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Dr. S.O. Biobaku,
Secretary to the Premier and
Executive Council,
Western Region,
Ibadan.

Dear Sir,

Further to Dr. Dike's letter of 7th April, 1961 in which he informed you that he was going to put your request for the services of Mr. L.O. Ibukun to the appropriate committee of the College, and that he would write again as soon as a decision had been reached, I am now able to inform you that the College has expressed disapproval in principle of the idea of secondment to the Public Service from academic appointments at the College. In Ibukun's case, however, the College was willing to be guided by the reactions of the Head of the Physics Department to whom the matter was referred. The outcome was the resignation of Mr. Ibukun which has since been accepted. Mr. Ibukun thereby becomes free to accept full appointment as Executive Director of the Board of Management of the Television and Broadcasting Company of the Western Region.

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Yours faithfully,

(C.W.L. Bevan)
Acting Principal.

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17th August, 1961.

Chief T.T. Solaru,
Chairman,
Western Nigeria Government
Broadcasting Corporation,
Ibadan.

My dear Chief Solaru,

I am happy to welcome you back to Nigeria and to congratulate you on the success of your tour of the United States of America. The co-operation you gave the Hon. the Minister of Information is very much appreciated. I am happy to note that you were able to devote so much time to the affairs of the Western Nigeria Television. I am sure that your experience in the United States and in the United Kingdom will be of tremendous assistance to us in fashioning the future of the Western Nigeria Television.

The attached letters from Mr. Hugh Dundas were addressed to Chief M.S. Sowole, presumably, in his capacity as Chairman. Chief Sowole handed them to me and I am forwarding them to you. One of the two letters, the one dated 21st July, regarding the secondment to W.N.R.S. of expatriate staff in the employment of Overseas Rediffusion Ltd. does not, in my view, require any action at the moment. The terms and conditions under which we shall take complete control of the Western Nigeria Television and the Western Nigeria Broadcasting Service will in my view resolve the difficulties envisaged in the letter. The second letter dated 4th August, contains an assurance that both the issue of the Rediffusion and of the take-over of the Western Nigeria Television and Western Nigeria Broadcasting Service will come up for decision by the Overseas Rediffusion Service next month. Until then the only line open to us may be to forward to our overseas partners a categorical statement that we have decided to take over complete control as from a given date. The date I suggest should be the

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1st of October, 1961. Both of us should agree to terminate the existing partnership on or before the 30th of September, 1961. We on our side should set up immediately adequate machinery for the take-over we envisage.

With best wishes.

Yours very sincerely,

S.L.
(S.L. Akintola)
Premier.

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The Reorganisation of WNTV-WNBS

a memorandum by the Hon. Minister of Information,

Chief E.A.A. Fadayiro

During my recent tour of the United Kingdom and the United States, a report of which is attached, I was able to observe at first hand the latest developments in the radio and television services of the two countries. I also had ample opportunity to discuss the organisation and running of mass communication media generally with some of the best authorities in the two fields.

2. Bearing in mind that the WNTV-WNBS needs to be reorganised as soon as possible so that it can be more serviceable, more effective and more economical, I made enquiries from various sources and later asked for proposals from certain reputable commercial organisations which showed considerable interest in the WNTV-WNBS.

3. Eventually out of the several I studied I found the proposals submitted by the American Broadcasting Corporation the best, both in the range of services and the amount of assistance it can render and also in its clear-cut policy of not meddling with the programmes of any foreign radio or television station with which it is associated. Apart from other shortcomings, the proposals submitted by three other organisations, that is, the National Broadcasting Company is a subsidiary of the R.C.A., Richard Meyer Associates Ltd., and Granada were less attractive by the fact that these organisations are already in association with Radio Nigeria, the Eastern Nigeria Broadcasting Corporation and the Northern Nigeria Broadcasting Corporation respectively. I noticed also that the proposals submitted by Programme Exchange Ltd. are too ambitious to be successfully operated by them within the limited resources in manpower and facilities they have.

4. Briefly, the A.B.C. are prepared to do the following:-

- (a) Invest 5% to 25% in the WNTV-WNBS, without interfering with the programming or the commercial or non-commercial nature of the service. (They are prepared to establish association even if their investment is not required);
- (b) Offer expert and impartial advice, consultation and supervision in the designing, building, installation and operation of television studios and facilities which may be desired to construct in the future;
- (c) Assist the station in the procurement of any necessary equipment and facilities;
- (d) Undertake the training of local personnel to operate the station; personnel could be trained at any of the numerous ABC facilities in the United States or experienced ABC personnel could be loaned to the station to train personnel in Ibadan;
- (e) Render continuing advice and consultation in the important areas of engineering, administration, programming, sales and finance;
- (f) Arrange, if necessary, to make available to the station on a temporary basis a fully-qualified Station Manager until such time as local per-

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sonnel were trained to take over the station's management and operation.

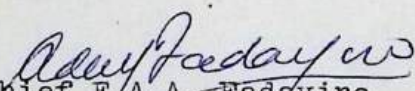
- (g) Offer a programme purchasing service for entertainment as well informative and educative material; and
- (h) Help to sell time by soliciting all international advertisers to place business in the WNTV-WNBS.

5. In view of all this, I strongly recommend that the WNTV-WNBS should endeavour to establish association with the A.B.C. as a matter of urgency, perhaps for a three year period in the first instance. I would like to see representatives of the A.B.C. invited to Nigeria for discussion during which the possibility of a working relationship can be fully explored but it must be made clear that no investment would be required from them at this stage, though that aspect of the proposals is subject to review in future. There also is to be remembered that as the A.B.C. operate not only in the United States but also in the United Kingdom through the Television Programme Export Association of which they are a member, they are in a particularly advantageous position to be the representatives of WNTV-WNBS in the United Kingdom and on the Continent as well. Furthermore during my discussions with them in New York I learnt that ABC can handle the establishment of a redifusion service in the Western Region. The possibility of their doing so more economically and very extensively throughout the Region is worth exploring during the discussion.

6. Everyone now realises that we ought to reconsider the present partnership with the Overseas Rediffusion Service. Most of the people with whom I held discussions in the United Kingdom and the United States assured me that we would get a great deal of technical assistance and a free exchange of excellent radio and television material, if WNTV-WNBS stood on its own and was run principally to further the aims envisaged by the Government. The only satisfactory solution is to terminate the partnership and I recommend accordingly. The effective date should be mutually determined.

7. I should like the WNTV-WNBS reorganised forthwith so that, whilst it accepts spot advertising as a source of revenue, its operation would not be bedevilled by sheer commercialism. In this connection what should be aimed at is both the high standard of the BBC and the educational role played by the WGBH-TV and WGBH-FM in Boston. To achieve this it would be necessary to entrust the full responsibility for the programming and operation of the WNTV-WNBS to an enlarged Western Nigeria Government Broadcasting Corporation.

8. The Corporation would then be in a position to set up a series of panels of experts who would be responsible for advising and for planning specific aspects of the organisation ~~on~~ its programmes, all of them bearing in mind the stress the Government places on educative, informative and cultural matters. On this basis it will not only be possible for the Western Nigeria Government Broadcasting Corporation to derive the maximum benefit from the various overseas organisations which have so far promised to help but also to establish a radio and television service that is indisputably First in Africa.


Chief E.A.A. Fadayiro
(Hon. Minister of Information)

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Report of the Visit of the Honourable Minister of Information
to Europe and America

The Honourable Minister of Information, Chief E. A. A. Fadayiro visited Europe and the United States of America to observe the latest developments in the television, the radio and the information services there. His stay in the United States was arranged by the State Department under its Foreign Leaders Programme. He left Nigeria by air on 2nd July and returned by sea on 27th September, 1961.

2. Chief Fadayiro had his first Official engagement when he visited the Independent Television Authority in London on Monday, 10th July. Accompanied by the Agent General for Western Nigeria in the United Kingdom, Chief Toye Coker, he had discussions with the information Officer of the Independent Television Authority, Mr. M. Hallett, who explained in detail the administrative procedure of ITA. In the course of their discussion, Chief Fadayiro stressed the desire of his Government to train Nigerian engineers for the efficient running of the Western Nigerian television, and enquired whether the Authority could help Nigeria in this respect. Mr. Hallett explained that short courses were usually arranged for television engineering students in the techniques of televisions and that sponsored Nigerians could take advantage of such courses. Mr. Hallett also said that the Independent Television Authority was a self-supporting concern which drew its financial resources from the license fees of television stations. The ITA is responsible for the transmission of all programmes provided by commercial companies which it appointed. Chief Fadayiro was also informed that the ITA had two main divisions, the Programmes Division and the Engineering Division. He said that the Administration, with the Director General as head of Staff, had 300 employees, 150 of whom were absorbed in the Engineering Section.

3. The next day, Tuesday, 11th July, 1961, he was accompanied by the Agent General, Chief Toye Coker, on a short visit to the offices of the Richard Mayer Associates Ltd. where he met the Board of Directors. Discussion centered around the supply of Television programmes and members of the Board said they were already supplying programme material to three television stations in Northern Rhodesia. It was agreed that the Associates should submit to the Minister before his return home their proposal for supply of programmes. The proposal is attached to this report as appendix A.

4. On Wednesday, 12th July, 1961, Chief Fadayiro visited the British Broadcasting Company, Bush House, The Strand, London W.C.2, where he was received by Mr. D. T. Tidy who is the head of the West African programmes. He was shown the studios where sound transmissions to Nigeria and other West African countries takes place. Later the Minister had discussions with the head of general overseas programmes including the preparation of films for television which are supplied to Commonwealth countries. The Honourable Minister said he felt that the BBC fell short of expectation in its supply of films to Commonwealth countries, with particular reference to Nigeria. The head of the overseas programmes accepted this view but said nothing could be done unless the Commonwealth Relations Office could be persuaded to make available more funds for remedying the situation and he thought that if the Honourable Minister, during his interview with the Commonwealth Relations Office, would be so good as to raise the point there he would be doing the BBC a great service. This the Minister agreed to do.

5. The next day Thursday, 13th July, Chief Fadayiro went to the Central Office of Information where he was received by Mr. C. A. R. Lawrence, Programme Organizer. The Minister discussed at length with Mr. Mayer Production and Controlling Officer, Television and Newsreel Division and Mr. Phillip, the programme difficulties of Western Nigeria Television Service. He said that the Commonwealth Relations Office was not doing enough for Nigeria in the supply of films on the British way of life and general education. He further said that there was no reason why British newsreels could not be shown over WNTV within about 24 hours of its processing if American newsreels could. In addition the Minister requested regular supplies of films through the Commonwealth Relations Office. The Minister was assured of cooperation and was shown a few short course films in the COI Cinema Theatre before his next appointment with the COI Producer of Radio Tapes for the Commonwealth Radio, Mr. S. G. S. Blatchford. Mr. Blatchford said that he was very pleased to have the opportunity of discussing with the Minister and he promised to duplicate future tapes intended for Nigeria since he knew through Chief Fadayiro that WNBS was distinct from NBC. The Minister was shown around the Radio Tape Division. He listened to a recording on "How A Tennis Racket Is Made", an overseas programme for dispatch. Chief Fadayiro said that such programmes would be of tremendous interest to Nigerians. He was later interviewed by an L.P.S. correspondent. Before leaving the Central Office of Information the Minister had a round-up talk with the Director Mr. T. Fife Clark. The Minister told Mr. Clark that

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he was also anxious to negotiate for good programmes - documentary, entertainment, and educational films projecting the way of life of the British. Mr. Clark noted the advice and request and promised to do everything possible in the mutual interest of Great Britain and Nigeria.

6. After this visit the Honourable Minister went to the Incorporated Television House on Friday, 14th July, 1961 to investigate the possibility of negotiating the supply of films to Western Nigeria Television Service and he was accompanied by the Programme Organiser of the Central Office of Information, Mr. C. A. R. Lawrence. The Minister was received by the Chief Executive of International Sales and Head of the Independent Television Corporation, Mr. Elkan Kaufman. Mr. Kaufman said that there was no difficulty in selling programmes to WNTV if the W.N.G.B.C. would negotiate a contract direct with Commercial Film Organizations instead of its partner, O.R.S. who is a competitor in the world of films. In this connection, Mr. Kaufman mentioned the film of Richard Mayer Associated Ltd. which he was confident would serve the good interest of WNTV. The Minister said that no agreement had been reached with the firm of Richard Mayer Associated. Mr. Kaufman also wanted to know of the main intention of W.R. Government over the establishment of WNTV. To this Chief Fadayiro replied that his Government's interest in WNTV was not financial. He stressed that it was for educating, entertaining and informing the people.

7. Mr. Kaufman explained to Chief Fadayiro the relationship between his company and the Independent Television Authority. Their company, he said, derived its revenue from advertising, while the ITA charge for area covered by their transmission. The ITA, he said, had nothing to do with the staff of Incorporated Television, and that exchange of programmes was an inter-company affair. The Minister said that quick action was imperative on the part of the British to project correctly their way of life, to which Nigeria, by her many years of association with Britain, was used. The WNTV, he said, needed much more of such valuable films than the western shooting films which their partner introduced into the country. The Minister credited the C.O.I. for the amount of cooperation the Western Nigeria Government received so far and expressed hope for more in the future. Before the close of the meeting, the Minister was advised to hold a similar talk with the Deputy Chairman of Incorporated Television Ltd. at a later date. Finally Mr. Kaufman informed the Hon. Minister that he would be prepared to come to Nigeria to see the type of programmes suitable for the country.

8. On Monday, 17th July Chief Fadayiro was at a luncheon arranged by the Commonwealth Relations Office in the House of Parliament. Two Members of Parliament, Mr. Humphrey Berkeley, Conservative member for Lancaster, and Labour member for Middlesborough East, were also present. There was a general discussion of various ways and means by which both British and Nigerian interests could be mutually promoted. On the subject of Television, Chief Fadayiro said that the main aim of his present tour of Europe and America was to gain an insight into the running of the television services in these countries so that such knowledge could be used to the advantage of the Western Nigeria Television Service. He said that television was becoming popular with Nigerians and that it was intended to publicise the people's culture and traditions, and to educate and entertain. The Minister revealed that television was proving of great educational value to students in secondary schools and colleges and that the Government of Western Nigeria had provided over 200 schools in the Region with free Television sets. Chief Fadayiro made reference to the rapid pace of development in Western Nigeria. He maintained that Nigeria had benefited much from her association with Britain and that a strong spirit of friendship and understanding was much needed especially now that Nigeria is independent and sovereign. He hoped to have in the near future more of British entertainment and documentary films incorporated in WNTV programmes in preference to all others. The two members of Commons expressed delight in meeting Chief Fadayiro. After the luncheon, the Minister watched the Speakers' procession in the House of Commons. Also present at the luncheon was Mr. C. A. R. Lawrence of the Central Office of Information and Mr. H. Smedley of the Commonwealth Relations Office.

9. Three days later, on Thursday, 20th July, Chief E. A. A. Fadayiro, paid an informal visit to A.B.C. Television House in London where he had a short discussion with one of the Directors of the firm, Mr. George A. Cooper. The Minister revealed that the purpose of his tour was to find out as much fact as he could about the running of all well established television companies for the benefit of a young establishment such as that of Western Nigeria Television Service. He also said that the Western Nigeria Television Corporation, an arm of the Western Nigeria Government, was in partnership on a 50% basis with Overseas Rediffusion. As television was gaining

ground in Nigeria and becoming a strong medium for school teaching, he would like to negotiate particularly for programmes that would help to inform, entertain, and to educate the Nigerians. He would also like an exchange of documentary films depicting the British way of life. Mr. Cooper told the Minister that he was willing to help in any way he could. The A.B.C. Television, he said, derived its revenue mainly from advertising and the Independent Television Authority charge for area covered by its transmission, the one having nothing to do with staffing problems of the other. Mr. Cooper asked whether the Central Office of Information was not doing much to help and Chief Fadairo said the W.N.T.V. did not derive much help from the C.O.I. The Minister stressed the importance of exchange of programmes and enquired about the possibility of training Nigerians in television technique. Mr. Cooper promised to discuss the points raised by the Minister with his Co-Directors and that a formal visit to straighten out the whole matter would be necessary at a later date. August 21st was agreed upon as a probable date.

10. On Tuesday, 18th July, 1961, the Minister visited Granada Television and met the Directors. He then had discussion with Mr. Beinstein, one of the Directors, in the course of which he raised the possibility of buying programmes from Granada Television who were already in partnership with the Northern Nigeria broadcasting corporations. Mr. Beinstein seemed reluctant to give a definite decision on this matter but he promised to consider it in due course when films are being sent to Northern Nigeria.

