

Promise by Kennedy Cited In Visa Appeal for Mrs. Nhu

A promise by President Kennedy that Mrs. Ngo Dinh Nhu could return to the United States was cited to the State Department yesterday by her counsel, Robert Morris, in urging a reversal of the department's denial of a visa to her.

In a telegram to Secretary of State Dean Rusk, Mr. Morris said that President Kennedy said at a news conference last Nov. 14, after Mrs. Nhu had completed a visit, that "I think we'd certainly permit her to return to the United States, if she wishes to do so."

Mr. Morris called the denial of visas to Mrs. Nhu and her 17-year-old daughter, Le Thuy, "a mockery of free speech in the United States."

Mrs. Nhu is the widow of Ngo Dinh Nhu, who was slain with his brother, President Ngo Dinh Diem, in the Vietnamese coup d'état last November.

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