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MADAME NHU (PRECEDE PARIS)

WASHINGTON, JUNE 30 (AP)-AN ATTORNEY FOR MADAME NGO DINH NHU, STYMIED IN HIS EFFORTS TO GET HER A VISA TO VISIT THE UNITED STATES, SAID TODAY HE IS SEEKING TO HAVE A CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE INVITE HER TO TESTIFY ABOUT VIET NAM.

ROBERT MORRIS, FORMER COUNSEL OF THE SENATE INTERNAL SECURITY SUBCOMMITTEE, SAID SO FAR HE HAS JUST MADE EXPLORATORY EFFORTS AND PREFERRED NOT TO SAY WHICH COMMITTEE MEMBERS HE HAD CONTACTED.

THE STATE DEPARTMENT DENIED HER A VISA UNDER A SECTION OF THE IMMIGRATION NATIONALITY ACT WHICH PERMITS EXCLUDING ALIENS WHO MIGHT "ENGAGE IN ACTIVITIES PREJUDICIAL TO THE PUBLIC INTEREST OR WHO MAY ENDANGER THE WELFARE, SAFETY OR SECURITY OF THE UNITED STATES."

MADAME NHU HAS BEEN INVITED TO ADDRESS THE CONSERVATIVE PARTY CLUB AT FLUSHING, N.Y., JULY 7. HER HUSBAND, NGO DINH NHU, AND BROTHER-IN-LAW, PRESIDENT NGO DINH DIEM, WERE ASSASSINATED IN THE SOUTH VIET NAM COUP LAST FALL.

IN PARIS, WHERE MADAME NHU NOW RESIDES, HER 18-YEAR-OLD DAUGHTER, MISS NGO DINH LE THUY, SAID SHE ALSO HAS BEEN REFUSED A VISA. A LETTER TO SECRETARY OF STATE DEAN RUSK PROTESTING WAS MADE PUBLIC BY MADAME NHU'S SECRETARY.

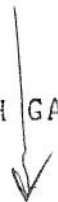
MORRIS SAID HE CAME HERE TODAY TO SEE WHAT HAD HAPPENED TO A TELEGRAM HE HAD SENT TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT WHICH WAS REPORTED MISSING. HE SAID THE TELEGRAM--SAYING VIET NAM IS "AN URGENT CRISIS" AND MADAME NHU SHOULD NOT BE SHUT OFF AS A SOURCE OF INFORMATION--HAD FINALLY BEEN LOCATED BUT HE HAD NO RESPONSE FROM THE DEPARTMENT.

HE SAID HE HAD BEEN INFORMED BY OTHER SOURCES THAT THE DECISION TO DENY A VISA TO MADAME NHU HAD COME FROM THE WHITE HOUSE AND NOT THE STATE DEPARTMENT.

MORRIS, WHO INTERRUPTED HIS VACATION AT POINT PLEASANT, N.J., TO COME HERE, SAID HE SOUGHT TO FIND MEANS THROUGH ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES TO GET THE VISA BUT FOUND THE SECRETARY OF STATE HAS ALMOST SUPREME POWER IN THIS AREA.

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PARIS, JUNE 30 (AP)-MRS. NGO DINH NHU, FORMER FIRST LADY OF SOUTH VIET NAM WHO HAS BEEN REFUSED PERMISSION TO VISIT THE UNITED STATES, SAID TODAY THAT HER 18-YEAR-OLD DAUGHTER ALSO HAS BEEN REFUSED A VISA.

MRS. NHU'S SECRETARY MADE PUBLIC A LETTER TO SECRETARY OF STATE DEAN RUSK IN WHICH THE DAUGHTER, MISS NGO DINH LE THUY, PROTESTED THE DECISION.

MRS. NHU, WIFE-IN-LAW OF THE LATE PRESIDENT NGO DINH DIEM AND WIDOW OF THE FORMER CHIEF OF SOUTH VIETNAMESE INTERNAL SECURITY, HAS PROTESTED HER OWN EXCLUSION WHICH WOULD PREVENT HER FROM ADDRESSING A "TRUTH RALLY" NEXT MONTH IN THE NEW YORK CITY AREA.

THE STATE DEPARTMENT HELD SHE WAS UNDESIRABLE AND PREJUDICIAL TO U.S. SECURITY AND INSTRUCTED THE CONSULATE TO REJECT HER APPLICATION. MEANWHILE, MRS. NHU'S DAUGHTER APPLIED FOR A VISA.

THE DAUGHTER'S LETTER TO RUSK REFLECTED MUCH OF HER MOTHER'S SARCASM AND A COPY WAS SENT TO PRESIDENT LYNDON B. JOHNSON. IT READS:

"WHILE AWAITING REVERSAL OF THE REFUSAL OF A VISA TO MY MOTHER, I HAVE APPLIED FOR AN AMERICAN VISA FOR MYSELF ALONE. IT IS A REAL SURPRISE FOR ME TO BE INFORMED TODAY BY LETTER FROM THE AMERICAN EMBASSY IN PARIS THAT I MEET THE SAME REFUSAL ON THE SAME GROUND AS THOSE FOR MY MOTHER.

"SO, NOW IT IS I WHO CAN DAMAGE THE 'SECURITY' OF YOUR COUNTRY. IF IT WERE NOT SO FUNNY, IT WOULD BE PATHETIC.

"THUS, I WISH TO ASK YOU WHAT IS THE REAL REASON FOR YOUR DEPARTMENT DOES NOT WANT ME TO VISIT THE UNITED STATES? IS IT BECAUSE I AM MY FATHER'S DAUGHTER? OR BECAUSE I AM MY MOTHER'S DAUGHTER?"

THE LETTER ADDED:

"I WOULD RECALL TO THOSE WHO WISH TO SILENCE MY MOTHER THAT WHAT SHE HAS TO SAY LIES TOO HEAVILY ON THE CONSCIENCE OF THE WORLD FOR IT TO BE SMOTHERED, WITH OR WITHOUT ME."

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