11. The next day Wednesday, 19th July, 1961 Chief Fadairo had discussions with Patrick Dolan Associates. Those present were the Agent General, Chief Toye Coker, Dr. S. O. Biobaku, Fred Doerflinger, Al Toombs, and T. A. Awobokun. The matter discussed was mainly about the training and posting of a suitable Ministry of Information Officers to take over fully the present functions of PDA in the United Kingdom on behalf of the Western Nigerian Government so as to concentrate on the United States. It was agreed that Mr. T. A. Awobokun should be attached to PDA on a part-time basis for necessary training, with the view to his taking over completely by March 1962. In view of the increase in responsibility in the Information Unit of the Office of the Agent General, it was agreed that an additional Information Officer Grade 11 should be posted to London as a matter of urgency. Two other decisions were taken. First, that an Information Officer Grade I be posted to New York to understudy the PDA representative there and, secondly, that an Information Officer of sufficiently high calibre should be responsible at Ibadan for Overseas Publicity and for forwarding information requested by PDA. In this connection it was noted that two copies of every press release issued at Ibadan should be separately forwarded to PDA and the Agent General's Office, and that any release issued in London for use in the United Kingdom and on the Continent should be henceforth issued by our London Office in cooperation with PDA. This arrangement was made on the understanding that the post of Information Officer, Grade II, at present available in the London Office will still be on the establishment and that the Officer holding the post will be responsible mainly for covering miscellaneous assignments such as coverage of Ministerial visits to United Kingdom and the Continent. It was finally decided that action on all the decisions and arrangements proposed above should be taken up by the Chief Information Officer as soon as possible.

12. On Thursday, 20th July the Minister had a meeting with Mr. Morris of the Programmes Exchange Ltd., 4 Golden Square, London, W.1. This meeting was held in the Office of the Agent General Chief Toye Coker who, himself, was present as well as Dr. S. O. Biobaku. At this meeting the main discussion was the supply of television programmes and Mr. Morris was requested to submit his proposals to the Honourable Minister as soon as possible. The proposal is attached as appendix B.

13. The next day, 20th July Chief E. A. A. Fadairo, visited the British Broadcasting Corporation Television Centre at White Chapel, London and he was met on arrival by the Assistant Head of African Service, Mr. G. T. M. de M. Morgan, and the Senior Assistant, Television Liaison, Mr. A. C. L. Bennett. The Minister later met the B.B.C. Engineering Liaison Officer, Brigadier W. G. Tucker, with whom he had general discussion on Engineering matters, the emphasis being on training facilities for Nigerian engineers. Chief Fadairo was conducted round the Television Centre by Mr. Bennett, said to be one of the best in the world today and furnished with the most modern engineering equipment. Mr. Bennett pointed out that the Centre was shaped like a question mark, consisting essentially of a large circular main building with three surrounding blocks, having seven production studios and two presentation studios. There Chief Fadairo watched for a few minutes the rehearsal of a play, and he was entertained to light refreshment and tea. He later had a talk with the Controller of Programme Services (Television) Mr. S. J. de Lotbiniere, the General Manager (Television Promotions)

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13. R. H. Waldman, and the Sales Manager (Television Promotions) Mr. Del Strother, on matters of programmes and supply of documentary, entertainment, and educational films to W.N.T.V. The visit was filmed by the B.B.C.

14. On the same day Chief Fadayiro visited the Director General of the ITV, Mr. Norman Collins, with whom he discussed the problems of programmes and the training of the staff of WN-TV, generally. Mr. Collins assured the Minister that he would do his best to accept trainees and he asked him to forward as soon as possible list of the first batch of trainees so that necessary arrangements could be made early. In connection with programmes, Mr. Collins undertook to send out one of his Officers, Mr. Elkan Kaufman, to Nigeria to advise the WN-TV authorities on the matter. In order to improve the whole organisation, Mr. Collins further promised to send to Nigeria a top-ranking television expert to advise WN-TV on his overall organization.

15. On the morning of Monday, 24th July, 1961, the Honourable Minister paid another visit to the Office of the PDA and he was accompanied by Mr. A. Y. Eke. The discussion on this occasion was mainly about the Minister's programme in the United States. Mr. Doerflinger explained that Mr. Detwiler was in touch with the State Department in New York and that a tentative programme for the first week had been prepared and that this would require the Honourable Minister to remain in New York for the first week.

16. Next the Minister and Mr. Eke paid a short visit to Mole-Richardson (England) Ltd. who are designers and manufacturers of studio electrical equipment. The Honourable Minister met Mr. John Page, the Overseas Manager, who received the Minister warmly and said that he would be prepared to show him around the Works on the Minister's return from the United States and would be prepared to supply studio electrical equipment, if required, as well as accept trainees from WN-TV.

17. Later in the day Chief E. A. A. Fadayiro paid a formal visit to the Independent Television News Ltd. He was met by the News Editor, Mr. Geoffrey Cox and the Syndicate Manager, Mr. Norman Clark. The Minister was conducted round the Television House and shown the various modern machines in use and the different stages and systems by which news was telerecorded and transmitted. He discussed the problems of the WNTV and suggested a system of exchange of newsreels between the I.T.N. and WNTV. He said he would also like such Nigerian newsreels to be bicycled to other Commonwealth countries if possible. Mr. Cox agreed that such an exchange of programmes would promote good relationships and better understanding of each other's problems. He promised to think seriously about the proposal. At six o'clock the Minister observed the I.T.N. system of news presentation. His arrival at the Television House was shot and televised on the eleven o'clock late news bulletin.

18. Then in the evening of Monday, 24th July, 1961, the Minister visited the Ellstree Studio of Television, where he was met by Mr. Kaufman and others. He was shown around the studios and saw rehearsals in progress.

19. On the morning of Tuesday, 25th July accompanied by Mr. Eke the Minister visited the Duke of Devonshire, Parliamentary Secretary to Mr. Duncan Sands. The Minister raised with him the inadequacy of films supplied by the BBC and said that this had led, unfortunately, to an influx of cheaper films from elsewhere which were not as wholesome as one would desire. The Duke said he was aware of this, which was due to lack of necessary funds. The Minister thereupon suggested that the situation could be remedied to some extent if the British Government changed its emphasis from the other media to visual publicity and if it persuaded British commercial organizations abroad to sponsor British films on television. The Duke welcomed this suggestion and hinted that already his Government was giving consideration to the problem and was in fact proposing to increase the funds made available to Central Office of Information. He hoped that more would be done in the future. Next he agreed with the suggestion that there should be a regular exchange of films between the Commonwealth countries and the United Kingdom and he promised to bring this to the attention of COI.

20. Later, the same morning the Minister paid a short visit to the Director General of BBC, Mr. Carlson Greene, with whom he discussed television problems generally. The Minister thought that BBC television programme forwarded to television stations in the Commonwealth should be increased. Mr. Greene agreed it was very good advice but pointed to financial difficulties. The Minister then informed him that he had already discussed the matter with the Parliamentary Secretary for Commonwealth Relations, the Duke of Devonshire who said something would soon be done to improve the situation. Both the Minister and Mr. Greene also discussed the problem of

training WNTV staff. Despite the fact that television courses run by BBC were heavily taxed by their own staff and Commonwealth nations, Mr. Greene promised to do his best to give facilities to trainees to WNTV.

21. Accompanied by Mr. A. Y. Eke, the Minister left Southampton the next day, Wednesday 26th July, on the "United States" and arrived in New York on Monday, 31st July, where he was met by the Chairman of the Western Nigerian Broadcasting Corporation, Chief T. T. Solaru, as well as by representatives of the State Department and Patrick Dolan Associates. During the voyage The Honourable Minister met a number of distinguished Americans who were interested in current affairs and in the development of mass communication media throughout Africa. Such Americans included Mr. & Mrs. W. H. Vanderbilt, Mr. James Farley, and Dr. & Mrs T. S. Armstrong. On Saturday, 29th July, the Minister gave a cocktail party on board to which about 30 persons were invited.

22. On arriving in New York the Minister was informed by the representatives of the State Department that arrangements had been made for him and his entourage to proceed to Washington where his visit to the United States would be scheduled. Chief T. T. Solaru and Mr. A. Y. Eke accordingly accompanied the Minister by train to Washington where they took up residence at the Hotel Windsor Park, 2300 Connecticut Avenue, Washington 8, D. C., where they stayed until Saturday, 5th August. Because of the absence from Washington of the Nigerian Ambassador, His Excellency J. Udochi at the time of the arrival, it was not possible for the Minister and his entourage to pay a courtesy call on the Ambassador until the evening of Wednesday, 2nd August, 1961 at a cocktail party given in honour of the Nigerian Federal Public Service Commission.

23. The first official engagement of the Minister in Washington was therefore to call on Mr. C. Vaughan Ferguson, Jr., Director, Western Africa and Malagasy Affairs, Department of State, on Tuesday, 1st August. They discussed a number of important matters, including the desirability for the Government of the United States to make available, in its own interest, documentary and feature films of sufficiently good quality to counteract the evil effects of the cheap western films now shown in Africa which depict the American way of life in very bad light. They further discussed the mutual advantage which would arise if an exchange of films, not only for television but also for cinema, could be arranged between the United States and Western Nigeria. After Mr. Ferguson had explained the structure and functions of his section of the Department of State and his plans to have consuls in Ibadan, Enugu, and Kaduna in the near future, he arranged for the Minister to be shown around the various sections of the State Department Building. The Honourable Minister was particularly interested in the auditorium where the presidential press conferences are held.

24. The next morning, Wednesday 2nd August, a very important programme was carried out. The Minister drove to Hagerstown, Maryland to see the educational television experiment there (a project sponsored by the Ford Foundation). Mr. C. Wilson Cahall, Assistant Supervisor of the Washington County Board of Education, received the Minister and explained to him thoroughly various aspects of the Washington County Closed Circuit Education Television. He explained that the project was sponsored in the first instance by the Ford Foundation, that the necessary equipment was provided by The Radio Electronics Television Manufacturers Association, that 93 miles of cable were laid free by the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company, and that the project itself was administered by the County Educational Board. The intention of the Board was to provide the finest possible education at the cheapest rate possible in order to supplement the inadequacy of talented teachers as well as insufficiency of physical plants and funds. It was Mr. Cahall's view that by undertaking this project the County of Maryland was leading the whole of America in the large-scale use of closed circuit television to raise the quality of teaching whilst correspondingly reducing the cost of education as a whole.

25. After showing the Minister the studios and preparation rooms of the station, Mr. Cahall entertained him and his party to lunch. Then he took them to see one of the two ultra-modern comprehensive schools in Maryland, the North Hagerstown High School, built at a cost of \$3,000,000 and providing excellent facilities for their 2,000 pupils. The visit ended pleasantly with a press interview.

26. On Thursday, 3rd August, the Minister paid a visit to the various sections of the United States Information Agency. First he met Mr. Donald Wilson, Deputy Director of the United States Information Agency, with whom he discussed the supply of programme material. It was agreed that the United States Information Agency

● should increase its efforts to make available to averseas countries good films on the United States. The Minister said he would do his best to bring to the attention of the American press the evil effects of cheap films on the reputation of the United States in overseas countries.

27. Next, the Minister had discussions with Mr. Romney Wheeler of the International TV, who stressed the importance of the uses of television for purposes of education and of communicating vital information to citizens. He explained some of the modern techniques and promised to send to WNTV-WNBS as many films as possible henceforth.

28. This discussion was followed by another held with Mr. Hall, the Director of Programme and Service, and followed by another with Mr. Thomas Cannon, Acting Director of the International Press Section, both of whom were gratified at the comments made by The Honourable Minister to the effect that the United States Information Service was doing a magnificent job of work in Western Nigeria.

29. Then the Minister met Mr. Jack Logan of The Voice of America in the absence of Mr. Arthur Hummel. Mr. Logan promised to send to Western Nigeria, through the United States Information Service, suitable tapes for playback and that he said he would try to satisfy any requests made to him from time to time. He agreed also that The Voice of America would take on trainees from Western Nigeria, provided that the necessary application for this was made through the local United States Information Service in good time.

30. On leaving The Voice of America The Honourable Minister paid a visit to Mr. David C. Stewart of The Joint Council of Educational Broadcasting, who explained that the Council had been endowed by The Ford Foundation and that a good number of community television stations were now served by airborne transmitters. In his view, such airborne transmitters would, in the near future, replace closed circuit transmission for educational purposes as they are less costly and covers a much wider area, and are also accessible to every TV set within the area, unlike the closed circuits.

31. The day's events were concluded when the Minister was invited to the Colloquium on Africa as a platform guest on the occasion Senator McGee spoke on "An American Looks At Africa".

32. The next day, Friday 4th August, was devoted to three engagements. First, The Honourable Minister called on the Federal Communications Commissioner, Mr. Robert Bartley, who explained the Communications Act and the procedure for the allocation of spectra. No fees are charged for the allocation of frequencies nor do the station and the TV set owners pay any fees.

33. On leaving him the Minister then went to see Dr. Gerald Wynfield, Director of the Communications Media Department and Technical Services Division of the ICA, who explained what great advantage that could be taken of newscasts as a medium of educational instruction. He suggested that for this newscast educational approach, a large photo library could easily be built up mainly by writing to the various information services requesting from each of them photographs covering all aspects of the development and the way of life of the country they are serving. He suggested further than a specialized staff of 4 or 5 would be required for this purpose and that newscasts lasting almost an hour, half the time devoted to background material, could be put on initially once or twice a week. He added that to operate this programme would require a gestation period of at least three months during which the staff would not only learn the techniques necessary for the operation of the programme but would also try it out a good deal before venturing to put it on.

34. Next The Minister discussed with Mr. Wynfield certain specific matters and Mr. Wynfield promised to meet request for educational material suitable for use on television. He drew the attention of the Minister to a specially designed receiver, built at about \$3,000, which would be most suitable for a small community with no electric power. Such communities should be asked to erect the necessary sheds and pay for the petrol consumption and the services of a caretaker. After this he described satellite transmitters which would in the near future help the spread of education. The Republic of Togo he said was already planning to have a series of satellite transmitters at a cost of about \$68,000.

35. Finally, The Minister discussed with Mr. Wynfield ways in which the ICA could help the Western Region, and it was agreed that the Government of Western Nigeria should make a specific request to the ICA through Mr. Beinstein in Lagos to set up a project of engineering study of the Western Region at a cost of \$50,000 - \$75,000 to provide for satellite transmitters so that all the Region would derive the fullest advantage from its present television set-up. This the Honourable Minister agreed to do.

36. Later in the afternoon the Minister visited the Congress of the United States and he had the opportunity of holding discussions with Senator O'Hara, the Chairman of the African Committee of the Senate. Senator O'Hara, who visited Nigeria last year, was most enthusiastic about African problems and it was his view that it would be in the interest of the United States to do its best to aid the technical development and cultural advancement of African countries generally. This meeting concluded The Minister's visit to Washington. The next morning, Saturday 5th August, he returned to New York and took up residence at the Warwick Hotel, 65 West 54th Street.

37. On Sunday, 6th August, accompanied by Chief Solaru and Mr. Eke, the Minister took a train from New York to Boston, staying two nights at the Sheraton-Plaza Hotel. On arrival he was met at the station by Dean John U. Munro of Harvard University. The following morning the Minister visited WGBH studios at 84 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge 39, where he held discussion with Mr. Henry Morgenthau III and others connected with the Station. Mr. Morgenthau explained to the Minister that the station was similar in many ways to the BBC, the idea being that it should not be profit making. Consequently, it depended on contributions partly from twelve institutions, a number of individuals, commercial firms, foundations, and partly from trusts for its maintenance. Although some of its income was derived from the underwriting of certain live programmes, nonetheless they were not sponsored in the usual commercial television manner. The station was more interested in the intellectual, cultural, and educational value of the programmes presented rather than in making money. On the question of training facilities Mr. Morgenthau thought it would be possible for the station to take on trainees or officials from Western Nigeria for short periods.

38. The next day, Tuesday, August 8, the Minister paid a visit to Harvard University where he was received by J. Hampden Robb, University Marshal, Dean Francis Keppel, Dean John Munro, and Mr. Donald J. Eberley who showed him the University. The Minister learned that Peace Corps candidates for Nigeria were being trained at Harvard University and that Dean Munro had gone to Nigeria the previous month to make the necessary arrangements. He was also told that Nigerian students who come to universities in the United States were assisted in their arrangements by Harvard University and that, in fact, a good number of Nigerians go to Harvard these days, especially during the summer courses.

