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PARIS, JUNE 23 (AP)-MRS. NGO DINH NHU, THE FIERY FORMER FIRST LADY OF SOUTH VIETNAM, HAS BEEN REFUSED A VISA TO VISIT THE UNITED STATES, THE U.S. EMBASSY SAID TODAY.

AN EMBASSY SPOKESMAN SAID THAT MRS. NHU, WHO APPLIED JUNE 11 FOR A SIX-MONTH VISITOR'S VISA, HAS BEEN NOTIFIED OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT'S DECISION. SHE HAD REQUESTED THE VISA TO FULFILL AN INVITATION TO SPEAK IN NEW YORK.

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MRS. NHU HAND NO IMMEDIATE COMMENT ON THE STATE DEPARTMENT'S DECISION.

THE U.S. CONSULAR OFFICER HERE GAVE MRS. NHU THE STATE DEPARTMENT'S WORD ON RECEIPT OF INSTRUCTIONS FROM WASHINGTON TO THE EFFECT THAT THE DEPARTMENT CONSIDERS HER INELIGIBLE FOR SUCH A VISA.

ACCORDING TO ESTABLISHED PROCEDURE FOR DOUBTFUL CASES, THE CONSULAR OFFICER HAD ASKED WASHINGTON FOR AN ADVISORY OPINION ON MRS. NHU'S ELIGIBILITY.

THE DEPARTMENT SAID IT CONSIDERED HER INELIGIBLE UNDER THE TERMS OF A SECTION OF THE IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION ACT WHICH DISQUALIFIES "ALIENS WHO THE CONSULAR OFFICER OR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL KNOWS OR HAS REASON TO BELIEVE SEEKS TO ENTER THE UNITED STATES SOLELY, PRINCIPALLY OR INCIDENTALLY TO ENGAGE IN ACTIVITIES WHICH WOULD BE PREJUDICIAL TO THE PUBLIC INTEREST OR ENDANGER THE WELFARE, SAFETY OR SECURITY OF THE UNITED STATES."

SINCE THE OUSTER OF HER BROTHER-IN-LAW, PRESIDENT NGO DINH DIEM, AND HER HUSBAND, THE UNETIME HEAD OF SOUTH VIETNAMESE INTERNAL SECURITY FORCES, IN NOVEMBER, MRS. NHU HAS BEEN EXTREMELY BITTER TOWARD WASHINGTON POLICY AND OFFICIALS IN SAIGON.

IN SPEECHES AND STATEMENTS TO THE PRESS, SHE HAS OPENLY BLAMED THE LATE PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY AND AMBASSADOR HENRY CABOT LODGE FOR THE DOWNFALL AND DEATHS OF HER HUSBAND AND HER BACHELOR BROTHER-IN-LAW. SHE REPEATEDLY HAS CLAIMED THAT KENNEDY AND LODGE DELIBERATELY UNDERMINED THE NHU FAMILY'S AUTHORITY AND INSTIGATED THE MILITARY COUP.

MRS. NHU HAD BEEN INVITED TO ADDRESS THE CONSERVATIVE PARTY CLUB OF FLUSHING, QUEENS, JULY 7 ON "THE TRUTH OF THE VIET NAM AFFAIR."

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