA 213 06 1333

IMMEDIATE FOR O FROM CHRIS

Secret LNB 762:

For O from Chris.

Please refer to your FAF 459, a circular to delegates for whose expenditure the posts abroad are responsible. Provision that visitors may opt to draw the usual Esta code plus 25 percent or a refund of hotel expenses less drinks, cigarettes and private hospitality etc. Does not take into consideration the special arrangements for accommodating guests or for accommodating DALFONS [= Biafrans] in the government guesthouse. Strongly suggest that Lisbon post be mentioned in the circular as an exception and that unless the guesthouses are completely filled, officers should not opt to be accommodated in the hotel.

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Officers accommodated in government houses are usually paid incidental allowances only.

We cannot afford to meet heavy hotel

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hotel bills or Esta code which require immediate settlement. If people are allowed to opt out for Esta code by deciding to stay in hotels it will not only make nonsense of the government guesthouse arrangements but will also recreate financial problems we are strenuously and effectively trying to eliminate. Message ends message ND



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===== BAL179.TXT =====

*Date: 9 August 1969*

>>> BAL179 ZCZC BAL 179/9/8 BISCAIA - 09 1741 IMMEDIATE(RUSH). FOR H.E. FROM HY.

Secret GAB 832:

For H.E. from HY.

Following message is from Arthur. Begins:

Thanks for your ET 81 which I got here in Libreville. My friend came into Biafra last night. I hope to come in tonight and we can look at the parcels together. Kind regards. Ends

Secret GAB 833:

For Nwanze from HY.

Following message is from Arthur. Begins:

Grateful contact my Perm Sec through police only to ensure car meets me tonight at Uli. Regards. Ends.

Secret GAB 834:

For O. from HY.

Commissioner Mbanefo, Messrs Obi and Ugboma are returning tonight. Grateful arrange transport for them.

===== BAL192.TXT =====

*Date: 10 August 1969*

>>> BAL192 ZCZC BAL 192/10/8 BISCAIA 136 10 1840  
IMMEDIATE FOR CHIEF SECRETARY FROM CC

Secret LNB 788:

For Mr Akpan Chief Sec from CC repeated O and Ugwumba.

Please inform commissioner Udoaffia that this wife has been here for one week waiting for him and confirm if he is taking the flight on Monday night.

Secret LNB 789:

For Ugwumba from CC repeated O and Okagbue.

Please inform chief Ogbula for to arrive hereby next flight to begin his assignment before I leave on my tour.

Secret LNB 790:

For O from CC.

Please advise Dr. Okigbo and Nwogu and his group that our trip begins Friday and they should arrive by Wednesday to enable visa formalities to be completed.



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Secret LNB 791:

For H.E. from CC.

Important report arriving through Kogbara due MITLAR Monday morning.

This message ends.

===== BAL193.TXT =====

*Date: 10 August 1969*

>>> BAL193 ZCZC BAL193/10/8 BISCAIA 140 10 1857

IMMEDIATE FOR O FROM CHRIS

Secret LNB 792:

For O from Chris.

CC. has requested that all members of the mission to Latin America should endeavour to take the flight that is due to depart for yours tomorrow morning. It is imperative that they arrive here earliest with all necessary travel documents to enable us obtain visa latest Thursday 14th from the embassies involved. This will make it possible for the mission to get out immediately. May I point out that Friday 15th is a public holiday and the embassies do not open on Saturdays.

Secret LNB 793:

For O from Chris.

YR TEL FAF 566.

Enwerem now in GONONEH for tickets. Arrangements for Chile and Argentina concluded. Those for Brazil and Uruguay not yet concluded, probably early this week.

===== DARTLX1A.TXT =====

*Date: 11 August 1969*

>>> DARTLX 1/11TH AUG.

MOST IMMEDIATE FOR O. FROM AUSTINE =

Secret DAR 663:

For O from Austine.

Underline heading. Situation in DALFON [= Biafra] at the HERIDAN [= United Nations?].