39. In the afternoon the Minister had lunch with Mr. Louis Cowan and Mr. Harry Morgenthau III at the Faculty Club of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. During the discussion Mr. Cowan made a number of helpful suggestions on the running of WNTV-WNBS. It was his view that a television service in an up-and-coming country should be devoted largely to educational purposes and should be manned by a staff of high calibre, each of whom should be responsible for a specific aspect of the organization. He said it was necessary for the service to have before it a well thought-out set of objectives to guide the staff so that the service could serve the needs of the people and reflect their culture. He agreed with Mr. Morgenthau III that facilities for the training of executives and technical staff could be made available to Western Nigeria on request and, in fact, he suggested that the Minister should let him have as soon as possible a letter embodying the technical assistance and the training scheme for staff which Western Nigeria would like the Communications Research Centre of Brandeis University, Waltham, Massachusetts to carry out for it. The Minister promised to take immediate action. The action taken is correspondence reproduced as Appendix C.

40. The Minister returned to New York in the evening of that day. But the first official engagement in New York was on the next day, Wednesday, August 9th. Prior to that, however, The Hon. Minister had paid a courtesy call on the Permanent Representative of Nigeria to the United Nations, Alhaji Mohammad Ngileruma, at the Hotel New Weston on Saturday, 5th August during which both of them discussed Nigerian problems. It was their common view that Nigerians abroad had a large role to play in the promotion of Nigerian unity at home and that no pain should be spared towards doing this.

41. On the morning of Wednesday, 9th August, the Minister went to see the National Educational Television and Radio Council at 10 Columbus Circle. There he met Mr. Arthur Griffin, the Executive Vice-President, and Mr. Basil Thornton, Director of the Broadcasting Foundation of America. The two gentlemen explained that the Council was established through the generosity of the Ford Foundation, a total sum of \$10,000,000 having been made available to it so far. There were, of course, other sources of income. After explaining the functions of the Council and the fact that certain tapes and films could be made available to WNTV through diplomatic channels, they pointed out that it was a pity that the partnership into which the Western Nigerian Broadcasting Corporation had gone would be an impediment in their giving assistance to WNTV-WNBS. They stressed that they were interested in an exchange of tapes and films with Nigeria and would like to make use of a series of portraits in sound of major Nigerian cities in 50 stations whenever forwarded to them. The Council despatch at once to WNBS a set of tapes comprising 45 different half-hour recordings entitled, "Image of America", and that arrangements would be made later for Mrs. Roosevelt to do an introductory recording for series. Mr. Griffin also promised to forward to the Minister the revised catalogue of films and tapes as well as any new lists available. From this the Minister was free to make a request. Mr. Thornton referred to the UNESCO Conference to be held in Boston next October and he requested a musical programme from WNBS which could be used during the Conference on the station WBHS.
42. On leaving there the Minister visited the American Broadcasting Corporation where he was received by Mr. James Larkin, Manager of Development, ABC International, and later by Mr. Coyle, President of the ABC International Television. Both gentlemen explained the desire of the American Broadcasting Corporation to be in partnership with overseas television network eventually. At present, they were in partnership with a number of countries, both in the television and the sound broadcasting fields in South America, New Zealand, Australia, Asia and Europe only. They would, therefore, very much like to have contacts somewhere in Africa. A partnership guarantees for the overseas partner certain services, such as programming, selling and buying of films, and exchange of television material. It would not matter how little of the share was taken by the American Broadcasting Corporation, the essential point being that a partnership existed. In Japan, for example, they had only a 5% share, whereas in the Bahamas it was 40%. In addition to the advantages already mentioned, partnership would ensure that the Overseas partner was not charged any commission (that is 7% commission) on films bought from other sources on their behalf. A full training scheme lasting 60-90 days could be organised on behalf of the overseas partner so that the trainees would have the theoretical instruction at the University of Michigan and a practical training at the American Broadcasting Corporation station in Detroit. Apart from this training program ABC was prepared to transfer to the overseas partner for a limited period some of its experienced staff to fill any gaps until the overseas partner were in a position to supply its own staff. The Minister was grateful for the explanations both gentlemen made and requested that Mr. Coyle submit proposals on the subjects of discussion for the consideration of his Government and that, depending on the outcome of the proposals submitted by Mr. Coyle, it might be necessary to invite him to Western Nigeria for a short visit. The proposal is attached as appendix D.
43. In the afternoon the Minister paid a very short visit to the Newsfilms Laboratories and facilities of the Columbia Broadcasting System where he met Mr. Robert Little, the Newsfilm Producer. Mr. Little said his organisation was responsible for selling 1,000 feet of news material per week to WNTV. He regretted that so far the News Editor there had never sent him any comments on the suitability or otherwise of the news items he always forwarded to Nigeria at the request of the ITN. If he knew what WNTV's comments were, it might be possible for him to alter his selection or to extend the range of topics forwarded to Western Nigeria. Also, the newsfilm forwarded was not on sound because no such request had been made to him more so as he was not aware that the common language spoken in Nigeria was English. He promised to remedy the situation as soon as he heard from WNTV.
44. Later in the day the Minister visited formally the Western Nigeria Industrial Development and Information Office of the B.B.D.O. at 385 Madison Avenue. He met the press at the Overseas Press Club, 54 West 40th Street, and answered questions from them on various aspects of Nigerian affairs.

45. On Thursday, 10 August the Minister went to see the President of the African Research and Development Company, Inc. at 75 East 55th Street, Mr. A.D. Marshall, who was delighted to meet the Minister and to explain the functions of his company. It was, however, a very short meeting and Mr. Marshall promised to arrange for another meeting in the following week to enable the Minister to see the equipment R.C.A. had to offer for the establishment of our rediffusion service. Mr. Marshall stressed the services which his company could render to Western Nigeria as it is so far the only link with Nigeria on industrial and development matters. He called the Minister's attention to the establishment of his company's office at Labinjo Street, Lagos, with a Mr. Page in charge.

46. On leaving Mr. Marshall, the Minister went to the National Broadcasting Corporation where he met Mr. Clifford Slaybough, Vice-Chairman, NBC International. Mr. Slaybough explained the services which his corporation could make available to other overseas organizations, such as programmes supply of capital, technical and production know-how, and liaison. He said he realized that television in other countries tended to be far more educational in its aims than in America. He said educational programmes produced by the National Broadcasting Corporation and used mainly in the early hours of the morning and they were of university level and that some public affairs programmes were also produced.

47. Then he described the three different systems of educational television: (a) closed circuit e.g. at Hagerstown; (b) open stations, e.g. WGBH, which covers a specific area and which have mainly cultural contents and (c) an open circuit airborne station which puts on specific programmes to fit the school curricula. The main difficulty in the way of educational television was financial, since such a service was not commercial. Whatever may be the nature and purpose of overseas television service, the policy of NBC today is to seek a partnership with it if possible. The National Broadcasting Corporation would supply such overseas stations with their requests without interfering with their programmes. The essential demand of the overseas partner was that he should buy a certain minimum amount of programmes from NBC. At the request of the Minister, Mr. Slaybough promised to write a memorandum on the subject of the international policy of the National Broadcasting Corporation in this connection. It is attached as appendix E.

48. In the afternoon the Minister went to the Public Affairs Films section of the Columbia Broadcasting System where he met Mr. William Block, Sales Manager, who explained the terms and conditions of sales of public affairs programmes. After showing the Minister a series of public affairs newsfilms made by CBS, he promised to let the Minister have CBS catalogue so that he could place an order for whatever items he required.

49. On Friday, 11th August the Minister made a tour of the United Nations Building and was shown around by Miss Van de Moleen. In the evening he attended a dinner party at the Waldorf-Astoria given by the Permanent Representative of Nigeria to the United Nations at which representatives from all African countries were present.

50. On Monday morning, August 14 Mr. Cal Heydemann of Teleprompter, dealers in television equipment, was asked by the Minister to submit a proposal on the services his company could perform. The proposal is attached as appendix F.

51. Later in the morning the Minister went to see the industrial films available at BBDO. Next he attended a luncheon party given by the American Society of African Culture. Mr. Calvin H. Raoullerson, the Association's Executive Director, informed the Minister that he would be going out to Nigeria shortly to be in charge of their office at Oil Mill Street, Lagos, and that he would make contact with the Minister when he got there. Later in the afternoon the Minister made a short tour of the Associated Press where he was shown around by Mr. Nick Carter.

52. Finally the same day he received the representatives of the Belze Development Corporation who said they were interested in establishing in Nigeria and they were in a position to carry out heavy development projects. The Minister asked them to submit their proposal in writing. The proposal is attached as appendix G.

53. The next day, Tuesday, 15 August, Mr. Charles Michelson, President, International Broadcasting, called on the Minister to explain that his company was responsible for supplying programmes to ENTV and that he would like to render similar services to WNTV. The Minister advised him to submit his proposal in writing. The proposal is attached as appendix H.

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Notes of Meeting held at the Television House
on Monday the 9th October, 1961

Present:- Chief T. T. Solaru }
" G. B. A. Akinyede } for the Corporation
Olu Ibukun Esq. }

Bell Chambers Esq. }
Hugh Dundas " } for Overseas Rediffusion
G. W. Philips " } Limited.

In attendance:- Ayo Kuforiji, Esq - Secretary, W.N.G.B.C.

Observers:- T. O. Ejinwumi, Esq.
O. Bateye "
Dr. F. A. Ajayi

Chief Solaru welcomed Mr. Bell Chambers and his colleagues. He produced the two letters written to the Acting Premier, and referred in particular to the part of Mr. Dundas's letter where the facts as stated by the Corporation's representatives were regarded as charges and intolerable. He concluded by saying that all the Corporation's representative did was merely to state facts, and if facts were charges then the Corporation's representatives just could not help it; and if they were distasteful to Overseas Rediffusion Limited it was just unfortunate.

Chief Solaru then went on the second letter and the proposals made by the Overseas Rediffusion Limited.

As to the continuation of the Partnership he said this was out of the question: on the offer of the Government selling to the Overseas Rediffusion Limited, Chief Solaru said the Overseas Rediffusion Limited might have their reason for mentioning £300,000, but he was authorised to withdraw this proposal. Any other proposal of the Government selling to the Overseas Rediffusion Limited had lapsed and was out of the question.

The meeting, he continued, had now before it the question of the Government buying the interest of the Overseas Rediffusion Limited or, in the alternative, the winding up of the Company, and allowing the Law to take its course.

Mr. Bell Chambers wanted to know why the offer of the Government to sell no longer stood. He was told that the offer made on the 24th September, 1961 had lapsed and the offer from the Premier in Rome was now withdrawn.

Mr. Bell Chambers asked whether the withdrawal notice was not too short and would like to know the reason for the withdrawal. He was told that an offer could be withdrawn at any time, and as for the reason for the withdrawal, Chief Solaru said, he acted on instructions and authority and could say nothing more.

Mr. Bell Chambers again asked if he understood that the offer of £300,000 had been definitely withdrawn. He was told it had definitely been withdrawn. He also wanted to know whether the Government had definitely resolved not to go on with their Partnership with the Overseas Rediffusion Limited. He was told this was definitely so. He wanted to know if there was any possibility of the Partnership continuing under any circumstance. He was told there was none at all.

Before concluding his speech, Chief Solaru said he regarded Mr. Dundas' attitude as evidenced in his letter to the acting Premier as personal affront. He concluded that it was un-african to invite someone for a friendly discussion and amicable settlement but welcome him to the conference room with a slap in the face by confronting him with a catalogue of his misdeeds. Hence these points were put last at the previous meetings.

Mr. Bell Chambers, for Overseas Rediffusion Limited, said they regretted the fact that the Partnership could not continue. Chief Solaru replied that the discontinuation was no pleasure for the Government either.

The meeting then went on to consider Overseas Rediffusion Limited's preparedness to sell all their interests to the Corporation.

Dr. Ajayi wanted to know what interests the Overseas Rediffusion offered to sell for £560,000. Mr. Bell Chambers said £560,000 covered everything. Dr. Ajayi would also like to know further whether the £70,000 included in the £560,000 covered all debts including any that might have arisen in the course of services entered to or on behalf of the Company. Mr. Bell Chambers replied that none that Overseas Rediffusion Limited knew of. Dr. Ajayi pointed out that it might be necessary for Overseas Rediffusion Limited to indemnify the Western Nigeria Government Broadcasting Corporation against claims from third parties.

Chief Solaru wanted all cards on the table. It was his view that none should leave a card under the table only to bring it out at the last minute. With this Mr. Bell Chambers agreed.

Chief Solaru, on behalf of the Government, accepted the offer of the Overseas Rediffusion Limited to sell all their interests for £560,000, but would like payment to be spread over the remaining 13 years of the original agreement. Mr. Bell Chambers said all sellers wanted payment outright.

Chief Akinyede, supported by Chief Solaru, would like consideration to be given to the commodity on sale as this was not an ordinary commodity. As a matter of fact in the present case, the commodity is a liability. The value of the assets of the Company had been reduced considerably below half the money actually put in.

Mr. Bell Chambers said Overseas Rediffusion Limited were still optimistic.

Mr. Ibukun was of the view that the optimism of Overseas Rediffusion Limited was not supported by actual fact, and in any case it was not sufficient for Overseas Rediffusion Limited to be optimistic; they must be able to convince the Government that they had good grounds for their optimism. He feared Overseas Rediffusion Limited had failed in this.

Mr. Bateye suggested that as the Overseas Rediffusion Limited on one hand claimed that by the end of the 15th year they would be able to make profit and the Government on the other hand held a contrary view and believed that the present trend would continue, a compromise would be to regard a "break even" possible by the end of the 15th year, and conclude that each of the partners might be able to get its money back at the expiration of the original agreement.

Mr. Bell Chambers would like to know how much the Government was prepared to pay down.

At this point there was a short adjournment. On the resumption of the meeting, Chief Solaru said the Government would pay £60,000 down and the balance would be spread over 13 years.

Mr. Bell Chambers mentioned interest on the balance, but Chief Akinyede replied that interest could only be considered if the purchase price was the actual value of the commodity which in this case would amount to about half the present book value of the net assets of the Company.

At this point Mr. Bell Chambers suggested an adjournment of the meeting.

Summary:- The position reached was thus summarised as follows:

It was agreed that the Overseas Rediffusion Limited's offer to sell their interests for £560,000 was accepted by Government subject to agreement on the method of payment.

The meeting then adjourned till Tuesday the 10th October, 1961 at 4:30 p.m.

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STATEMENT OF CONCLUSIONS REACHED AT MEETING
of 24th September, 1961

At the conclusion of the meeting today, Overseas Rediffusion offered settlement for their share of W.N.R.S. on the basis of payment by the Corporation of £491,000 plus whatever sum is owing to Rediffusion by W.N.R.S. This was rejected by Government whose final offer is settlement on the basis of payment by the Corporation of £491,000 less half the sum represented by the total outstanding debts showing on the books of W.N.R.S. on the 30th of September without allowance for outstanding debtors or cash position. Alternatively, Government are prepared to dispose of their shares to Rediffusion on the same basis as that of their offer to us with an assurance of continued goodwill. I am warned that unless settlement is achieved by September 30th, Government will invoke Clause 3(a) of the 1959 Agreement. They will refuse to contribute further funds and the Company will consequently be unable to continue operations. Government justified their final offer on the grounds of past and present operating results of the Company are unsatisfactory and give no grounds for confidence in the future particularly in view of imminent increased competition.

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16th October, 1961.

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Chief I. O. Dina,
Permanent Secretary to the Treasury (On Tour),
c/o The Official Secretary,
Office of the Agent-General for Western Nigeria,
178/202, Great Portland Street,
London, W.1.

My dear

I am directed to refer to your endorsement of 3rd October and to say that my Minister and I have been in constant consultation with Chief Solaru over the question of the complete ownership of the western Nigeria Broadcasting System by our Broadcasting Corporation. True, we learnt that the Honourable Premier had indicated that it would be quite in order for the O.R.L. to take over complete ownership at a price of £500,000, but we took the earliest opportunity to withdraw this offer before it was accepted by the O.R.L. because it was feared that they were trying to acquire complete ownership so that they might re-sell it to, or use it to bargain with, the Federal Government - a situation that will place this Government in a position of the utmost embarrassment.

