SUBJECT: WHEREABOUTS OF BIAFRAN SECESSIONIST LEADER GENERAL ODUMEGWU OJUKWU  
2. THE EARLY RESPONSE OF THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT TO THE FALL OF BIAFRA

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SOURCE:  

1. BIAFRAN SECESSIONIST LEADER GENERAL ODUMEGWU OJUKWU HAS BEEN STAYING IN A PRIVATE VILLA IN LIBREVILLE SINCE HIS DEPARTURE FROM BIAFRA. OJUKWU SAID THAT HE WAS DEPARTING IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE WISHES OF HIS GENERAL STAFF AND TO SPARE HIS PEOPLE FROM EXTERMINATION. CHRISTOPHER ONYEKWEN OJUKWU, BIAFRAN FINANCE MINISTER IN EUROPE AND BROTHER-IN-LAW OF OJUKWU, WAS GIVEN A ROUND-TRIP TICKET TO LIBREVILLE ON 13 JANUARY BY THE FRENCH GENERAL SECRETARIAT FOR AFRICAN AND MALAGASY AFFAIRS IN PARIS AND WILL JOIN OJUKWU IN LIBREVILLE ON 14 JANUARY. C.C. MBOJE OJUKWU, BIAFRAN REPRESENTATIVE IN LISBON, HAS ALSO DEPARTED BY AIR FOR LIBREVILLE. FRENCH SECRETARY GENERAL FOR AFRICAN AND MALAGASY AFFAIRS JACQUES F.O.C. CART HAS LEFT YACOUBU WHERE HE WAS ATTENDING CAMEROON'S TENTH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS TO MEET WITH OJUKWU IN LIBREVILLE. BIAFRAN MINISTER OF JUSTICE M.B.A.H. F.O. HAS REMAINED IN BIAFRA.
2. On the evening of 13 January 1970, Foccart's deputy, Jean Mau- 
riCheau-Beaupré went to see French 
minister of national defense, Michel Debré. Debré 
and Mau- 
riCheau-Beaupré decided to have the stock of 
French-supplied 
arms removed and divided 
between the French bases at Douala and 
Abidjan. Mau- 
riCheau-Beaupré said that 
France had sent $30,000,000 
in material to 
Biafra, lent Ivory Coast President Houphouët- 
Boigny $3,000,000 for Biafran 
operations, and faced 
a debt of circa $400,000 for 
services.

3. There are at present no plans 
for French support to Biafran 
Guerrilla resistance. The 
rationale for this position, as expressed by Mau- 
riCheau-Beaupré 
to individuals concerned with executing Biafran 
operations, 
was as follows: "France supported Biafra because of the oil 
and 
UDAP, but not the Ibo revolution. The support was 
actually given to a handful of Biafran bourgeoisie in return 
for the oil. There is no popular support in Biafra for a 
Guerrilla war now. The real Ibo mentality is much 
farther to 
the left than that of Ojukwu and even if we had won, there 
would have been the problem of keeping him in power in the 
face of leftist infiltration."