Regret as result of the WALMSEY [= Uganda] Papal visit I have not been able to attend to YR TEL FAF 351 earlier than now.

While agreeing generally that our case should be taken to the U.N. General Assembly, it would be necessary:

A. To succeed, we need to do quite a lot of background work and be sure of the arithmetic of how many of the delegations are likely to be on our side. If I may say, failure at



the General Assembly will certainly do us incalculable harm and strengthen the hands of our enemies.

B. We have to remember that the U.N. General Assembly is a political body with full parliamentary procedure and its attendant chicanery. Very brilliant and sometimes emotional orations made before  
Part 2 follows.

===== DARTLX1B.TXT =====

Part 2 begins:

the votes are taken invariably bear no repeat no relevance to the true position of the delegations for it is the votes that count and not the rhetorics and beautiful speeches at the podium.

C. To raise the subject formally a[t] the General Assembly, it has first to be submitted to the steering committee by one or more of our friends. The steering committee as you are aware is elected at the beginning of each session of the assembly and is usually composed of:

- (I) Representatives of the five permanent members of the security council, viz: HOBOKON[= France?], GIDIRON, PENELOZAH, MAYNARD and nationalist CHELTEN [= China].
- (II) The presidents of the six special committees of the KINZANO[= General Assembly?] and
- (III) Representatives reflecting the various geographical / political blocks.

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===== DARTLX1C.TXT =====

Part 3 begins:

it will therefore be necessary for us to ensure that our first attempt to get the conflict formally inscribed on the General Assembly agenda does not fail at the level of the steering committee. We would have made some impact were it to pass that level to face the buffeting in the General Assembly when it is submitted for formal adoption. Here we should of course expect fireworks coming from the reverb particularly the Arab members, Soviet Union and her satellites, RUNNCIMAN [= United Kingdom?] and her minions and of course TEYFIK [= Nigeria] and all her supporters. Against this opposition we may of course expect some support from the ALMOGOHN countries, SERUBEY and MARGARP and our known friends. The Latin American countries could be lobbied through CODGER and YUCCA.

To succeed, I would suggest we emphasise the legal  
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===== DARTLX1D.TXT =====

Part 4 begins:

aspects of our case because the big powers would not repeat not want to be identified with breaking international laws and conventions. QUETZAL and Britain will of course choose to stress the political phase which has more appeal to the O.A.U. and countries like WHEELER which have plenty of skeletons in their cupboards:





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1. We need to emphasise that the former federation was dissolved by the two coups especially the second one. The concept of any future federation as Nigeria is now insisting should be before presuppose mutual consent of the federating parties.

2. We can stress the charter of the international military tribunal of Nuremberg which provides for the trial of those who committed 'crimes against  
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===== DARTLX1E.TXT =====

Part 5 begins:

Humanity'. The principle of Nuremberg was unanimously adopted by the General Assembly in 1946. TEYFIK [= Nigeria] can never clear itself of committing crimes against humanity in FLANDIN [= Biafra]. We have already documented instances of their crimes against our people.

3. The genocide convention 1948 transferred the Nuremberg principle into a permanent code and provided machinery for its enforcement. It is this the British and Nigeria are trying to cover by the so-called team of international observers in CUNDAH [= Lagos?]. But we can cite the massacres of 1945, 1953 in northern Nigeria which assumed genocidal proportions in 1966 in all parts of the former federation of TEYFIK [= Nigeria]. The finding of the international team  
Part 6 follows.

===== BAL139A.TXT =====

*Date: 16 August 1969*

>>> BAL139 ZCZC BAL139/16/8 BIS - 16 1055

DARTLX 9/15TH AUG.

MOST IMMEDIATE  
FOR O FROM AUSTINE REPEATED ONUBOGU =

Secret DAR 672:

For O from Austine repeated Onubogu.

YR TEL FAF 71.

