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WASHINGTON, JULY 7 (AP)¹⁹⁶⁴-THE STATE DEPARTMENT HAS TURNED DOWN AN APPEAL FOR RECONSIDERATION OF THE VISA APPLICATION BY MRS. NGO DINH NHU, REJECTED ON GROUNDS OF NATIONAL SECURITY.

STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS SAID TODAY THAT ABBA P. SCHWARTZ, CHIEF OF THE DEPARTMENT'S BUREAU OF SECURITY AND CONSULAR AFFAIRS, WROTE HER ATTORNEY, ROBERT MORRIS, JULY 3 THAT THE OVERRIDING FACTOR IN REFUSING TO PERMIT THE FORMER VIETNAMESE FIRST LADY TO ENTER THE COUNTRY WAS BECAUSE OF U.S. RELATIONS WITH THE PRESENT VIET NAM GOVERNMENT.

SCHWARTZ TOLD MORRIS ALL PERTINENT FACTORS HAD BEEN TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION. HE SAID THE MOST IMPORTANT FACTOR WAS THE VIEW OF THE SOUTH VEIT NAM GOVERNMENT THAT BECAUSE OF MRS. NHU'S REPEATED DENUNCIATIONS OF THE PRESENT GOVERNMENT, HER ADMISSION TO THE UNITED STATES AS A VISITOR WOULD NOT BE UNDERSTOOD IN VIET NAM, AND WOULD HAVE A "DEMORALIZING INFLUENCE" ON MORALE THERE.

MORRIS IS A FORMER LEGAL COUNSEL FOR THE SENATE INTERNAL SECURITY SUBCOMMITTEE.

MEANTIME, VIET NAMESE OFFICIALS HERE SAID THAT AMERICAN HOTEL BILLS AND OTHER OBLIGATIONS OF MRS. NHU IN EXCESS OF \$10,000 WOULD EVENTUALLY BE PAID BY THE VIET NAM GOVERNMENT FROM FUNDS SEIZED FROM ESTATES OF MRS. NHU AND HER LATE HUSBAND. NHU AND HIS BROTHER, PRESIDENT NGO DINH DIEM, WERE KILLED IN A MILITARY REVOLT WHICH OVERTHREW THE DIEM REGIME LAST FALL.

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