2. The present position is that the Corporation has accepted the offer of the O.R.L. to transfer their total interest in the WNRS Ltd. to the Corporation for a consideration of the payment of a sum of £560,000 subject only to a rider given by the Corporation that the payment must be spread over the period of 15 years remaining of the tenure of the Agreement between the Government and the O.R.L. This is based on the assumption that the W.N.R.S. Ltd. would have made sufficient profits to enable accumulated losses to be recovered at the end of the Agreement period and that the investment in the Company could then be valued at par. It was O.R.L.'s contention, however, that the Company should be in the position to do that long before that period and that at the end of the Agreement period, substantial extra profit would have been made. On the other hand it was the contention of the Corporation that the present trend arising from the inefficient manner the O.R.L. has been managing the company as the technical partners, could only lead one to assume that not only would the Company not "break-even" at any time, but that considerable losses would have been incurred by the end of the term of the Agreement. It was, therefore, a compromise decision to assume that the Company would, in 15 years time, be able at least to leave the partners in a position where they would expect no accumulated losses or profits and can recover their capital contributions fully at par.

3. The total capital investment of the O.R.L. in the Company to date is £560,000, and once it is assumed that the Company would be in a position of overall balance in 15 years time there was no difficulty in accepting full liability for the repayment of that amount provided payment is spread over the whole period. So far, the O.R.L. has refused the term of 15 years and suggested finally the payment of half the total amount due at once and balance in three years. I had thought, after private discussions with

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officials at the Treasury, that one might offer total repayment in five years, but the Acting Premier has stated that he was not in the position to ask us to negotiate on those lines unless he could get some report about the success of your tour. In that event we have been forced to stick to 13 years, although after a lot of pressure and appeal from the representatives of O.R.L., Chief Solaru has budged a bit by offering repayment in 10 years. I have however left myself in the position where even this offer could be withdrawn if not approved by Government.

4. However, the O.R.L. has come back with entirely new proposals offering to us to let them continue to manage the Company while they pay us interest on our Capital outlay, something like £28,000 a year, and we negotiate how to continue the facilities which Government now enjoys on the network. On the other hand we are advised that if we were able to take over the Company completely it will begin to pay its way in a very short time by the curtailment of all the extravagancies of the O.R.L. in the management of the Company and that we would soon be making some profits from the venture. In fact, I am told that O.R.L. are making substantial profits already, under the counter, by the miscellaneous commissions they charge on the services they now render, and that we would only perpetuate their present exploitation of our resources if we allowed them to continue any longer. We are, therefore, in a dilemma and I am strongly inclined to advise that efforts should be made to clinch the deal by accepting their final offer of half down and balance in three years before they again change their mind. All along we have insisted that interest will not be paid on the amount due, in accordance with the terms of the subsisting Agreement. I have already gone to the trouble of getting Ibukun to prepare a business budget for the next few years - up to 1970 in fact - which I have personally checked in order to assure myself about the fate of the Company if solely managed by us and I am satisfied that the break-even year can be reached by 1966 if we receive no external assistance of any kind and a couple of years sooner if advantage is taken of the contacts already made by my Minister and Chief Solaru in America on the supply of films.

5. In the meantime a letter has been addressed to O.R.L. asking them to confirm that their verbal proposals of -

- (a) transferring their total interest for £560,000 to be paid half down at once and balance in three years; OR
- (b) their taking over the management of the Company and paying interest on our Capital investment,

are firm offers, so that we can communicate to them whichever of the two we accept soon afterwards. Close touch is maintained with the Acting Premier and the Solicitor-General on all these matters and I feel sure we can come to an advantageous solution in the end.

Yours sincerely,

(O. BATEYE)
Permanent Secretary,
(Ministry of Information)

Note:

It is now learnt that O.R.L. have contacted Irving & Bonnar and instructed them to take the matter to court on an issue of breach of contract on the part of the Government with a motion that the W.N.R.S. be

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dissolved or restrained from continuing to operate by sound or visual broadcasting until the issue referred to the court is determined.

Everyone here expresses satisfaction with this development and expecting to receive proper notice of it any time.

No.S.138/33/A
24th October, 1961.

Copy to:-

Secretary to the Premier and
Executive Council,
Premier's Office,
Ibadan.

For information please.

H. P. O. O. O.
for Permanent Secretary,
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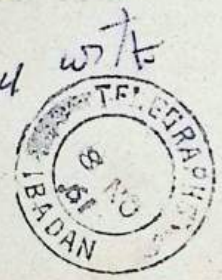
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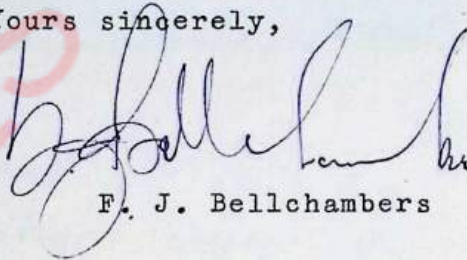
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8th November, 1961.

Dear Acting Premier,

In a cable to you of to-day, I referred to the mutilation in transmission of your cable to me of 4th November. You will see exactly what I mean from the enclosed exact copy of the cable as received here. You will also note that, although the cable seems to have been sent off by you on Saturday, 4th November, it was not received here until Tuesday, the 7th.

Yours sincerely,



F. J. Bellchambers

Oba C.D. Akran,
Acting Premier and Minister
of Economic Planning,
The Premier's Office,
Ibadan.

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Plse find out how this happened and what the present position is.

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CS (Mrs Ofuade)

This file reached me only this morning! Wd you pl speak early.

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18/11/61

CS (Mrs Ofuade)

You told me that the tel in question did not issue from this office. Wd you pl contact the ~~W.O.~~ office, by phone, & ascertain the ~~origin~~ origin of the communication. Pl attend to this quickly as it will be necessary to repeat the ~~message~~ message in the ~~correct version~~ correct version - to Rediffuse London. - Immediate action pl.

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THOMSON HOUSE,
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LONDON, W. C. 1.

TELEPHONE: TERMINUS 1234.

Chief The Hon. S.L. Akintola,
Premier, Western Nigeria,
Premier's Lodge,
IBADAN, Nigeria.

21st December, 1961.

Dear Premier,

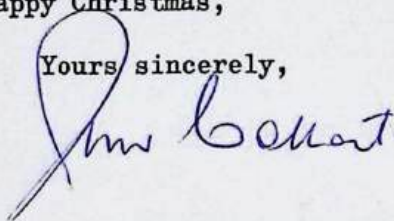
I have now made out a short report of my visit, together with a suggested Heads of Agreement, whereby Scottish Television Ltd. would act as managing agents for Western Nigeria Radiovision Service Ltd.

Since dictating the letter, I have been discussing the matter with my various executives together with Marconi's engineers, and we are prepared to move ahead at full speed to take on the task.

It was very nice to see you again, and I look forward to seeing you again in the future.

Wishing you a very Happy Christmas,

Yours sincerely,



Encls.

James M. Coltart.

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Reply Receiving attached in
this one from Minister

G. A. 22/1/62

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Chief H.A.A. Fadayiro,
Minister of Information,
Regional Headquarters of Western Nigeria,
Ibadan, Nigeria.

30th December, 1961.

Your Excellency,

I am attaching the Heads of Agreement whereby we undertake to act as managing agents for W.N.R.S. and W.N.T.V.

I have made the terms very simple and straightforward, but no doubt you will want a more formal agreement drawn up by our solicitors.

In the following comments I will only generalise as it would be unwise to make too many specific recommendations before sending our various experts to fully investigate.

However, my own survey revealed many points on which I would want to comment:

1. It was apparent that there was evidence of very hasty construction and design, and the planning of equipment left much to be desired. In most ways the equipment was adequate, but badly placed. For example, an absolute essential for a station like W.N.T.V. is a presentation studio operated on one, or possibly two, small industrial cameras. This enables a studio to put on many programmes like news, news features, sports, interviews, schools' broadcasts, etc., without bringing in cameramen and other crews. This in itself would present many economies.

The layout of the technical centre doesn't encourage simple operation, but this could be altered.

I would not recommend purchase of much new equipment, although a little may be necessary.

2. The station has lacked the touch and direction of a few top men in the television industry - men who could be decisive and firm because they know their business.

As I studied the figures, there was evidence of wastage, both

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in manpower, methods and services. In Foreign News, W.N.T.V. affords itself 3 agency services where one would be adequate. This would save around £5,000.

The news department seemed immensely overstaffed. The normal practice for most stations of this size is to get a complete news service from a local newspaper and have on their own staff one T.V. News Editor and a secretary. I think the present manpower was around 10.

I studied the bulletins and there was nothing to warrant the present set up. The newspaper would also supply its daily schedule so that the T.V. News Editor would suitably deploy his cameraman.

In all these general recommendations, I am not suggesting that all economies could be made overnight, but at least our first recommendation would be a target at which to aim.

3. I would strongly recommend that for two years we would confine our local programme sources to our studios and 16 mm cameras. That during this time we should set aside the outside broadcast van which is an expensive luxury even to stations in Great Britain. There is the odd time when it is useful, but the majority of occasions can be covered adequately by 16 mm cameras.

4. This leads me to the use of our 16 mm camera resources - 2 Arriflones and 3 Bolens. Under no circumstances should they be utilised in documentaries. These are expensive and we are not equipped to do this.

These cameras, however, should be used to the full in news, football, boxing, etc. We could build a reputation on the work of our 16 mm cameras.

5. I think it must be apparent to everyone concerned that the personnel of the Engineering Department is very weak in quality, but I would not make further comment until our Chief Engineer can make a report. There is so much urgent work to be undertaken that this could not be handled without at least some temporary assistance.

6. Sales Department. This is in a similar position. I understand the head of this department and his assistant will be leaving soon and will be replaced by a capable but inexperienced man. This department would need immediate strengthening even if only temporarily.

In addition to these more specific points, the general tone of the output is needing attention. I watched the programmes on Sunday night and the presentation left much to be desired. A programme

like the Toppers was followed by a film spot, which showed all leaders from top down and then the commercial was followed by the credits for the film. I can assure you that this won't happen in Federal Television with Bob Myers in control.

This takes me to the next point. The point of urgency. Federal Television will be on the air by April and by that time W.N.T.V. must put its house in better order. If through delay we allowed Federal Television to get a firm hold of our Lagos audience then our task would be that much more difficult.

The first serious aspect of this is the inconsistency of the quality of our picture in Lagos. This I have confirmed with our various friends in Lagos and I have also seen the report, page 2, of the Lagos Manager's report of 14th December. This is worth reading. I am aware of certain steps that have been taken in this direction, but from my information there is still uncertainty of how and when this will be done.

Now I come to the advent of Federal Television. Our plan must be to ensure that in six months' time we can tell advertisers that research proves that the audiences (especially in Lagos) prefer W.N.T.V. But is there any reason to believe that they will? Assuming that we get the picture perfect and we are on equal terms, then only programmes can win people's viewing loyalty. I think we can assume that we will be about equal on imported films although I believe we might get better programmes than the Americans.

Then this leaves us with our only weapon - our locally produced programmes. When I ask you to refer to the programmes of the last few months, I do so not in criticism, but from those you will realise that much has to be done on this score. We've got to create a new image of W.N.T.V. Not only the First in Africa but the best in Africa.

We will continue to do news adequately, but we must introduce a news feature. Aim at every night, but possibly only three nights a week to start with. In this you give platform to the problems and events of Nigeria. You give nightly platform to the men behind the news. This kind of programme can be done by two or three of the newsdepartment. It gives a new vitality to the station. What would the BBC be without TONIGHT; what would S.T.V. be without HERE AND NOW. It is also a platform for Nigerian leadership to speak and be questioned. A lot could be done in Lagos on Arriflex Sound Cameras. Carry on with the odd Drains Trust and also newspapermen putting personalities on the Spot. And then to Sport. This must be opened up immediately. Arriflex should be shooting football matches, boxing and other sports. They should be on the streets from time to time getting public opinions about events of the day.

We would send our cameraman to Accra for their international game. This will capture the viewers. The success will be to make the station more and more Nigerian. I am not suggesting spectaculars, but there must be considerable talent that can be used and developed.

This may cost us more in fees, but nothing in comparison to the savings that we will relentlessly effect in production and also the saving in buying foreign film which these programmes will replace.

As already mentioned, in our conversation, we will also make every effort to get as much help as possible through various world trusts.

We would also recommend that more programme time be given to adult education. Not only to subjects such as farming, crafts, hygiene, child nursing, dressmaking and cookery, economics and politics, handwriting and music, history of local towns and local government, physical education and home management - the list is inexhaustible - but also documentaries which are necessary to inform a nation of what happens in the world. All of which is so vitally necessary in a nation's development.

I send this report hurriedly as you suggested, and if you agree in principle you might send a letter of agreement which could be formalised at a later date.

I suggest this because I believe there is urgency, and on receipt of your agreement I would despatch our Chief Engineer to report and advise on the whole picture but particularly the links between Ibadan and Lagos, so that we can close this weakness up before April.

I would also send someone to assist your new sales executive as he tries to formulate his plans, also assistance in film and programme departments.

There are various other ways in which we would render assistance under the agreement and we also understand that as managing agents we would act as advisers to the Corporation and they would have the final decision.

I don't think I need assure you that we will use all resources to do this task well and fortunately you can get confirmation of our integrity from many of your colleagues in the Western Region. It may be that we will need to call on resources we have outside of Britain, and this we will gladly do.

I await your reply before taking any action, although in the meantime I will be discussing it with my executives.

Yours sincerely,

James M. Coltart.

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HEADS OF AGREEMENT
BETWEEN WESTERN NIGERIA RADIOVISION SERVICE LTD. AND SCOTTISH TELEVISION LTD.

1. We, Scottish Television Ltd., undertake to act as Managing Agents to W.N.R.S. Ltd. as from 1st July, 1962.
2. We would undertake to advise and assist in the operation of both Radio and Television services.
3. In the initial stages, we would thoroughly investigate the operation of all departments, and submit our full recommendations for any reorganisation or improvement where this is necessary. To do this work we will send out fully qualified men.
4. Throughout the duration of the contract we would assist and advise in all aspects of the business. We will be available to recruit and train personnel, and to give you any assistance that you may require in the manning of the station.
5. We will arrange the appointment of a sales organisation in London who will sell air time, both sound and television, at the normal selling commission.
6. We will arrange for the purchase of films from all sources and also make known to you the various films that are available from world sources like UNESCO, C.O.I., Nuffield Foundation, Ford Foundation, etc.
With the commencement of our various television stations throughout the world, we would hope to effect economies in the purchase of film.
7. We are in a position to draw upon considerable resources of talent in our world organisation and these will be available to you, whether in the fields of promotion, research, sales, engineering, accounting and administration.
8. Where we send any senior executive to assist you for a short period, we would pay his salary but you would be responsible for his fare and his expenses in Nigeria. We would only hold you liable for the fare from Britain. We would also maintain at our expense a senior executive and assistant in London who will handle all matters relating to your station.
9. There will be occasions when you will think it advisable for us to secure a qualified man or men for longer periods. In such cases these men would be temporarily transferred to your payroll. This to us is a more effective method than employing expatriates on contract, and also ensures that we can send men who are fully qualified to deal with any particular problem on the station.
10. We would also be available either to act as your purchasing agents for equipment and replacements or merely as advisers. At least we could ensure that you got the best terms and the right equipment. Our organisation at the moment is buying from most of the world sources.
11. A senior executive of our company, including myself, would be available to attend meetings of your Corporation when you considered this was necessary, on the same conditions as paragraph 8.
12. If at any time you wish any of your staff to receive training overseas we will provide this, either in Britain or in any of our overseas companies.

13. We are in touch with the various educational resources and these will be offered to you as you require them.
14. We will also assist in any expansion of your present service which you may decide upon at a later date.
15. Our fee as managing agents would be 15% of the net revenue until this figure reaches £200,000. After that our percentage would be reduced to 5%. I have put no ceiling on this, but instead have reduced the final fee to the low figure of 5%.
16. The duration of this contract will be ten years from 1st June, 1962, but you would have the option that if at the end of five years you found our service unsatisfactory, you could terminate the contract by giving us 12 months' notice.

THOMSON HOUSE,
LONDON, W.C.1.

20th December, 1961.

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Premier's Office,
Ibadan,
10th Jan., 1962.

James M. Coltart, Esq.,
Thomson House,
200, Grays Inn Road,
London, W.C.1.