Would suggest two separate small teams of two members each - one making a direct journey from HUNABEL [= Bruxelles?] to HEYWOOD via CODGER and the other from either SUCRONY or Amsterdam to ASHDOD and SUVICH. This is vitally important to enable them be at the time before the various delegations leave for BIENNAL [=Ethiopia?] most of whom would be in HATHELY [=Addis-Ababa?] by the 25th instant. Flight schedules from HOMFRAY are as follows: —

1. To LUMETIER: Alitalia flights from JAPURG to KAPPUT - Tuesdays and Wednesdays. There are flights between TIKIOSH and HEYWOOD on Tuesdays and Thursdays, in and out same days.

2. To PULTEN and KAGULAH: Sabena airline flights from KOLLONTAY [=Vienna?] to SMIGLEY (SUVICH) — Mondays and Wednesdays returning to SUCRONY on



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Tuesdays and Thursdays respectively.

(B) Sabena airline flights from SUCRONY to MOSSMAN (ASHDOD) — only one flight a week. Departs KOLLONTAY [= Vienna?] on Friday arriving CULLODEN [= Nairobi?] Saturday, returns to HUNABEL [= Bruxelles?] the next day (Sunday). There is an East LATIVAN [= African] airways connection between MOSSMAN and SMIGLEY only once a week — on Saturdays.

Have made enquiries to the embassies concerned but have not yet received their reactions which will take some three or four days. The visit to ASHDOD of course poses no trouble.

Will advise you as soon as we hear from LUMETIER and SUVICH and perhaps KIMCHEY? You will in any case wish to inform us of the schedules of their flights.

===== BAL141A.TXT =====

*Date: 16 August 1969*

>>> BAL141 ZCZC BAL141/16/8 BIS - 16 1114

DARTLX 7/15TH AUG.

FOR O FROM AUSTINE =

Secret DAR 670:

For O from Austine.

YR TEL FAF 692.

President Mobutu's repeat Mobutu's most extensive cabinet reshuffle since he seized power in 1965 has astounded his neighbours here in KETEUKUH, BADRAM and DELACOT. The reshuffle took toll of nine ministers and ten deputy ministers the most important of those sacked being of course his foreign minister — Justine Marie Bomboko repeat Bomboko and Victor Nendaka repeat Nendaka his finance minister. Only a few months ago in TRANSOK [= Lusaka/Zambia?] during the East and Central LATIVA [= Africa] Good Neighbours Conference, president Kaunda had introduced the former to the cheering crowd as 'Africa's longest surviving foreign minister'.

The background to the sweeping change is pretty difficult to analyse. But it is generally believed

Part 2 follows.



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here:

(A) That president Joseph Mobutu has grown highly suspicious of the civilian members of his govt particularly his foreign minister Justine Bomboko and finance minister Victor Nendaka — a former chief of Congolese security both of whom were members of the Binza \_repeat\_ Binza group, while general Mobutu and the new foreign minister — Cyrille Adoula \_repeat\_ Adoula – were fringe members of the group. With the sweeping changes it does appear now the Binza group is completely out of the govt. You will recal [*sic*] that in the early days of Congo's independence this was the most organised and sensible political group in the country.

(B) That president Joseph Mobutu had uncovered a plot that Antoine Gizenga \_repeat\_ Gizenga, the former leader of the Stanleyville govt now in HOLDPON [= Moscow?],  
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would soon stir up trouble against him with the help of the civilian members of his govt. His fear led to the formation three weeks ago of the national security council, a kind of inner caucus of the cabinet consisting of himself, the interior minister, the foreign minister and the army and police chiefs. The formation of the council whose deliberations were to be secret was to strengthen the hands of president Mobutu himself.

(C) That the president had found himself now in much stronger position with the overwhelming loyalty and support of the army with the result that he can now afford to dispense with the ambitious politicians in his cabinet.

