



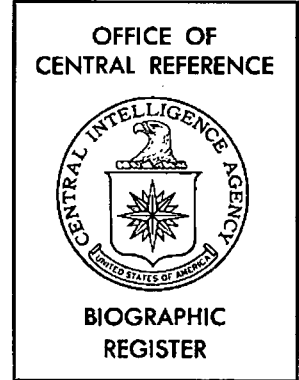
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KENYA

Joseph Anthony Zuzarte MURUMBI

Vice President

In mid-1966, after the open breach between President Jomo Kenyatta and former Vice President Oginga Odinga, Joseph Murumbi succeeded Odinga as Vice President. Formerly Minister of External Affairs, Murumbi still serves as Kenyatta's lieutenant with special responsibilities in foreign affairs. Reportedly the President will finally allow Murumbi to resign after he has led Kenya's delegation to the UJNGA and other conferences in the near future. When he has been able to do so, Murumbi has freely interpreted his instructions and taken a more extreme action than the President intended;



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One notable example was when Murumbi headed the delegation from the OAU Ad Hoc Commission which unilaterally declared its intention to come to the US to discuss the Congo with President Johnson; it was also Murumbi who led the Kenya delegation to join the radical states who walked out of the OAU conference to protest Kwame Nkrumah's overthrow.

Joseph Murumbi was born on 8 June 1911 at Eldama Ravine in the Rift Valley province. He accompanied his father to India in 1917, was educated there and may have graduated from the University of Madras. He returned to Africa and worked in the British administrations in Kenya and Somaliland. In 1952, after Kenyatta's arrest, he succeeded to the acting secretary generalship of the Kenya African Union (the alleged Mau Mau parent body), later left on a speaking tour abroad and, facing arrest if he returned to Kenya, settled in London. He returned from exile in 1961 to become a close adviser and political organizer for Kenyatta.

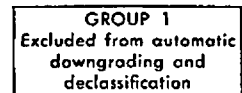
Murumbi is urbane, intelligent and articulate. His nature is outgoing; he speaks well extemporaneously, he can converse in English, Italian, Hindi and Swahili. He is a bibliophile specializing in Africana. Murumbi is married and has two sons. He is a Roman Catholic.

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