I am directed by the Hon. Premier of Western Nigeria to thank you for the copy of your short report forwarded under cover of your letter of the 21st of December, 1961. I am to say that the report is receiving attention and that another letter will be addressed to you as soon as a decision is reached thereon.

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(T.O. Ejiwunmi)
Secretary to the Premier
and Executive Council.

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17th January, '62

S.113/504.

The Permanent Secretary,
Ministry of Information,
Ibadan.

I spoke to you concerning the letter written by Mr. J.M. Coltart of the 21st of December, addressed to the Hon. Minister of Information and copied to the Hon. Premier. The Hon. Premier would wish to know what action is being taken on the proposals put forward by Mr. Coltart.

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(T.O. ^{WY}Ejiwunmi)



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Your Ref. No S. 113/504
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Our Ref. No S. 180/10

Date 19th January, 1962

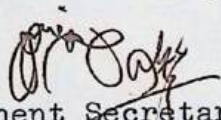
Secretary to the Premier and
Executive Council,
Premier's Office,
Ibadan.

Scottish Television Ltd.

P. 504
I am directed to refer to your letter No. S.113/504 dated 17th January, 1962, and to say that Mr. Coltart's proposals have been thoroughly studied and discussed with the Chairman and Executive Director of the Western Nigeria Government Broadcasting Corporation and found to be unacceptable insofar as the basis of remuneration is on the total net revenue of the Television Company. This method of calculating remuneration has been the major cause of disaster in Western Nigeria Television and according to paragraph 15 of Mr. Coltart's proposals the Television Company would pay a managing fee at the rate of 15% of the net revenue until the figure of £200,000 has been reached, after which the percentage would be reduced to 5%.

2. Insofar as the services to be performed are concerned the proposals received from other bodies are similar to those submitted by Mr. Coltart but one body - the American Broadcasting Corporation - has proposed a basis of remuneration calculated on actual cost of service rendered and a commission based on time charges for business secured for our Television Company. As this particular arrangement eliminates all the objections and criticism of the former agreement which enabled our partners to make a profit while the Television Company itself was operating at a loss, it has been preferred and the present intention is to accept it.

3. In the circumstances I am to say that the arrangement proposed by Scottish Television is not considered desirable and that there is no intention to pursue it.


Permanent Secretary,
Ministry of Information.

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Hon. Premier has asked that this be refd. to you, pl. CIAID (E.A. OGUNSELA) PS P(1) 5/3.

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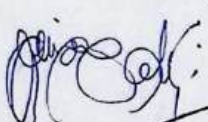
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All communications to be addressed
to the Permanent Secretary quoting
Our Ref. No.....S.179/61.....

Date 14th April, 1962.

The Secretary to the Premier and Executive
Council,
Premier's Office,
Ibadan.

Television Agreement - A.B.C. International

P. 505 I am directed to inform you that as a result of the overseas tour of the Honourable Minister of Information in 1961 and the abrogation of the partnership agreements between the Western Nigeria RadioVision Service Limited and the Overseas Rediffusion Limited, the negotiations of a new and acceptable working agreement with the A.B.C. International as previously mentioned in my letter No. S.180/10 dated 19th January, 1962 is in progress. The Solicitor-General is advising on the terms of the agreement. The present position is that draft agreements have been exchanged; and as soon as the amended agreements have been accepted by A.B.C. International, you will again be informed so as to put the Honourable Premier in the picture.


Permanent Secretary,
Ministry of Information.

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25th May, 1962.

The Secretary to the Premier,
Premier's Office,
Kaduna.

The Chief Secretary to the Premier,
Premier's Office,
Enugu.

The Secretary to the Premier & Executive Council,
Premier's Office,
Ibadan. ✓

Centre for Educational Television Overseas.

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I am directed to forward herewith a copy each of a letter No. TEC.18/17/1 of 16th May, 1962, and a memorandum, in connection with the recent establishment in London of a Centre for Educational Television Overseas.

2. I should be grateful for the favour of any comments you may wish to make on the subject.

See p. 514 ✓

G. A. Falase
(G. A. Falase)
for Permanent Secretary.

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OFFICE OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER
FOR THE UNITED KINGDOM
Kajola House, 64 Campbell Street
(Private Mail Bag 2136)
LAGOS.

TBC.18/17/1.

16th May, 1952.

Dear D' Ifeagwu,

I enclose three copies of a memorandum, which may be of interest to the Federal Government of Nigeria, concerning the recent establishment in London of a Centre for Educational Television Overseas.

The Centre is not a governmental organisation and therefore there is no objection to direct communication with it, by Commonwealth Governments and organisations. The services to be provided by the Centre are naturally not yet fully available; but the Centre will be happy to correspond about training for educational purposes and also about the material and types of programmes for which there might be a demand.

Requests for technical assistance in this field such as advice on the establishment of television services should, of course, be put forward through the existing government channels.

I should be most grateful to receive in due course, any comments which you may wish to make on ways in which this new Centre may prove of benefit to the Federation of Nigeria.

I am sending copies of this letter and enclosure to the Federal Ministry of Economic Development, the Federal Ministry of Education and the Federal Ministry of Information.

Yours sincerely,

(SGD)

(K. G. CHRISTOPAS)

Dr. C. O. Ifeagwu,
Ministry of Foreign Affairs and
Commonwealth Relations,
LAGOS.

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CENTRE FOR EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION OVERSEAS

A Centre for Educational Television Overseas is being established in London. It will concentrate on the needs of overseas television services, particularly those in the developing countries, and will aim to provide the help which those services wish to have in the training of staff, in the production of programme material and generally in their use of television for both school and adult educational purposes. Education will be its sole concern. Its policy will be to provide the educational material the overseas services want. The man of the spot knows what he needs: it will be the Centre's job to help him get it and use it to the best advantage. While the Centre's headquarters will be in London, it is expected that its staff will often be working overseas.

It is proposed that the Centre shall be a private, non profit-making company, registered as a legal charity. Lords Cobbold and Heyworth, Sir Eric Ashby and Sir Geoffrey Gibbs will be the founder members.

Support from many sources

The proposal to form the Centre originated last December at a conference which was convened by the Nuffield Foundation at the request of certain Government Departments, and which included representatives of The British Broadcasting Corporation, Independent Television Companies, The British Council, film and industrial interests and leading educationalists concerned with the problems of the developing countries.

Most of the Centre's funds will come from private sources, but H.M. Government has warmly welcomed the establishment of the Centre, and has promised grants totalling £100,000 over five years. The other founder sponsors are the Independent Television Companies (£100,000 over five years), and the British Broadcasting Corporation (help in kind); two Foundations - the Nuffield (£100,000 over five years) and the Gulbenkian (£10,000 for field research on science programmes) - and a number of leading concerns in industry, finance and commerce, namely Rediffusion Limited (£15,000 over five years), Unilever Limited (£14,000 under covenant), J. Arthur Rank Group Charity £10,000 under covenant), Arthur Guinness Son & Co. Limited (£5,000 under covenant), Shell International Petroleum Company Limited (£2,500 over five years), Barclays Bank Limited D.C.O. (£1,000).

Additional support is expected from a number of other organisations concerned to advance the well-being of developing countries.

The British Broadcasting Corporation feels unable to make a money grant out of licence revenue for an overseas project, but has promised its full support as a founder sponsor. Its contribution will take the form of free technical and other facilities and services, including film library resources and some use of television studios.

The Independent Television Authority has also expressed its full sympathy with the Centre's aims and has promised all possible support.

Executive Board

The following will be the first members of the Executive Board * :

Dr. L. Farrer-Brown (Chairman). Director of the Nuffield Foundation.

Mr. James M. Coltart (Treasurer) Chairman of Independent Television.

Professor L.J. Lewis, University of London.

Commander John Proud, Department of Technical Co-operation.

Mr. John Scupham, Head of Educational Broadcasting, B.B.C.

Two additional appointments will be made later.

The Executive Board will be assisted by an Advisory Council composed of representatives of educational television organisations, appropriate Government Departments and other interested bodies, including some overseas interests. Co-operation with agencies in other Commonwealth countries will be sought.

Need for special centre in Britain

Television is being developed rapidly throughout the world, not only in the more advanced countries. Relatively under-developed countries in Asia, Africa, the Middle East, Far East, West Indies and Latin America have either introduced television recently or are planning to do so.

In the developing countries of the Commonwealth alone the Federation of Nigeria, Northern, Western and Eastern Nigeria, Rhodesia, Cyprus, Hong Kong and Bermuda already have television services, while plans for new services are far advanced in Ghana, Kenya, Malaya, Singapore, Trinidad, Aden, Malta, Mauritius and Gibraltar.

In all the developing countries there is an intense interest in the educational potentialities of television. In fact, use of the medium for educational purposes has been the prime motive of the various Governments in setting up television. They believe that if used in school education it would help lessen the frustrating effects of the serious shortage of teachers; they wish to explore the possibility of using it for direct teaching to overcome the shortage of teaching staff. A method has already been tried most successfully by the organisation known as Telescuola in Italy.

These countries also see the value of television in training their teachers in new as well as in established educational techniques and as a means of providing visual educational material not available locally.

Equally these countries are convinced that television can help adults to overcome illiteracy, to improve standards of living, to broaden their outlook. Their peoples, both young and old, have a passion for education and for general information.

Britain is in a unique position to help. Long experience in education in many of these countries and the part Britain is playing in training teachers from abroad means that a great store of knowledge and experience is available in this country, and the links with the various education services are close. The many teachers from overseas who come to Britain on training courses will be able to assist the Centre in planning programmes suitable for their home countries. Also the reputation of Britain's television services is high.

Packaged Programmes.

A major aspect of the Centre's work will be production of educational programmes, whether adapted from existing material or originally produced to suit the requirements of the overseas users. It is thought that the most important contribution the Centre can make in original production will be packaged programmes or what could be called 'Do-it-Yourself' kits, which can be sent to any country in the world and adapted by that country to its own special needs. For example: The Centre will provide film sequences, pictures, diagrams and simple models, together with notes on the teaching points they are designed to illustrate,

and a brief for the local commentator (or television teacher) on possible ways of presenting the material in front of the camera. But the local commentator will always have the last word and his will be the final impact, speaking in his own idiom, at his own pace, on his own terms, as seems best for his audience.

Programmes for both children and adults.

Material produced by the Centre will cover both schools broadcasting and adult education. In the school the greatest need is probably among secondary pupils, although there are great possibilities in the primary grades. Teacher training will receive particular attention: the growth of teachers training schools in the countries concerned presents a big opportunity.

Adult education directed to the home viewers is equally important. The teaching of literacy and the need for instruction in public health, agriculture, child welfare is recognised by all the Governments of the developing countries.

It is expected that the Centre will begin work early in 1962. Its headquarters will be in The Studio, a separate building at Nuffield Lodge, Regent's Park, which can be easily adapted to its initial requirements. At a later stage it will be necessary to acquire new premises designed to cope with the Centre's developing responsibilities.

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8 May, 62.

The Permanent Secretary,
Ministry of Information,
Western Nigeria,
Ibadan.

Centre for Educational Television
Overseas

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I am directed to forward herewith copies of correspondence received from the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs & Commonwealth Relations, on the establishment of a centre for Educational Television Overseas in London, for your information and any comments you may wish to make.

A. A. Ladimeji

(A. A. Ladimeji)
for Secretary to the Premier
and Executive Council.



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Your Ref. No. S.113/513...
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Date... 19 June, 1962.

The Secretary to the Administrator,
Administrator's Office,
Ibadan.

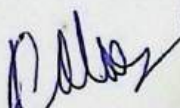
Centre for Educational Television
Overseas

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I am directed to refer to your above quoted
letter of 8th May, 1962 and to inform you that, as
school television is the responsibility of the Ministry
of Education, the papers forwarded with your letter
under reply have been passed on to Permanent Secretary
Ministry of Education for necessary action.


(J. O. Ihonor)
for Permanent Secretary,
Ministry of Information.

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T.V. WORKERS - COMMENTS

The appointment of Mr. A. Y. Eke as Commissioner for Information must be regarded as appropriate.

Judging from his past experiences, he knows what it means to be unjustly persecuted. With this rich and chequered background, it is expected that Mr. Eke would go in straight to the task of putting right all the anomalies which exist in TV House, Agodi, without fear of foes, or favour to friends.

In his address to the New Commissioners, Senator Majekodunmi said that "they would stand condemned in the eyes of god and in the record of history, if they should let down the people of Western Nigeria".

We hope that all the new Commissioners would live up to expectation.

The meeting of Mr. Eke with the staff of WNRS was a resounding success. His meeting with the Board of Directors so soon after taking office and in the heat of the crisis in Television House gives one the impression that he is ready to direct his energies to the task before him.

Whether or not Mr. Eke's meeting on Tuesday night with the Board of Directors is ^a success will depend on how the following questions are answered.

- (1) Is Mr. Eke as Commissioner for Information going to uphold or reject the wrongful dismissal of Mr. Ayo Kuforiji.
- (2) Will the decisions taken at the so-called Board meeting of June 4th be accepted as valid or invalid, in view of the objections of the Chairman of the Establishment Committee?
- (3) Will the Commissioner ratify the irregular appointments of Mr. Banjo Solaru, son of the Chairman of the Board of Directors, and that of Mr. Kolade, a cousin of Mr. Ibukun.
- (4) What will he do to recover, the sums of money paid out as

as bonus, by the Managing Director, Mr. Ibukun, to hand picked members of staff without the prior knowledge or approval, of the Board, Establishment Committee or on the recommendation of the Heads of Departments concerned.

(5) Will he allow the upgrading of Miss Lanionu over and above better qualified Secretaries to stand?

(6) Will Mr. Eke overlook the question wastage involved in the purchase of expensive TV sets and radiograms for certain members of the Board at public expense?

There have been very strong rumours, since Mr. Eke took office, that because of his personal and domestic relationship with the Managing Director, Mr. Ibukun, he might find difficulty in facing the problems involved with an open mind. Undoubtedly, Mr. Eke has a grave and delicate task to perform and the world is watching to see how he will face up to it.

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MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND COMMONWEALTH RELATIONS
P.M.B. NO. 2620, LAGOS, NIGERIA

Telephone 26451/65

Telegrams EXTERNAL

Our reference 56984/T/34

Your reference

26th June, 1962.

The Secretary to the Premier,
Premier's Office,
Kaduna.

The Chief Secretary to the Premier,
Premier's Office,
Enugu.

The Secretary to the Administrator,
Western Region,
Ibadan,
Nigeria.

Centre for Educational Television Overseas.

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With reference to my letter No. 56984/T/28 of
25th May 1962, on the above subject, I am directed
to ask for the favour of an early reply

S. A. Falase
(G. A. PALASE)
for Permanent Secretary.

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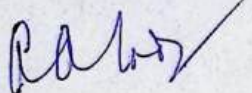
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The Permanent Secretary,
Ministry of Education,
Ibadan.

Centre for Educational Television
Overseas.

I have been informed by the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Information that copies of correspondence on the Educational Television Overseas have been passed on to you for necessary comments.

2. I shall be grateful if you will let me have an early reply as the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Commonwealth Relations is pressing for a reply.



(A.A. Ladimeji)
for Secretary to the Administrator.

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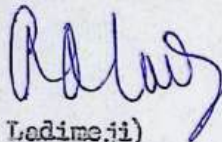
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} July, 62.

The Permanent Secretary,
Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Commonwealth Relations,
Lagos.

Centre for Educational Television
Overseas.

578 I am directed to refer to your letter
No. 56984/T/34 of 26th June, 1962 and to express regret
for the delay in sending a reply.

2. I have requested the interested Ministries
to forward their comments without further delay and I
hope to get in touch with them fairly soon.



(A.A. Ladimeji)
for Secretary to the Administrator.

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MINISTRY OF



EDUCATION

EDUCATION ADMINISTRATION DIVISION

IBADAN · WESTERN NIGERIA

Your Ref. No. S. 113/519All communications to be addressed
to the Permanent Secretary quotingOur Ref. No. EDU.CON. 429/11.Date. 12th July, 1962.

The Secretary to the Administrator,
Premier's Office,
Western Nigeria.
Ibadan.

Dear Sir,

Centre for Educational Television Overseas.

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I am directed to refer to your letter on the above subject, dated 3rd July, 1962 and to inform you that the Centre for Educational Television Overseas will prove beneficial to Western Nigeria and this Ministry will therefore surely like to take advantage of the facilities to be offered by the Centre after it has been fully established.

Yours Faithfully,

M.O. Akpomudiare
for Permanent Secretary,
(Broadcasting).