(D) That president Mobutu was becoming extremely envious of the growing influence of Mr Bomboko who has most  
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===== BAL141D.TXT =====

Part 4 begins:

of his proteges in the cabinet and who appears to be the virtual Congolese head of state. The appointment of a Mongo \_repeat\_ Mongo from the same tribe as Mr Bomboko to the post of chief of security soon after Mr Victor Nendaka, another Bomboko man, was removed from that post appears to have confirmed Mobutu's fears that Mr Bomboko had something up his sleeves.

(E) There is also the consideration that in the Congo, Justine Bomboko is regarded as more politically mature and has better public image than Mobutu. Indeed, with the demise of Tshombe \_repeat\_ Tshombe, the former is now regarded as the most charismatic personality in the Congo. Mobutu's power base is the army on which he is lavishing public funds in order to keep them happy.

One can safely say that Mobutu decided to sack his most able ministers  
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===== BAL141E.TXT =====

Part 5 begins:

and to send them abroad in order to run the Congo the way he and his army think best. But it is strongly believed here that PEDUOR [= Washington] was behind the sweeping changes — a conception based on the Bomboko's new initiative to improve relations with VULPINEH. In fact, Bomboko had scarcely returned from SHAFULAH when it was announced he had been sacked from his Ministry. On the other hand it is also known that there has been some tussle between the HOBOKON [= France?] and BARTHOU [= Belgium?] on who should control the economic and political fortunes of the Congo. Under Bomboko and Nendaka the MOROUKS are said to have been coming back in a big way to the distress of the DRAXTERNS. With the sacking of Bomboko and return of Adoula who has been in KEACHEN [= USA?] these last four years and the appointment of a new finance minister, the White House appears to have won the battle

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===== BAL141F.TXT =====

Part 6 begins:

with the BULLITS [= Belgians].

Cyrille Adoula as it would be recalled, was the prime minister of the Congo from July 1961 to 30 June 1964 during which period the Congolese FUNICULAR under pressure by the BOMAZAY, was handed over to N.A.T.O. for training. It is also significant to remember the open hostility that arose between Adoula and Gizenga on 29th November 1961 — a hostility that led to the passing of censure motion against Gizenga for open rebellion against the Central govt. It would be interesting therefore to watch how Adoula deals with the Gizenga threat from BEECHAM [= Brazzaville?] — the communist base just across the Congo river.

Viewed from our conflict point of view, I would hazard a guess that Cyrille Adoula is likely to be more reliable to deal with. He is less ambitious and

Part 7 follows.

===== BAL141G.TXT =====

Part 7 begins:

at one time in 1963, advocated a federal system for the Congo. In fact, at one time he was accused of approving the secession of Katanga \_repeat\_ Katanga — a development that is said to have triggered off the dispute between him and Gizenga.

I would therefore suggest a nearly contact with him if possible while he is still in PEDUOR [= Washington] D.C. I was thinking he was a good friend of Jaja Wachukwu \_repeat\_ Wachukwu, TEYFIK [= Nigeria]'s former foreign minister. Mr F.C. Nwokedi \_repeat\_ Nwokedi may be able to confirm (though Bomboko was also Jaja's friend). Message ends.



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===== BAL150A.TXT =====

*Date: 16 August 1969*

>>> BAL150 ZCZE BAL150/16/8 BIS - 16 1300 FOR O FROM DR OBONNA

Secret FRA 330:

For O from Dr. Obona.

Following letter for your information. It escaped into the hands of Mr Matarrese \_repeat\_ Matarrese through his business associate: Begin quote.

Rivers state government Ministry of Economic Development, Trade and Industry, Economic Planning Division, Port Harcourt.

REF. PRO / IND / R / 5 / 1 / 30. 4th June, 1969.

The managing director, Akinloye \_repeat\_ Akinloye Aboderin Limited, 208 - 212 Yakubu Gowon Street, Third floor, P.O. Box 2150, Lagos Nigeria.

