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Swiss refusal asylum to Ojukwu sharply increases our concern that U.S. haven may now be sought. We wish avoid, if at all possible, submission of application for visa to us. The partisan pushing and hauling that may emerge from such a move by Ojukwu could do much harm to our relations with FMG plus damage U.S. interests in Nigeria. Unless you perceive substantial objections, request you approach Houphouet-Boigny and indicate U.S. Government would not look with favor on move to seek asylum for Ojukwu in U.S. and express hope that <sup>GOIC</sup> ~~XXX~~ will discourage any inclination to move in this direction.

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