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The Permanent Secretary,
Ministry of Foreign Affairs &
Commonwealth Relations,
Lagos.

Centre for Educational Television Overseas

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I am directed to refer to my letter No. S. 113/520 of 3rd July, 1962, and to inform you that my Government is of the opinion that the establishment of a centre for Educational Television Overseas in London will prove beneficial to this Region and would therefore wish to take the advantage of the facilities to be offered by the centre after being fully established.

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(E. A. Ogunsola)
for Secretary to the
Administrator.

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SECRETARY GENERAL

MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND COMMONWEALTH RELATIONS
P.M.B. NO. 2620, LAGOS, NIGERIA

Telephone

Telegrams 26451/80

External

Our reference

Your reference 59522/40

14th February, 1963.

The Secretary to the Premier,
Premier's Office,
Kaduna.

The Secretary to the Premier,
Premier's Office,
Enugu.

The Secretary to the Premier,
Premier's Office,
Ibadan.

Centre for Educational Television Overseas

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I am directed to refer you to your previous correspondence on the above subject and to forward herewith copy of a Note No. TEC.18/17/1 of 5th February 1963 received from the United Kingdom High Commission in Lagos.

2. You would later be kept informed of the details of Mr. J.A.C. Gibson's programme should he on arrival decide to prolong his visit in order to obtain first hand comments and suggestions from you on the subject.

J. A. Yero
(S. A. YERO)
for Permanent Secretary.

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OFFICE OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER
FOR THE UNITED KINGDOM,
Kajola House, 64 Campbell Street
(Private Mail Bag 2136)
LAGOS.

TEC.18/17/1

5th February, 1963.

The British High Commission in Nigeria presents its compliments to the Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Commonwealth Relations and has the honour to inform the Ministry, with reference to its Note No.267/63 of 31st January, 1963, that it is hoped that Mr. J.A.C. Gibson, Head of Overseas Operations and Training of the Centre for Educational Television Overseas, who will be visiting Nigeria on or about 22nd February, 1963, will prolong his visit in order to obtain at first-hand comments and suggestions which may be made by interested parties within Nigeria.

It is regretted that the British High Commission cannot, as yet, confirm the duration of Mr. Gibson's visit but the Ministry will be informed as soon as confirmation comes to hand.

Whilst the British High Commission wishes to place on record its appreciation of the Ministry's kind co-operation in this project, it avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Ministry the assurances of its highest consideration.

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ABC International Television Inc.

7 WEST 66TH STREET • NEW YORK 23, N. Y.

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February 5, 1963

Chief the Honorable
S. L. Akintola
Premier
Western Region
Ibadan, Nigeria

Dear Chief Akintola:

The very capable Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Midwest Affairs, Mr. Oladipo Bateye, has recently advised us that the Government of Western Nigeria has been returned to office after the emergency period of last year and that you have resumed the esteemed position of Premier of the Western Region.

Having had an opportunity to meet you in the company of Chief Fadairo and Chief Solaru on the occasion of my visit to Ibadan in January of 1962, and having been warmly impressed with your decisive and wise administration of the important Western Region, I take this opportunity to offer to you my sincere congratulations upon your return to office. It is undoubtedly in the best interests of the industrious Western Region that as capable an administrator as yourself has once again resumed direction of the Region's affairs. Your name is well known here in the United States and more particularly in the New York area especially as a result of the various programs of government which you have initiated. Therefore, you may be assured that many other Americans join with me in extending to you their congratulations.

As you may know, we are continuing our very fine relationship with the Western Nigeria Government Broadcasting Corporation with whom we are cooperating on all matters. Allow me to suggest to you that if our company can in any way afford you its cooperation in the future, we do hope that you will feel free to call upon us.

I might add one note and that is that the very capable Information Officer in New York for the Western Region, Mr. Bibilari, has made many friends among the Americans whom he has met and has done much to put the Western Region in the most favorable light. We understand that he is soon to return to Ibadan to assume new duties. While it is quite a loss for us here in New York, please be assured that he was a most able representative.

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The American Broadcasting Company joins with me in wishing you every success in your administration.

Sincerely yours,

James T. Larkin
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28 February, 1963.

Mr. J.F. Larkin,
A.B.C. International Television Inc.,
7 West 66th Street,
New York 23, N.Y.

Dear Sir,

I am directed by the Honourable Premier of Western Nigeria, Chief S.L. Akintola, to acknowledge the receipt of your kind letter of the 5th instant and to thank you for the kind sentiment expressed therein.

Due note has been taken of the offer of your services and those of your company to cooperate fully with our Western Nigerian Broadcasting Corporation, and I am to say that it is hoped that the relationship which you have established will last for the mutual benefit of your Company and of the Government of this Region.

With every one's good wishes.

I am,
Yours faithfully,

WY
(T.O.Ejiwunmi)
Secretary to the Premier
and Executive Council.

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COUNCIL OF WESTERN NIGERIA

E.C. (63)

COPY NO:

January, 1963.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF WESTERN NIGERIA

Co-operation with other Television and Broadcasting
Organisations in the Federation

Memorandum by the Minister of Home Affairs & Information

In February last year, a Conference of Ministers of Information in the Federation was held in Lagos at the instance of the Federal Minister of Information. The main topic for discussion was the question of co-operation between all the Governments of the Federation in the fields of Television and Sound Broadcasting. In this connection, the following matters were discussed at the Conference:-

1. Establishment of a Central Television Service.
2. Training in all fields of information media.
3. Co-operation in Broadcasting Services.
4. Radio Rediffusion Services.
5. Meetings of Heads of Information Services of the Governments of the Federation.

Central Television Service: Discussion on this subject was based on the paper (copy attached as Annexure A to this memorandum) presented by the Federal Minister of Information. In his paper, the Federal Minister suggested the establishment of a single Television Service under the aegis of the Federal Government but in some form of association with the Regional Governments. The Regional delegations however took the view that the Federal Government need not enter the field of Television since the Regional governments are providing adequate service. The Western delegation presented a paper (copy attached as Annexure B to this memorandum) outlining a single network system which would operate as follows:-

Each Region will allow the Federal Government time to broadcast its own programmes on agreed terms to be negotiated. In this way, the Federal Government would be able to reach the whole country without the necessity of going into the expense of establishing a separate network of its own.

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The paper further suggested the setting up of a permanent central body with clearly defined functions devoted to such matters as standardising programme content, training of technical and programme personnel, organising technical spares, procuring programme material and possibly, sponsoring a Television Film Industry. Such arrangement would have the advantages which would reduce the overall operational and capital cost of the Federation's Television System.

2. The Federal Government indicated their intention to go ahead with their own separate and independent Television Service; the Western Nigeria delegation then pointed out that in the circumstances there was one important matter on which it was necessary to reach agreement: that the Federal Television and Broadcasting Organisations should refrain from competing with their Regional counterparts in commercial advertising; all the other Regional delegations gave strong support to this proposal and following full discussion, it was agreed that delegates should refer the various views expressed at the Conference to their respective Governments for decision. In doing that now I should like to point out that the Western Region is in a peculiarly difficult position in this matter as it is obvious that it would be the first to be adversely affected by the extension of the Federal network. The Region is already facing very difficult financial problems in its Television operations and I have no doubt that the introduction of a Federal Television Service to the Region would worsen the situation unless the Federal Government would agree to the proposal of sharing air time with the Regional networks.
3. Co-operation in Broadcasting Service: As in the case of Television the Regional Governments and especially the West are confronted with several problems in the field of broadcasting. Regional delegations had suggested that Radio Nigeria should be a channel for the diffusion and projection of our national culture and that its Home Service should be devoted to the careful cultivation of those aspects in the culture of our diverse peoples that will enhance national feeling and outlook. In this way it is hoped that Radio Nigeria will maintain a national identity free from competition with the Regionally-owned Broadcasting Stations particularly in the field of commercial advertising. This feeling was strongest with the Northern Nigeria delegation which went further to suggest that the Northern arm of Radio Nigeria served no useful purpose and indicated that their Government was thinking seriously of taking it over.

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4. The Federal Minister of Information promised to refer the views of the Regional Governments back to his Government; but as in the case of Television Service, there is, in my opinion little prospect of securing any concession from the Federal Government in this matter.
5. Radio Rediffusion Services: The use of air-time on Rediffusion Boxes all over the Federation was discussed. It was suggested by the Western Nigeria delegation and supported by other Regional delegations that since most of the Rediffusion operations are centred in the Region, the Regionally-owned stations should derive some benefit from this facility. Regionally-owned stations should share Rediffusion time on a 50-50 basis with Radio Nigeria; in other words, in this Region, all Rediffusion Boxes should carry Radio Nigeria for half the broadcast time and Western Nigeria Broadcasting Service for the remaining half. The same thing should apply in the case of the North and the East. I should like to point out that there are 85,000 such boxes in the West as against 5,000 and 900 boxes in the East and North respectively. It will be seen therefore that once again, the West is in a peculiar position. I have asked that enquiries should be made as to the terms of the agreement entered into with the Rediffusion Company as I propose, in due course, to submit firm recommendation to Council with a view to ensuring that when the contract comes up for renewal the claims of Western Nigeria will be fully considered.
6. A meeting of officials of the Ministries of Information and Statutory Bodies under the Ministers of Information was held in Lagos on 30th - 31st May, 1962 to undertake a detailed study of the proposals made at the Conference of Ministers of Information. This meeting reached general agreement on training but made no progress on the question of co-operation in the field of Radio and Television because the Federal Government delegation was unable to give an undertaking that the Nigerian Television Service and Radio Nigeria will give up advertising on its networks.
7. The Council is invited to agree that -
 1. a formal approach be made to the Federal Government requesting that sympathetic consideration be given to the proposal that they should share air-time

with our Television network as an alternative to the extension of the Federal network into the Region,

2. an approach should be made to the Federal Government as well as the Rediffusion Ltd. with a view to securing a revision of the existing contract with the Rediffusion Company so as to enable the Western Nigeria Broadcasting Service to relay its programmes on the Rediffusion Boxes in the Region.

(Intld) A. A.

Minister of Home Affairs and Information.

Ministry of Home Affairs & Information,
Western Nigeria,
Ibadan.

January, 1963.

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2nd May, 1963.

The Permanent Secretary,
Ministry of Information,
Ibadan.

Conditions of Service: Corporations

I am directed to request you to forward to this Office as a matter of urgency, a copy of the Conditions of Service (including relevant circulars pertaining thereto) of members, as well as Staff of the Western Nigeria Broadcasting Corporation.

(Sgd.) D.E.O. Oriola
for Secretary to the Premier
and Executive Council.

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W.r.t. p. 534, I submit at cover the Conditions of Service in respect of the Broadcasting Corporation (TV), for your information please.

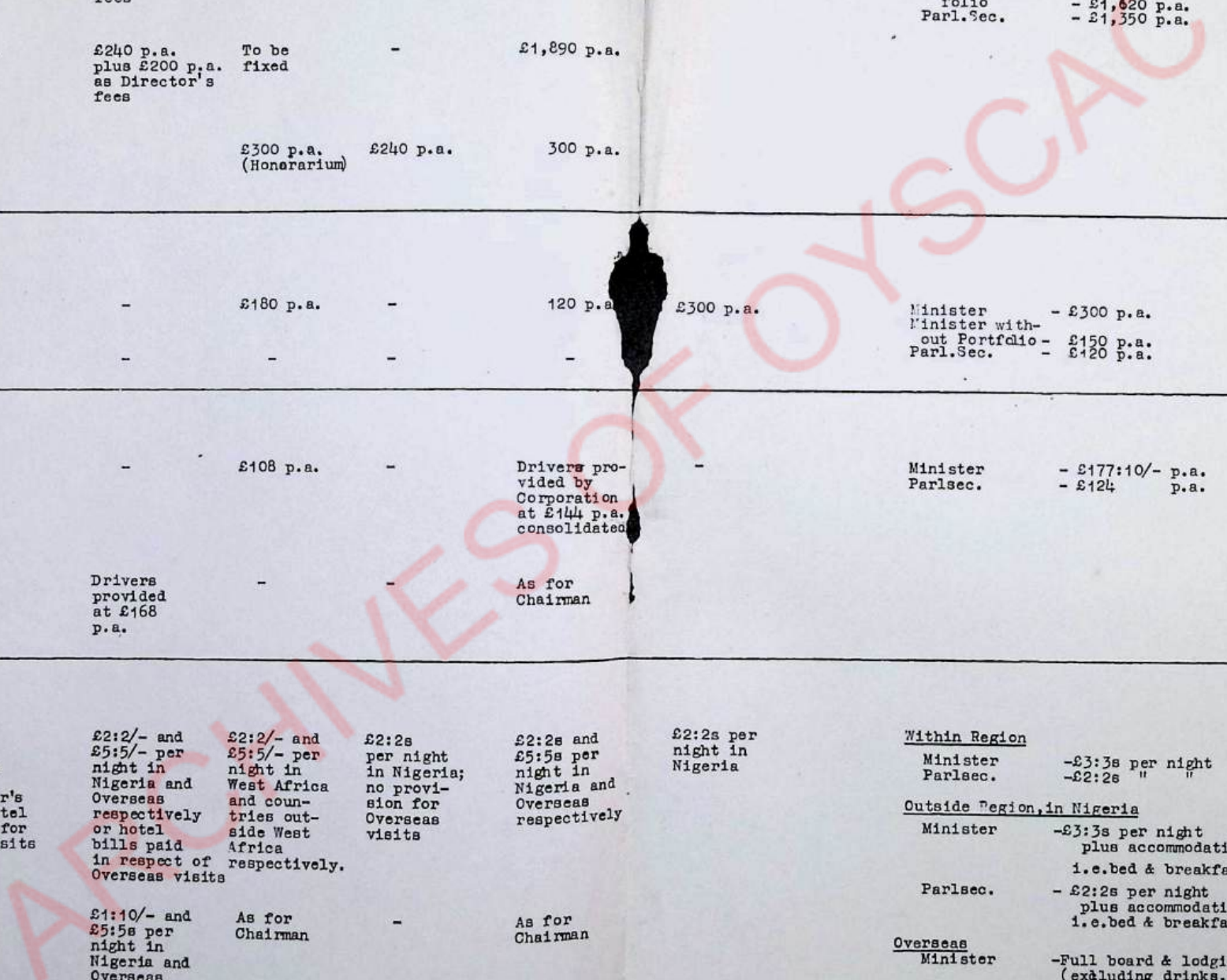
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CONDITIONS OF SERVICE FOR CHAIRMEN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS AND OTHER MEMBERS
WESTERN NIGERIA GOVERNMENT CORPORATIONS

A.	SALARIES	Western Nigeria Development Corporation	Western Nigeria Finance Corporation	WNTV/WNES	Marketing Board	Printing Corporation	Housing Corporation	Industrial Promotions Commission	Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries	Remarks
	CHAIRMAN	£2,700 p.a.	£2,160 p.a.	£600 p.a. plus £350 p.a. as Director's fees	£2,160 p.a.	£600 p.a.	£2,160 p.a.	£2,430 p.a.	Minister - £2,700 p.a. Minister without Portfolio - £1,620 p.a. Parl.Sec. - £1,350 p.a.	
	EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS	£2,400 p.a.	£2,160 p.a.	£240 p.a. plus £200 p.a. as Director's fees	To be fixed	-	£1,890 p.a.			
	ORDINARY DIRECTORS	£600 p.a.	£300 p.a.		£300 p.a. (Honorarium)	£240 p.a.	300 p.a.			
1. Entertainment Allowance										
	CHAIRMAN	£300 p.a.	£120 p.a.	-	£180 p.a.	-	120 p.a.	£300 p.a.	Minister - £300 p.a. Minister without Portfolio - £150 p.a. Parl.Sec. - £120 p.a.	
	EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
2. Drivers Allowance										
	CHAIRMAN	£120 p.a.	-	-	£108 p.a.	-	Drivers provided by Corporation at £144 p.a. consolidated	-	Minister - £177:10/- p.a. Parlsec. - £124 p.a.	
	EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS	£108 p.a.	-	Drivers provided at £168 p.a.	-	-	As for Chairman	-		
3. Travelling Allowance										
	CHAIRMAN	£2:2s and £5:5/- per night in Nigeria and Overseas respectively	£2:2s per night in Nigeria and subject to the Minister's approval, hotel bills paid for Overseas visits	£2:2/- and £5:5/- per night in Nigeria and Overseas respectively or hotel bills paid in respect of Overseas visits	£2:2/- and £5:5/- per night in West Africa and countries outside West Africa respectively.	£2:2s per night in Nigeria; no provision for Overseas visits	£2:2s and £5:5s per night in Nigeria and Overseas respectively	£2:2s per night in Nigeria	<u>Within Region</u> Minister - £3:3s per night Parlsec. - £2:2s " " <u>Outside Region, in Nigeria</u> Minister - £3:3s per night plus accommodation i.e. bed & breakfast Parlsec. - £2:2s per night plus accommodation i.e. bed & breakfast <u>Overseas</u> Minister - Full board & lodging (excluding drinks, cigarettes, etc.), free transport plus £5:5/- per night. Parlsec. - As for Ministers but plus £3:3s per night.	
	EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS	-	-	£1:10/- and £5:5s per night in Nigeria and Overseas respectively	As for Chairman	-	As for Chairman	-		
	ORDINARY MEMBERS/DIRECTORS	-	-	As for Executive Directors	As for Chairman	-	£2:2s per night in Nigeria	-		