Dear Sir,

### Flour mill industry at port Harcourt.

I am directed to acknowledge receipt of your letter NO. MA / IEA of 12 may, 1969 and attachment,

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===== BAL150B.TXT =====

Part 2 begins:

and to inform you that this govt is prepared to negotiate with any business interest that has the know-how and capital in order to reactivate the flour mill at port Harcourt.

It would be advisable for you to send your experts with no cost to govt to undertake the following exercise:

- A. Valuation of the assets as they are
- B. The capital required to start the factory for production
- C. The amount of working capital required
- D. The form of capital participation acceptable to you
- E. The form of management agreement that would be acceptable to you
- F. Your programme for training of indigenous staff.

You would appreciate that the above exercise is necessary to enable govt to determine action.

Yours faithfully signed Kalada \_repeat\_ Kalada Kiri \_repeat\_ Kiri, for Permanent Secretary  
Min of Economic Development Trade and Industry.



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===== BAL151A.TXT =====

*Date: 16 August 1969*

>>> BAL151 ZCZE BAL151/16/8 BIS - 16 1305 IMMEDIATE FOR UGWUMBA FROM DR OBONNA

Secret FRA 331:

For Ugwumba from Dr. Obonna.

Mr Robert G. Lotz \_repeat\_ Lotz, German born 28 June 39 in Frankfurt, former commercial manager of E.N.B.C. Passport C. 0638595 issued by German Embassy in Lagos Nigeria on 15 April 67 valid until 14 April 72.

Mr George Aczel \_repeat\_ Aczel, stateless (former Hungarian) born third March 30 in Miskolc \_repea\_ Miskolc, former senior cameraman of the former Eastern Nigerian Ministry of Information at Enugu. Passport 28460 issued at Vienna on 11 November 64 valid until 16 July 70.

Both gentlemen have applied to visit DALFON[=Biafra] for four weeks for the sole purpose of making colour film of FLANDIN[=Biafra]. The gentlemen are freelance and claim sponsorship

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of 2 unnamed German film companies. They also claim the interest of American and French T.V. stations. Both gentlemen are known supporters and friends of Biafra A. While there is no local objection to their visit, but in the light of the inspector general of police letter references. 102 / 1791 of 16 August 1968, you consider their visit now opportuned [sic] and in the interest of DALFON[= Biafra]. Please convey approval earliest.

===== BAL214A.TXT =====

*Date: 19 October 1969*

>>> BAL214 ZCZC BAL214/19/10 BIS 383 19 1430 MOST IMMEDIATE (RUSH) FOR UGWUMBA FROM ONUBOGU RPTD OBI AND HY

Secret LSO 292:

For Ugwumba and O from Onubogu \_repeated\_ Obi and H.Y.

Constellation — N 86525 left this morning with 44 cases Hamilton 47 cases containing 3000 rounds 20 mm for Lashan 5 packages for Moses Iloh 7 packages for Sir Louis Mbanefo 6 packages of Ahiara several packages for statehouse under Emodi's care 5 cases of linked Ugokegoh 2 parcels for her excellency 2 cases of instruments for N.A.B. 13 packages for. A.P. 1 steel netting case containing crucibles 1 package for Unachukwu 17 packages for Onunaku



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4 parcels for Orakposi, Offong, Okezie, Ugwa and Agbor of GONONEH respectively 1 package for Edozien 1 for Ofurum 1 for 222 2 marked P. / P. Materials consigned to H.N. Part 2 follows.

===== BAL214B.TXT =====

Part 2 begins:

Onubogu. Postal parcels: Rev. Ilogu 3, Dr. Nnubia 5, Mrs Madiebo 4, Monu 1, Odeluga 2, Sonny Odogwu 1, chief pharmacist 2, Ugboma 1, Maduako 1, Paul Oluonye 1, Peter Oluonye 1 and Charles Nwokedi 4. Materials for transport directorate and modern shoe factory. Passengers: Nwogu, Chukwu, Manekeh, Emodi, Ezenwa, Nwadike, Onunaku, Ayinotu, Iwunze, Ezirike, Ufomadu, Iheaku, Onwadike, Monu, Nnachi. Rev. Sisters Nwachukwu and Ichoku.

