

**KERR, GRAHAM B. (COLLECTOR)**  
**Republic of Biafra collection, circa 1968-1970**

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### **Descriptive Summary**

**Creator:** Kerr, Graham B. (collector)  
**Title:** Republic of Biafra collection, circa 1968-1970  
**Call Number:** Manuscript Collection No. 1335  
**Extent:** .5 linear feet (1 box), 1 extra oversized paper (XOP), and AV Masters: .25 linear feet (CLP)  
**Abstract:** Collection of materials regarding the Republic of Biafra, collected by Graham and Maryagnes Kerr, including newspaper clippings, press releases, and printed materials.  
**Language:** Materials entirely in English.

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#### **Source**

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#### **Citation**

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#### **Processing**

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## Collection Description

### Historical Note

The Republic of Biafra, named for the Bight of Biafra, was a secessionist state in south-eastern Nigeria that existed from May 1967 to January 1970. The republic's creation was due to tensions between the Igbo people of that region and the other groups of Nigeria. Biafra was formally recognized by a number of countries and supported by others along with non-state actors such as Joint Church Aid. The creation of this state and the push for recognition led to the Nigerian-Biafran War, and after two and a half years of war in which over a million people were killed due to fighting or from famine, Biafran forces agreed to a ceasefire with the Nigerian government and were reintegrated into Nigeria.

### Scope and Content Note

The collection contains primarily newspaper clippings about the Nigerian-Biafran war as well as printed materials and two form letters seeking support and awareness of the Biafran cause. There is a map of the Republic of Biafra as well as a phonograph record, *This is Biafra*, which includes the national anthem and other songs of Biafra, and a speech by Colonel Odumegwu Ojukwu, head of state of Biafra, in 1967.

### Arrangement Note

Arranged by record type.

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## Container List

| Box    | Folder | Content  |
|--------|--------|--|
| 1      | 1      | Biafra Independence Anniversary Bulletin, May 30, 1968   |
| 1      | 2      | Clippings, 1968-1970 [1 of 3]  |
| 1      | 3      | Clippings, 1968-1970 [2 of 3]  |
| 1      | 4      | Clippings, 1968-1970 [3 of 3]  |
| 1      | 5      | Correspondence, circa 1968-1970  |
| 1      | 6      | Cover art, Communication in East Nigeria: An Experiment in Inducing Change,<br>no date   |
| XOP1 - |        | Map, Biafra, circa 1969  |
| 1      | 7      | Newsletters, Clearing House Weekly, June-December 1969   |
| 1      | 8      | Press release, Joint Church Aid-U.S.A., Inc., December 4, 1969   |
| CLP2 - |        | <i>This is Biafra</i> , 1967 [original: phonograph]<br>[Digital/digitized copy available in the Reading Room: id rsc7f][Digital/digitized<br>copy available in the Reading Room: id rsc69] |

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