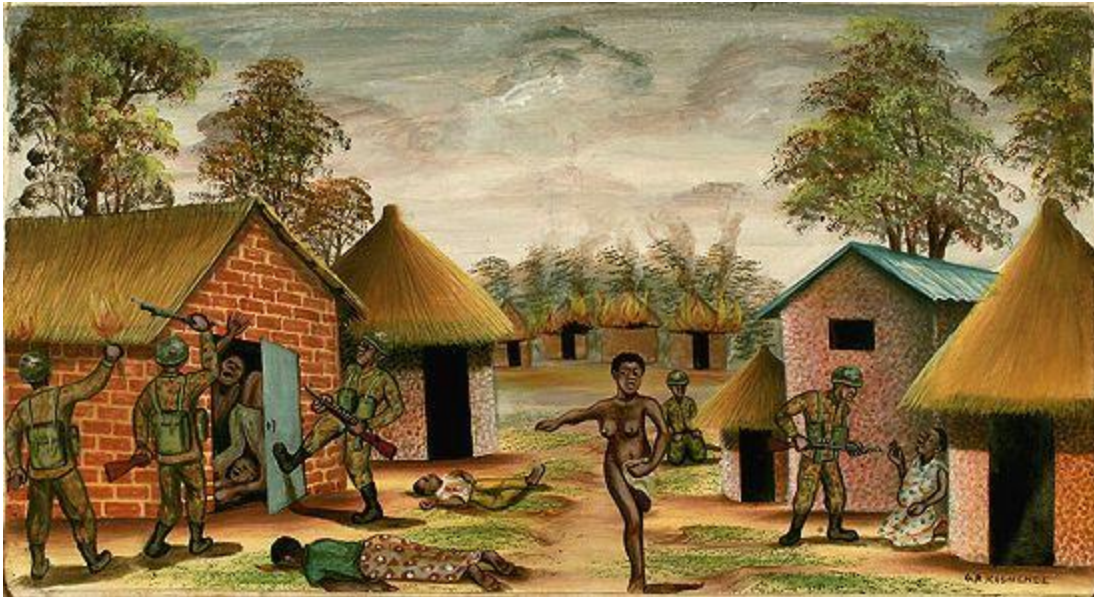


# Quest for Internet

In the 102nd installment of our weekly series at [emeagwali.com](http://emeagwali.com), we present letters pertaining to Philip Emeagwali's war memoir "THUNDER ROAD TO BIAFRA." One million people died during that 30-month Nigeria-Biafra Civil War.

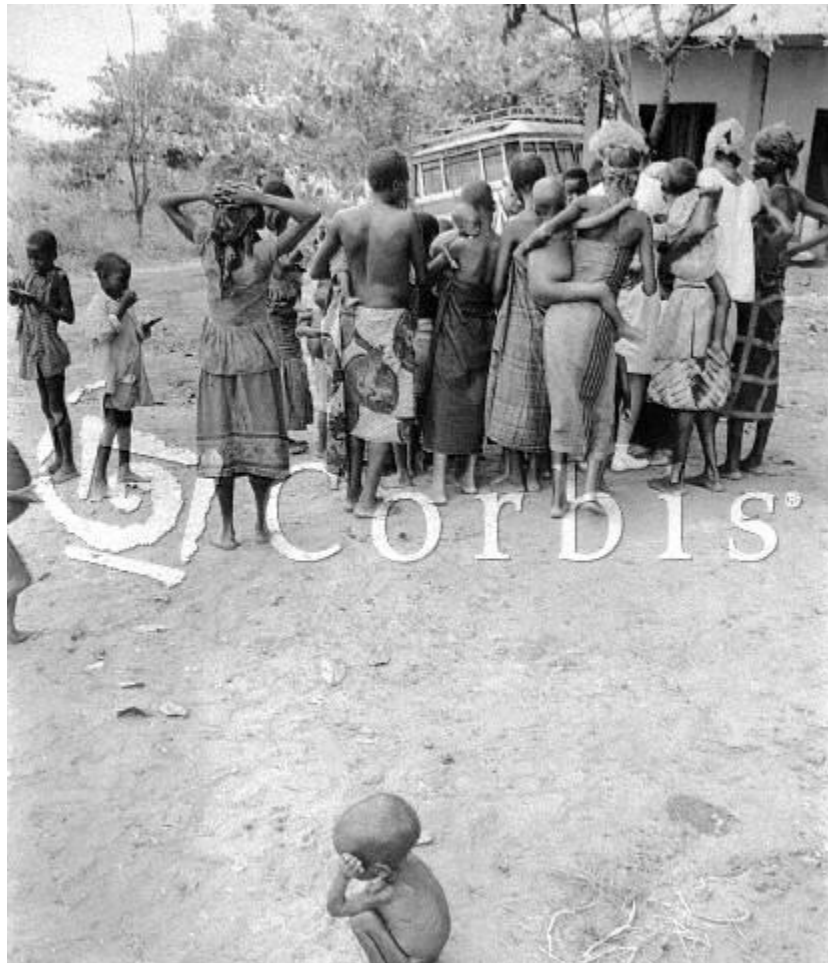


An artist's rendition of the genocidal killings of civilians in African wars

Dear Mr Chukwura Emeagwali,

I bought the week end news paper and came across a column which read "BIAFRAN SCIENTIST SHAKES THE WORLD" after reading this column,I felt elated being a Nigerian and knowing that i have a Nigerian brother that has made a land mark achievement by designing the internet,makes me a proud Nigerian, irrespective of what the world termed Nigeria