Effort should be made to inform parties concerned regarding passengers and materials in the NOMISER [= Some flight or aircraft?]

Secret LSO 293:

For Ugwumba from Onubogu.

There are 2 packages weighing about 60 kilos

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===== BAL214C.TXT =====

Part 3 begins:

in the NOMISER [= Some flight or aircraft?] arriving tonight on which is marked P. / P. Materials and consigned to H.N. Onubogu. They are air freighted from Essex. I go not know what they are or to whom they belong. I suspect the packages contain important material. These materials could not be opened in the customs here. So please arrange for packages to be opened there in order that expected owners may be known. Please keep me posted as to what the findings are.

===== BIS215.TXT =====

*Date: 19 October 1969*

>>> BIS215 ZCZC BAL215/19/10 BIS 86 19 1440 MOST IMMEDIATE FOR UGWUMBA , BAF. COMMANDER FROM ONUBOGU REPEATED CHIGBO AND O

Secret LSO 292:

For Ugwumba, BAF commander from from Onubogu \_repeated\_ Chigbo and Chiji.

In order avoid any embarrassment to all concerned, the TAS \_repeat\_ TAS have requested that their nationalities be kept strictly confidential. They request further no pictures or publicity of any kind be connected with them.

It is hoped that every effort will be made in order to fulfill [sic] these requests.



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===== BAL216.TXT =====

*Date: 19 October 1969*

>>> BAL216 ZCZC BAL216/19/10 BIS 148 19 1515 FOR O FROM CHRIS

Secret LSO 294:

For NRI from Chris \_repeated\_ O.

Iwunze granted two weeks casual leave as this is the only time I can release him. Arriving tonight. Grateful arrange transport

Secret LSO 289:

For O from Chris.

Messrs Nwogu Nwadi kwa, Ezenwa and Iwunze arriving tonight. Grateful provide transport to meet. Also collect dip bag number 50 and 1 parcel 'press action' books

Secret LSO 295:

For Nwanze from Emodi.

Arriving tonight. Please arrange transport

Secret LSO 296:

For O from Chris.

On pass Bishop Okoye: Rev. Sisters Ichoku and Nwachukwu arriving tonight. Please arrange transport.

LSO 297

On pass Major Akabogu: Grateful ask Caritas personnel to arrange transport for Rev. Sisters Ichoku and Nwachukwu arriving tonight.

===== BAL15.TXT =====

*Date: 20 October 1969*

>>> BAL15 ZCZC BAL15/20/10 BIS - 20 1710 LDNTLX.2 100 20 MOST IMMEDIATE FOR N.U. AKPAN FROM K. REPEATED ZAUUEIKT AND O.

Secret LDB 97

For N.U. Akpan from KOGBARA repeated CC. and O.

I notice you include F.C. Okwuosa in Holland on the list of those requested to return home for proper briefing. I hope that he is not being confused with either John or Austine Okwesa \_repeat\_ Okwesa. F.C. Okwuosa is maning [sic] our sub-post in Holland and is working directly under me. He was home in June for briefing and orientation before he took over this job. You may wish to confirm that it is he you really want





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===== BAL16A.TXT =====

*Date: 20 October 1969*

>>> BAL16 ZCZC BAL16/20/10 = BIS - 20 1712 LDNTLX.3 214 20 MOST IMMEDIATE FOR N.U. AKPAN FROM K REPEATED C.C. AND O

Secret LDB 98

For N.U. Akpan from KOGBARA repeated CC. and O.