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	Western Nigeria Development Corporation	Western Nigeria Finance Corporation	WNTV/WNBS	Marketing Board	Printing Corporation	Housing Corporation	Industrial Promotions Commission	Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries	Remarks	
4. <u>Upkeep of Quarters</u>	CHAIRMAN	£120 p.a.	£360 p.a. rent in lieu of official quarters	£360 p.a. rent in lieu of official quarters	£240 p.a. upkeep	£150 p.a.	Official quarters maintained by Corporation <u>ad lib</u>	£120 p.a.	Upkeep Min. & Parl. Secs - £120 p.a. <u>Rent Allos.</u> Min. - £600 p.a. max. Parlsec. £400 p.a. " <u>Gardeners' allice.</u> Min. & Parlsec. - £103.10s.	It should be noted that some are paid rent allowance in lieu of official quarters while others receive upkeep allowance in addition to rent-free quarters
	EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS	£360 p.a.	As for Chairman	Official quarters plus gardener paid by the Company	-	-	£360 p.a. rent in lieu of official quarters	-		
5. <u>Basic Allowance</u>	CHAIRMAN	£37:10s per month	£37 per month	-	£38:5:4d per month	-	£37 per month p to 1/4/62. £37:10/- per month from November, 1962 to March, 1963	£37 per month which was apparently not stopped at any time	Ministers - £70 per month Parliamentary Secretaries - £60 " "	Generally, figures quoted are in respect of pre-austerity period. At present Chairman and Executive Directors are provided with official transport
	EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS	£37:10 per month	£37 per month	£37 per month	To be fixed	-	-	-		
	ORDINARY MEMBERS/DIRECTORS	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	nil	
6. <u>Mileage Allowance</u>	CHAIRMAN	8d per mile	8d per mile	1/- per mile	8d per mile	1/- per mile	1/- per mile	8d per mile	Ministers - 1/- per mile Parlsec. - 8d per mile	Pre-austerity conditions for Corporations.
	EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS	-	8d per mile	8d per mile	To be fixed	-	-	-		
	ORDINARY MEMBERS/DIRECTORS	-	1 per mile	1/- per mile	1/- per mile	1/- per mile	1/- per mile	1/- per mile		
7. <u>Other Allowances</u>	<u>Medical Treatment</u>	Conditions	vary	with	Corporations				Free medical treatment in Nigeria and Overseas when on leave or duty except for supply of spectacles, dentures or other appliances.	
	Electricity, water and telephone charges	As a rule, paid by the Corporations in respect of official quarters							Paid by Government in respect of official quarters and private houses occupied by Ministers and Parliamentary Secretaries. Unofficial Overseas telephone charges are debited to callers.	
	<u>Rest Houses</u>								Free accommodation in catering rest houses within the Region as a temporary measure, but all meals to be paid for by occupier.	
	<u>Baggage Allowances</u>								The Premier and Ministers entitled to claim baggage allowance of £30 in respect of first-class passage by air or £35 in the case of tourist class passage.	

C. LEAVE ENTITLEMENT

CHAIRMAN (1) 6 weeks leave p.a. with full pay
(11) One paid return passage to U.K. with wife & 2 children once during life of Legislature.

Vacation leave granted after consultation with the Minister

Vacation leave granted after consultation with the Minister

(1) 6 weeks with full pay.
(11) One paid return passage to U.K. with wife & 2 children once during tenure of office

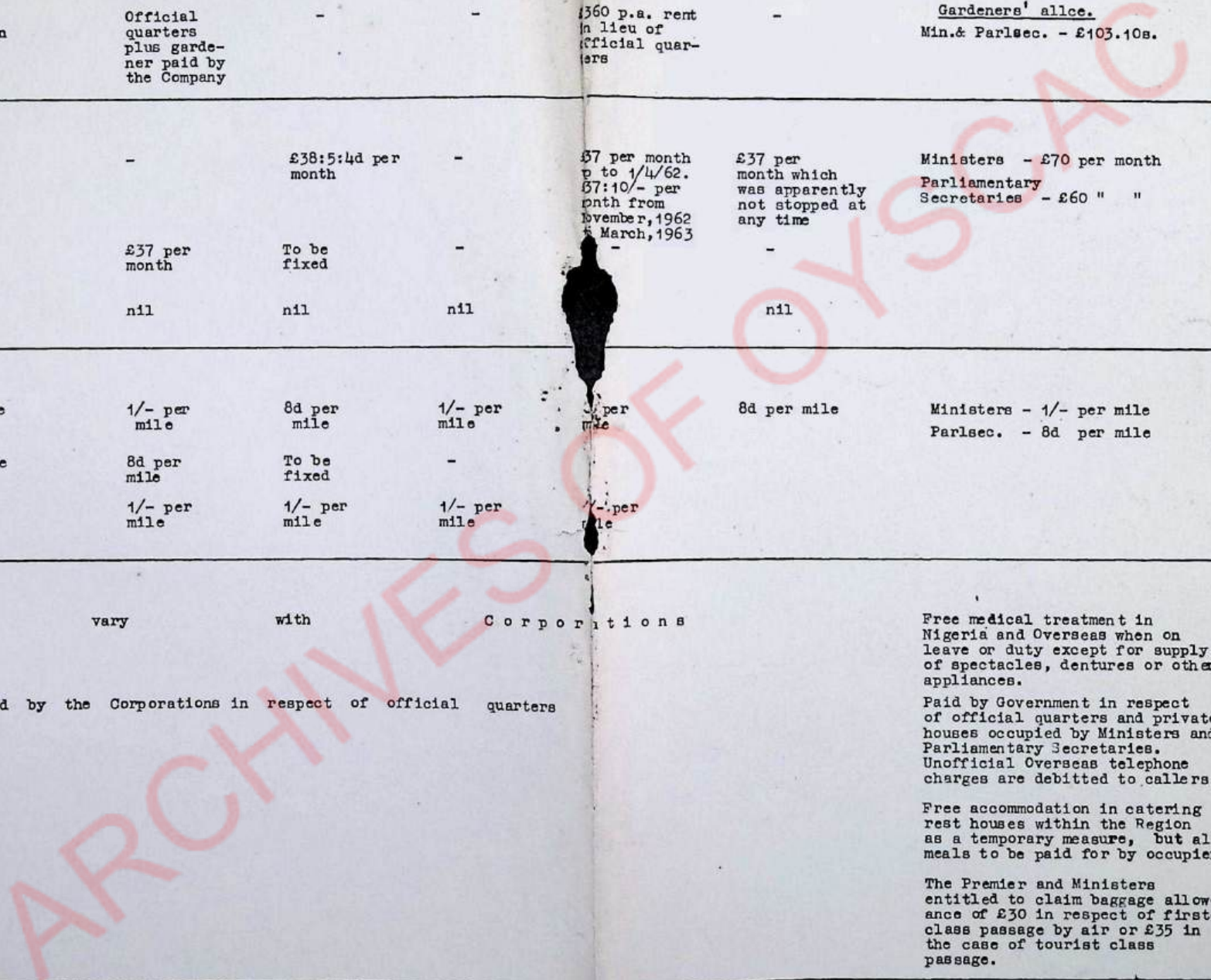
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Vacation leave granted after consultation with the Minister

6 weeks leave p.a. with full pay; overseas leave once in a term of office

In Nigeria: 2 months a year but not more than one month at a time. Paid passages to and from his destination for wife, 2 children and anywhere in Nigeria.
Overseas: Paid return passage at Govt. expense for himself, wife and two children once every five years.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS
ORD. DIR/
MEMBERS



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Ministry of Trade & Industry,
Administrative & General,
Ibadan,
W. Nigeria.

31st May, 1963.

The Secretary to the Premier
and Executive Council,
Premier's Office,
Ibadan.

Conditions of Service for Chairmen,
Executive Directors and other Mem-
bers of Statutory Corporation

I am directed to refer to EXCO Memorandum No. E.C.(63) 204 of 20th May, 1963, which seeks to review the conditions of service of Chairmen, Executive Directors and other members of Statutory Corporations and to observe with respect that in considering the uniformity of salaries and allowances, account may be taken of the varying degree of responsibilities that devolve upon the Corporations concerned. In this connection, it is proposed that the respective programmes of activities of Corporations may be examined with a view to ascertaining the extent and volume of work involved, thus providing a basis whereby a proper and effective adjustment may be made on the emoluments of the executives concerned.

2. The functions of the Printing Corporation for example have considerably narrowed down to duties connected with the collection of outstanding debts, the reasons, as you are no doubt aware, being due to the re-organisation whereby the Corporation's printing activities have now been taken over by a new partnership enterprise - the Apex Paper Products Limited. Similarly, there are wide variations in the degree of responsibilities presently discharged by the Finance Corporation when compared with those coming within the portfolio of the Western Nigeria Development Corporation.

3. Considerations affecting the establishment of Regional Development Bank will, in all probability, affect the scope of activities of Corporations such as the Finance Corporation and the Western Nigeria Development Corporation as also will the proposals relating to the establishment of an Agricultural Credit Corporation.

4. The recommendations of the Committee set up to examine the implementation of the Coker Commission Report may equally have some effect on the present structure and re-organisation of existing Corporations to the extent that their respective activities may be varied.

5. I hope the foregoing suggestions will be of some assistance to Council when it meets to review the various emoluments concerned.

(Sgd.) O. Thomas
for Permanent Secretary,
Ministry of Trade and Industry.

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The Director,
W.N.G.B.C.

I showed your minute at p.89 et seq to the Premier, who directed that I should minute back to you as follows:-

- (1) The Premier is reluctant to countermand the instruction of your Minister without having discussed the matter with him. In point of fact, it may not be necessary for the Premier to intervene at all provided the matter can be satisfactorily settled in the Ministry. Otherwise, I am to say that no new appointment should be made to replace the officers who have been suspended until the matter is finally settled, either by your Minister rescinding his own decision or affirming it. If he decides to affirm his own decision, he should first discuss with the Hon. Premier before filling any of the posts.

The Premier further said that he would not wish to embarrass the new Minister by asking him to intervene in this matter.

2. Information has reached the Hon. Premier that new appointments are being made in the Corporation, contrary to his instruction that until a decision is taken on the recommendations of the Working Party which the Government has set up to advise on the reorganisation of the Statutory Corporations subsequent to the recommendations of the Coker Commission this should not be done. I am to affirm that no new appointments should be made and that you should furnish this office with a list of all the appointments that

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have been made since the Working Party was set up. For your guidance the Party was set up by the Executive Council on January 10th, 1963.

(T.O. Ejiwanni)
S.P.E.C.
13/7/1963.

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Premier's Office,
Ibadan.
Nigeria.

20th August, 1963.

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The Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs
and Information.

The Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Trade and
Industry.

Clerk to the Regional Legislature.

Appointments to Posts in Corporations
and Legislature.

I am directed to inform you that the following appointments have been approved and that immediate steps should be taken to issue letters of appointment, as appropriate to each case, which should be sent them to reach me in my office today in order that I might arrange for their deliveries to the persons concerned as early as possible.

<u>Ministry.</u>	<u>Name of Corporation/ Institution</u>	<u>Post.</u>	<u>Name of Appointee</u>
Trade & Industry.	Western Nigeria Development Corporation.	Chairman	Prince D.A. Ademiluyi.
	Industrial Promotions Commission	Chairman	Mr. J.O. Oyegoke
	Western Region Finance Corporation	Executive Director	Mr. G.A. Lamina
Home Affairs & Information.	Western Nigeria Broadcasting Service	Chairman	Mr. Lapade Obisesan
	Regional Legislature	Government Chief Whip	Mr. R.A. Lana

(T.O. Ejiwunmi)
Secretary to the Premier and
Executive Council

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Premier's Office,
Ibadan,
Nigeria.
21st August, 1963

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The Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Home
Affairs and Information.

The Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Trade
and Industry

Clerk to the Regional Legislature.

Appointments to Posts in Corporations
and Legislature

I should be grateful if you would add to the
542 list contained in my letter No. S.17/202. dated 20th
August, 1963, the following:-

<u>Ministry</u>	<u>Name of Corporation/ Institution</u>	<u>Post.</u>	<u>Name of Appointee.</u>
<u>Home Affairs & Information.</u>	Regional Legislature	Government Chief Whip	Mr.O. Adebayo.

(T.O. Ejiwunmi)
Secretary to the Premier and
Executive Council

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APPOINTMENTS MADE SINCE JANUARY, 10TH 1963.

	Post	Name	Salary	Date	File No	Remarks.
1.	Accts Clerk	S. A. Ogundipe	£300	1/2/63	P. 284/10	
2.		F. A. Oladele	960	11/2/63	P. 287/16	
3.	Announcer	E. Okotie (Miss)	180	1/3/63	P. 288/29	
4.	Techn Asst	J. O. Adeyinka	444	25/3/63	P. 291/2	
5.	" "	S. A. Odebiyi	444	1/4/63	P. 292/2	
6.	Control Operator	O. A. Falade	216	3/4/63	P. 298/3	
7.	Techn Asst	K. Eleshin	216	10/4/63	P. 295/	
8.	Salesman	A. K. Adebo	780	16/4/63	P. 6/65	
9.	Control Operator	C. A. Adeleye	216	16/4/63	P. 300/2	
10.	Stenographer	M. Aboim	240	17/4/63	P. 304/	Temporary
11.	Teleprinter Operator	A. Adeshina	144	17/4/63	P. 305/	Temporary
12.	Control Operator	A. Salami	216	18/4/63	P. 299/3	
13.	Teleprinter Operator	S. A. Adeshina	144	20/4/63	P. 312/	Temporary
14.	Commercial Producer	D. O. Oyegunle	720	1/5/63	P. 283/17	
15.	Techn Asst	S. A. Bangbade	216	27/5/63	P. 294/2	
16.	Tele. Operator	C. Oji (Mrs)	144	29/5/63	P. 309/33	Re-Appointed
17.	Gateman	G. O. Akinola	78	29/5/63	P. 310/3	
18.	Driver	L. Aremu	120	31/5/63	P. 274/20	Reinstated
19.	Saleman	D. A. Sogeke	600	1/6/63	P. 311/6	
20.	Edo Newsreader	S. O. Efionayi	£10 p.m.	3/6/63	P. 313/8	
21.	Tele. Operator	Iyabo Adeyemo (Miss)	144	5/6/63	P. 314/7	
22.	Typist	D. A. Abdul	144	7/6/63	P. 315/8	
23.	Control Operator	Miss E. O. Shadara	£15 p.m.	20/6/63	R. 46B/48	Vacation job
24.	Tech Asst	O. A. Adedeji	15 p.m.	24/6/63	R. 46B/48	" "
25.	Reporter	Mr. O. Fatunke	15 p.m.	26/6/63	R. 46B/48	" "

	Post	Name	Salary	Date	File No	Remarks
26.	Reporter	Mr. Ojedokun	£15 p.m.	26/6/63	R. 46A	Vacation job
27.	"	Mr. Fashina	15 p.m.	27/6/63	R. 46A	" "
28.	Typist	F. O. Akerele (Mrs)	£144	1/7/63	P. 316/6	Permanent
29.	Techn Asst	F. S. Oladunmoye	£15 p.m.	10/7/63	R. 46B/4	Vacation job
30.	" "	F. O. Odunlami	15 p.m.	10/7/63	R. 46B	" "
31.	Traffic Clerk	O. Tijani	£300	12/7/63	P. 319	" "
32.	Film Editor	Miss Oshunporu	£15 p.m.		R. 46B	" "
33.	Announcer	Miss F. Dare	15 p.m.		R. 46A	" "
34.	Sales Manager	Mr. M. A. Macualay	£1,700	22/5/63	SPF. 18/11	Permanent.

