

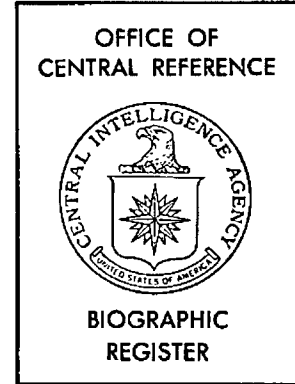
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KENYA

Joseph Anthony Zuzarte MURUMBI

Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office



Able, intelligent, articulate and urbane, Joseph Murumbi was named Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office on 1 June 1963. In this post he has a major influence in the areas of defense, internal security and foreign affairs. A close personal adviser and confidant of Prime Minister Jomo Kenyatta, Murumbi has served as Acting Prime Minister when Kenyatta has been out of the country. He is regarded as a candidate for Vice President of Kenya when the country becomes a republic in December 1964.

In September 1964 Murumbi came to the US as the personal representative of Kenyatta, who was serving as chairman of the Ad Hoc Commission on the Congo established by the Organization of African Unity. After some discussion between the governments involved, the delegation stated that it had come to the US on a goodwill mission and that it was not the commission's intention to raise, with the US, matters affecting the sovereignty of the central Congo government.

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[Redacted] Murumbi visited the US previously in 1963 as part of the Kenyan Cabinet delegation to the UN. In April and May 1964 he visited the USSR and Communist China, and upon his return he stated that Kenya would support that country's admission to the UN. He has since denounced colonialism in white southern Africa as well as neo-colonialism in the rest of Africa.

Murumbi was born in the Rift Valley on 8 June 1911 of a Goan father and a Masai mother. His father took him to India when he was six years old. He was educated in Bangalore and Bellary (south India) and probably graduated from the University of Madras. He returned to Kenya in 1933 and subsequently served in the Medical Department. From 1941 to 1950 he served with the British Army administration of Italian Somaliland. Murumbi left Kenya in March 1953, shortly after the declaration of the State of Emergency, and spent most of the next eight years in London.

Murumbi, who prefers to speak extemporaneously, is fluent in English as well as Italian, Hindi and Swahili. He is a Roman Catholic. [Redacted]

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