My name is Momodu Oshiokpekhai Emmanuel.... [stuff deleted]  
February 28, 2003



**Nigerian Boy Squats;** Crowd @ Unicef Truck

Original Caption: 7/23/1969-Republic of Nigeria- While man looks upward at the moon and beyond, thinking of the nobility of

his race, the age-old problems of his home planet remain unsolved. Here, a starving Nigerian child squats in the dust of a dirt road, forgotten in the excitement over the arrival of UNICEF relief supplies. © Bettmann/CORBIS Date Photographed July 23, 1969 Location Information Republic Of Nigeria

Dear Emeagwali,

you have tried by putting your experience of that horrible period the igbos went through into history by recording it on your web site. Now one can go through it all but what I regret very much is the inability of Biafra to survive. Maybe they would have made a great Nation. Maybe as their flag portray, She would have been one Nation in the mist of the darkness that ingross us as black people to show a gleamer of light that will point the way to our immacipation. Our ability to jion the race developed world.

keep it up

Chibuike Agbugba  
April 4, 2003



**Women & Children Get Food At Refugee Camp**

Original Caption: 3/22/1969-Umuahia, BIAFRA- By all military odds, Biafra should have lost its war with federal Nigeria long ago. It has not lost, but in the next few months it might--vanquished by starvation. Here, women and children receive their meager rations at a refugee camp. © Bettmann/CORBIS

**Biafran War Film Footage**

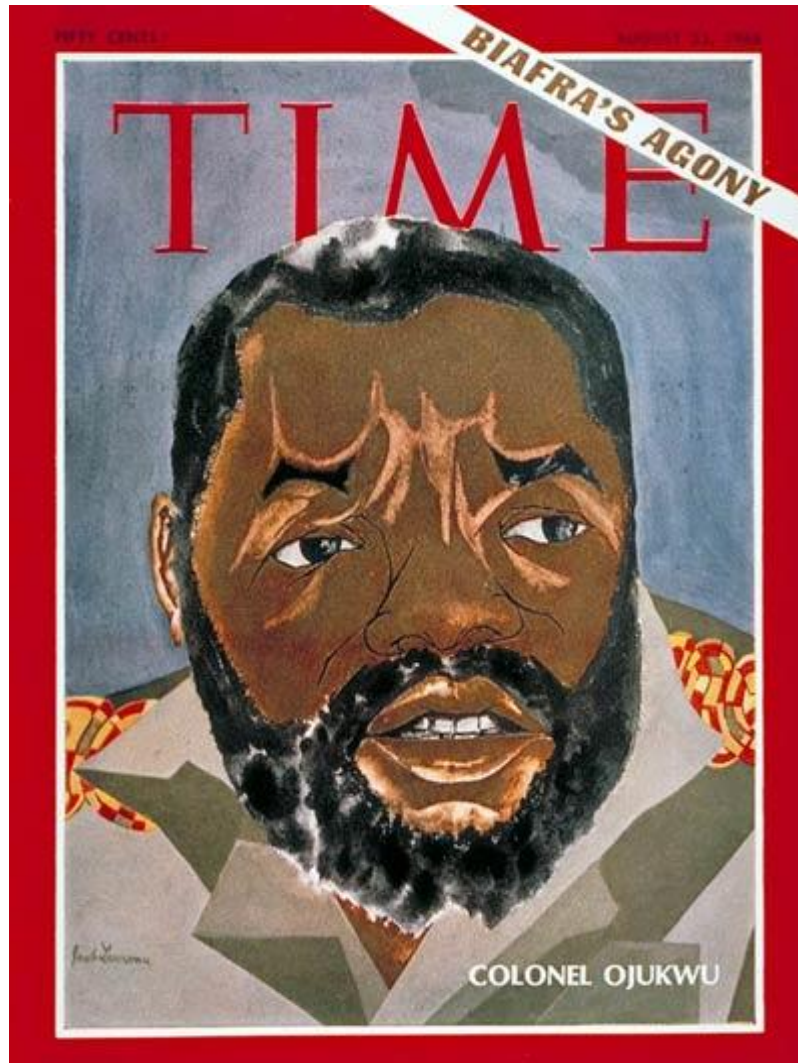
Dear Dr. Brown and/or colleagues,

I am a film researcher working on an upcoming documentary about Africa that requires several seconds of footage from the Biafran War. I recently came across the website "After the War Was Over" and made a preliminary phone call to the number listed at the end with your name.

Since you were not there, I spoke with your boss, a very helpful gentleman from Biafra who indicated that you or others may be able to make some inquiries and give me leads on where some footage could be found. Would this be possible? I would appreciate your help very much.

I found the website very moving and insightful. Please convey my thanks to all involved.

Sincerely,  
Elizabeth Thomas  
April 10, 2003  
visitliz @ hotmail.com



## Memorable Quote

“For record purposes, however, let me state fearlessly that I saw hundreds of unarmed civilians being shot at sight in Benin City when Federal troops arrived to liberate the city from rebel [Biafran]soldiers....

There appeared to be a fleeting period of lunacy in which Midwesterners gladly identified their Igbo compatriots to be shot down by Federal [Nigerian] troops.”

[Giwa Amu, the former Solicitor-General of Midwestern Nigeria, *Sunday Observer*, March 16, 1983