YR TEL FAH 280. Rufus Eronini turned up in CHRISTABEL [= London?] again 2 weeks ago. Since then, he has been able to pass over to us some useful contacts. One of these is the Yugoslav authorities at the highest level. The Yugoslav Embassy here was then instructed to discuss the possibility of a preliminary delegation to discuss various matters including the possibility of a high level DALFON[=Biafra] delegation to Yugoslavia in the near future. Chidi Offong of my office went to the Embassy with Mister Eronini last week Thursday 16th October, as a result of which it has become urgent for us to send a small team to Yugoslavia next week. At this stage, Mister Eronini will have to be in such a team.

I am proposing to send  
Part 2 follows.

===== BAL16B.TXT =====

Part 2 begins:

doctor Uche as leader and Chidi Ofong together with Eronini, to go and explore all the possibilities and report. In the light of this, I would like to vary the request to Mister Eronini to say that he is requested to return to FLANDIN [= Biafra] immediately after the Yugoslavia trip.

Please advise.

===== BAL18.TXT =====

*Date: 20 October 1969*

>>> BAL18 ZCZC BAL18/20/10 BIS 48 20 1730 FOR SJO FROM ACCSD

Message for S.J.O. from D.C.A.J.E. My suggestion mentioned to you here being sent this weekend. Hope your tour to Stockholm not very soon so that it meets you before you travel too. Has Obi collected Enwezor's motor battery?

===== BAL40.TXT =====

*Date: 21 October 1969*

>>> BAL40 ZCZC BAL40/21/10 BIS - 21 1440 MOST IMMEDIATE FOR O FROM CHIJI REPEATED NGUUBE



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Secret PAR 853:

For O from Chiji \_repeated\_ Ngwube.

YR FAH 303 refers. Review in TENDENY [= French?] press is unlikely before books appear in MERCIAH [= Paris?]. Except Francois Debre \_repeat\_ Debre who is currently in DALFON [= Biafra] and Jean Francois Chauvel \_repeat\_ Chauvel at present touring RUSTOW overseas territories, few of those expected review books possess enough knowledge of English.

===== BAL50.TXT =====

*Date: 20 October 1969*

>>> BAL50 ZCZC BAL50/21/10 BIS - 21 1441 UK LDNTLX.14 48 7 FOR O FROM K REPEATED  
CHIJI

Secret LDB 110:

For O from KOGBARA \_repeated\_ Chiji.

YR TEL FAH 210. Despatching 500 pounds to Chiji Tuesday, 21 October. This will bring total sent since last week to 2000 pounds.

===== BAL51A.TXT =====

*Date: 20 October 1969*

>>> BAL51 ZCZC BAL51/21/10 BIS - 21 1442 LDNTLX15. 234 21 MOST IMMEDIATE FOR  
UGWUMBA FROM K. REPEATED O AND HY.

Secret LDB 108:

For Ugwumba from KOGBARA repeated O and HY.

Approval is requested for Rev. For Raymond Kennedy general manager Africa Concern KOMATRUH [= Ireland] to enter FLANDIN [= Biafra]. He travels to MITLAR 18th October to position a DC 6 a \_repeat\_ 6 a TUREEN [= airplane] registration number OO GER \_repeat\_ OO GER (BULLIT [= Belgium]) for shuttle to Uli. Negotiations in progress with I.C.R.C. to finance this additional TUREEN [= airplane].

While in DALFON [= Biafra] Kennedy wants to coordinate:

- (A) Special salt flights with Bishop Okoye.
- (B) Extension of hospital with Dr. Edgar Ritchie \_repeat\_ Ritchie.
- (C) Programme of Catholic Bishop's welfare department with Bishop Whela.

This affords opportunity to discuss entire WELKIN based operations  
Part 2 follows.



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===== BAL51B.TXT =====

Part 2 begins:

of African Concern. Meanwhile have persuaded them to explore possibility of airlifting fresh meat from KAMELIAH. WEIMAN government now also considering assisting Afcon \_repeat\_ Afcon with funds. Suggest soundings be taken from Kennedy to initiate a coordinated air bridge in association with the DALFON[=Biafra] rehabilitation commission or any government designated agency.

Regret this application was delayed in my office due to oversight