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WESTERN NIGERIA RADIOVISION SERVICE LIMITED

1st March, 1961.

To: Mr. S. A. Adegbie

TV. Programmes Department

As you may know, the appointment you hold is designated as a "Key" appointment. This designation implies that you have skill not normally to be found in the outside labour market.

It is obviously in the best interests of the Company that skilled staff such as yourself should regard themselves as having a real vocation in the Company. In this belief the Company now wishes to regard Key personnel as more permanent than other staff who are, according to normal custom, employed or discharged on a basis of one month's notice.

It is now proposed that key staff should be employed on a basis of 3 months' notice on either side. This means that in order to resign you would be bound to give the Company 3 months' notice or three months' salary pay in lieu of notice. On the other hand, should the Company wish to dis-pense with your services, it would be bound to give you 3 months' notice, or 3 months' salary in lieu of notice. In effect both you and the Company achieve more security in the process.

A form of Agreement, in duplicate, binding both you and the Company as above is attached to this letter. Should you wish to take advantage of this offer you should complete and sign the form and return it to me. One copy will then be signed on behalf of the Management and returned to you.

If you do not wish to change the basis of your employment in this way, you may continue to be employed on the basis of one months' notice until it is possible to transfer you to a Non-Key appointment. In the event of there being no suitable Non-Key appointment to offer you by the time the Company wishes to apply the 3-months' notice rule to all Key appointments, then you will be given another opportunity to sign the attached Agreement before being required to give up your appointment with the Company.

(Sgd) G. W. PHILIPS
Chief Executive

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I call for it.

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To: Mr. S. A. Adegbie

Appointment: Producer I

From: THE WESTERN NIGERIA RADIOVISION SERVICE LIMITED

The Company hereby undertakes that should your services no longer be required by the Company you will be given three months' notice in writing of any decision to dispense with your services. If there is no longer any need for your services, you will be paid three months' salary in lieu of such notice.

This undertaking shall in no way prejudice the Company's right to terminate your appointment on grounds of serious misconduct on your part, under which circumstances you remain liable to dismissal without notice.

(Sgd) ???
(For the Company)

Dated: 24/4/61

I SAMUEL A. ADEGBIE hereby undertake in the event of my wishing to resign my appointment, to give the Company three months' notice in writing of my intention to do so. I understand that should I resign without notice, I shall be liable to pay the Company three months' salary in lieu of such notice. In the event of my giving the Company a lesser period than three month's notice, I understand that I shall be liable to pay the Company an amount corresponding to my salary for the difference between this period and three months. I make this undertaking willingly in return for the undertaking given to me above by the Company.

(Sgd) S. A. Adegbie
(Employee)

Dated 25/4/61

(Sgd) ???
(Witness)

Dated 25/4/61

It will be interesting to note the date the slips now in question were distributed ~~for~~ to members of staff for their signatures. The last document I signed was that delivered to you before I went to the United States. It is possible this must have taken place when I was away from the country. I was never informed officially or otherwise that ~~the~~ new regulations have been adopted in place of the attached when I was away. I came back to hear W. N. Govt. Broadcasting Corporation for the first time. Under the Regs. attached P. 17 states that I have to be given 3 months notice before being sacked. I went on leave from July 1, 1962 and never went back to work until ~~the~~ June 1963.

Thompson

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Box 1252,
Ibadan.
15th January, 1964.

The Secretary,
WNTV-WNBS.,
Ibadan.

Dear Sir,

With reference to your letter P.168/67 of 21/12/63, there is no paragraph 169 under which my services are being dispensed with in the Radiovision Service regulations, and I presume this refers to the Staff Regulations of the Western Nigeria Government Broadcasting Corporation.

But No. 169 of the Corporation Regulation refers ONLY to Probationary Staff, Contract Staff, Temporary Staff and Daily rated staff and NOT to Established Staff which I am. Therefore, the only relevant paragraph is 176 which rules that established staff has to give six months notice or vice versa.

If it is held that No. 176 implies a reasonable notice between six and three months, I submit that as an established staff who has returned to the country barely seven months from an overseas (United States) training with a contract to serve the organisation for at least another two years, a reasonable claim would be six months' salary in lieu of notice.

It will be appreciated if this is settled with minimum delay.

I shall be grateful if my overseas training contract is made available to me.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]
NHI OSEMOBOR.

cc:-
Managing Director, WNTV-WNBS.
Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Information.

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Notes on Alternative Pension Schemes

There are basically three types of Pension Scheme normally applied to Government and Quasi-Government Organisations namely:-

- (i) The Non-Contributory Pension Scheme, such as that contained in the Pensions Act;
- (ii) The Contributory Superannuation Scheme, and
- (iii) The Provident Fund Scheme.

Non-Contributory Pension Scheme:

This type of scheme applies to Government Officers holding pensionable offices under the terms of the Pensions Act, and also to pensionable employees in the various Statutory Corporations where provisions similar to the Pension Act are covered by Trust Deed and Rules. The disadvantage of such a Scheme in so far as small organisations are concerned is that the entire cost of pension is borne by the employing authority and the accepted percentage of salary to allow the application of a pension constant of one six hundredth as is provided in the Pensions Act is 25%. This means that in any one year the employing authority, if it has no funds readily available from which to pay pensions, must pay into a Trust Fund an amount equivalent to 25% of the total pensionable emoluments drawn by its entire staff. In addition it might prove necessary from time to time to pay an additional sum when the amount standing in trust, and taking into account the interest accruing on investment, is certified by an actuary to be insufficient to meet the pension liability at any one stage.

Contributory Superannuation Scheme:

This type of scheme is again of general application and has the advantage as far as the employer is concerned of a lessened liability due to the fact that a certain percentage of the contributions are made by the employee. The normal type of superannuation scheme provides for an annual pension on retirement, the amount of such pension clearly depending upon the percentage of contributions made. For example, a modest superannuation scheme with an employee contributing as little as 3% of his salary could not be expected to produce such favourable benefits as a scheme which requires his contribution to be 8%. Further, some employers contribute twice the amount of the employee's contribution to the scheme, while others, more generous, contribute a higher percentage.

Provident Fund Scheme:

This, again, is a contributory type of scheme but in most instances provides only for a lump sum payment at the end of an officer's service. It is normal for an officer to contribute approximately 5% of his salary to the scheme and for the employer to contribute a further 10%. The full amount contributed in this way, plus an interest element, is payable on retirement as a lump sum, although, of course, it is possible to purchase annuities with money subscribed which then turns the scheme into something similar to the Insurance Scheme which it is understood has already been proposed.

2. It is understood that the Council is anxious to provide facilities for easy transfer of Government Officers to and from Council Service assuming that the Government would be willing to recognise the Council under the Pensions Act. In this respect there are three types of recognition which could be employed, namely:

- (i) "Scheduled Service",
- (ii) "Public Service",
- (iii) "Approved Service".

"Scheduled Service"

Before any authority can be recognised as Scheduled Service it is necessary for it to operate a pension scheme to all intents and purposes similar to that operated by Government. Such a scheme need not necessarily be provided for by statute, but could be operated under a Trust Deed and Rules as is the case with the four main Statutory Corporations. After a body is recognised as Scheduled Service then an officer can transfer to and from such service with continuity of service for pension purposes. On his final retirement, his pension is calculated with reference to the whole of his service with the Scheduled Authorities together with the final pensionable emoluments enjoyed by him. The hypothetical pension so arrived at is apportioned between all employing authorities on the basis of the aggregate pensionable emoluments earned by the officer during his service with each. Such an arrangement is clearly of benefit to the officer for he is able to enjoy a pension based on his final salary and applicable to the whole of his service but it will be appreciated that for the scheme to operate, all pension schemes operated by the employing authorities must be substantially the same for otherwise the calculation of the overall hypothetical pension would be impossible. As stated earlier, the disadvantage of such a scheme for a small employer is that the cost is quite heavy and in this respect it is relevant to quote the appropriate clause of the Trust Deed for the pension fund established by the Nigeria Railway Corporation which reads as follows:-

"3. The fund shall from time to time consist of moneys received by the trustees from the Corporation in pursuance of this deed and the rules, and any investments for the time being representing such moneys, together with interest thereon and any appreciation of investments, less any pensions or other benefits paid by the trustees in pursuance of the rules of former members or to their legal personal representatives or dependants, and any expenses properly incurred by the trustees in accordance with this deed and rules (including any loss or depreciation of investments, any taxes properly payable by the trustees in respect of the fund and any other payments made in accordance with the rules)."

"8. The trustees shall from time to time appoint any actuary to the fund who shall be a Fellow of the Institute of Actuaries in London or a Fellow of the Faculty of Actuaries in Scotland. The position of the fund shall be submitted to the actuary and investigated once in every five years from the date hereof or at more frequent intervals as the trustees may decide, and for that purpose all necessary accounts and information as required by the actuary, shall be furnished by the trustees and the Corporation to him. The actuary shall report to the trustees in writing on the financial position of the fund.

If the report shows -

- (a) that there is a deficiency or anticipated deficiency in the fund, the Corporation shall make a payment to the fund equal to the amount of the deficiency either by one payment or by a number of payments within a reasonable period or otherwise shall increase the rate of the monthly contributions payable in accordance with the rules either in respect of

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all members or in respect of such one or more classes of members as the actuary shall advise so as to make good the amount of the deficiency or anticipated deficiency within a reasonable period;

- (b) that there is a surplus beyond the requirement of the fund -
 - (i) if the monthly contributions of the Corporation at such time are equivalent to twenty-five percent of the total pensionable emoluments of members, such surplus or any part thereof may, at the option of the trustees and on the written advice of the actuary, either be set aside by the trustees as a reserve fund or be employed by the trustees in increasing generally the pensions and other benefits payable to members, future members and surviving former members;
 - (ii) if the monthly contributions of the Corporation at such time exceed twenty-five per cent of the total pensionable emoluments of members, such surplus or any part thereof, may, on the written advice of the actuary, be employed to reduce the rate of the monthly contributions of the Corporation to twenty-five per cent of the total pensionable emolument of members."

"4.(1) The Corporation shall contribute to the fund -

- (a) in each calendar month a sum equivalent or approximately equivalent to twenty-five per cent of the total pensionable emoluments payable to members in respect of the calendar month in which the payment is made or such other percentage of the said total pensionable emoluments as the Corporation shall be required from time to time to pay to the fund in accordance with the provisions of clause 8 of the Trust Deed either in respect of all members or in respect of such classes of members as may be prescribed in accordance with such provisions;
- (b) if an officer or servant is to be admitted as a member of the fund with retrospective effect and the cost of any pension or other benefit payable to him in respect of service prior to the date of admission is to be borne by the fund, a sum not less than twenty-five per cent of the total pensionable emoluments paid to such officer or servant during the period of that service;"

The advantage of the scheme is that it is more likely to attract officers on transfer than either of the alternatives for the reasons already stated.

"Public Service" A declaration of Public Service under the Pension Act recognises any particular body but does not confer a right of continuity of service as is covered by a

declaration of Scheduling. If the council was to be declared Public Service then it would be possible for officers to transfer to and from Government Service but their pension would be calculated as at the date of transfer. For example, a Higher Executive Officer in Government Service with fifteen years' service to his credit would, on transfer to the Council, have his Government pension calculated by reference to his substantive salary and length of service as at the time of transfer and such pension would be put into payment should he retire in pensionable circumstances from the service of the council. As council service would attract a pension calculated completely separately, it would be seen that the resulting benefits to the officer could be considerably less than those payable under the Scheduling arrangement for the officer does not receive the benefit of his final salary in the calculation of his pension in respect of his earlier Government service.

"Approved Service" The arrangements for Approved Service are somewhat similar to those explained above in respect of Public Service save that any recognition as Approved Service is not made generally by reference to the employing authority, in this case the council, but is made in respect of each individual officer transferred. In other words, the recognition of the council as an Approved Service for one officer would not cover the transfer of another and each case must be considered on its merits. In cases of Approved Service transfers, the transfers may be made either with the right of return or without the right of return. In the latter case, the final pension would be calculated on the same basis as is applied to Public Service, but in the former case if the officer returns to Government service his two periods of service are counted as continuous and the period of his service with the council is merely ignored. This does, therefore, have the advantage of relating his final Government pension to his final Government salary (provided he retransfers to Government) but it is still not as advantageous as Scheduled Service for the element of continuity is lost to a certain extent by the exclusion of the period of service with the Approved authority. Such a type of service is likely to attract officers on transfer where the benefits gained during the period of Approved Service are worth the loss of pension rights for this period. For example, an officer may well consider to spend a period of, say, five years with a body such as one of the International organisations for the salary and allowances together with a Provident Fund scheme will be such as to enable him to put by a reasonable sum of money as capital for investment or for an immediate project which he had in hand which would to all intents and purposes compensate for the loss of pensionability for the period.

3. From the foregoing two points clearly emerge. Firstly, if the council is to make use of the services of Officers at present in the Public Service it would be necessary to seek the Federal Government's agreement to some form of recognition under the Pensions Act as otherwise the officer concerned would have to forfeit all benefits that he had earned up to the date of his appointment with the council. Secondly, assuming the Government agreed to a form of recognition, the most beneficial to the officer and therefore the one most likely to attract him to the service of the council would be a declaration as a Scheduled Authority which entails the consequent higher pension load upon the council. In the event of Government not agreeing to recognise the Council, clearly some form of contributory scheme would be desirable as it would place a far lesser burden on the council funds.

Basic Provisions of the Government Pensions Act

There are certain conditions laid down in the Pensions Act which allow for the payment of a pension when an officer

leaves the Public Service. Unless his retirement takes place in these circumstances, he is not entitled to any benefits. The specific circumstances are as follows:-

- (a) By voluntary retirement after the age of 45 years,
- (b) By compulsory retirement after the age of 45 years,
- (c) On abolition of office or re-organisation,
- (d) Retirement on medical grounds,
- (e) On his removal on the grounds of inefficiency,
- (f) On his release to take up certain appointments.

In addition there is provision to grant a gratuity to a female officer who retires for the reason that she is married or is about to marry.

The basic provisions regarding the amount of pension (provided the officer retires in one of the circumstances set out above), are that if he has completed a minimum period of 10 years' service he is entitled to a pension calculated at the rate of one six hundredth of his pensionable emoluments for every month of pensionable service. At his option he can commute a quarter of this pension and receive the remaining three quarters as a pension and, on retirement, be given a gratuity calculated at twelve and one half times the quarter reduction in pension.

If an officer on retirement has completed less than 10 years' service, then he is entitled to a gratuity only calculated at the rate of one eighth of a month's pensionable emoluments for each complete month in the Public Service. Marriage gratuities are only payable to a female officer provided she has been in the Public Service for 5 years or more and has been confirmed in her appointment. If these requirements are fulfilled the gratuity is calculated again at the rate of one eighth of a month's pensionable emoluments for each complete month of Public Service.

In addition, there are certain additional pensions which can be paid if an officer retires on the abolition of his office or on grounds of ill health or if he is required to retire as a result of injuries received in the actual discharge of his duties. If an officer is retired on the abolition of his office he can receive an additional pension calculated at the rate of one sixtieth of his pensionable emoluments for each complete period of three years' pensionable service. If he is retired on the grounds of ill health and has completed 10 but less than 20 years' service, he may be granted an additional pension at the rate of one six hundredth of his pensionable emoluments on retirement for each period of three months by which his public service falls short of 20 years or by which his age falls short of 50 years. The additional pensions payable in respect of injury are dependent upon the degree to which his capacity to contribute to his own support is impaired.

In addition to the above general provisions, pensions can be paid to a widow and children when an officer dies as a result of injuries received in the actual discharge of his duties.

It will be appreciated that the above covers only the very general provisions of the Act and there are a considerable number of minor modifications which can affect the calculation and consequently the eventual amount of an officer's pension, but for general purposes the above represents the benefits that would be payable to an officer in normal circumstances.

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Ibadan Western Nigeria



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Telephone 22320 (4 Lines)

Your Ref No

Our Ref No

764/73/693

Date 3rd March, 1964

The Secretary to the Premier
and Executive Council,
Premier's Office,
Ibadan,
Western Nigeria.

W. Gilani

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I forward herewith a copy of a letter, which speaks
for itself, from the above-named person.

2. The Western Nigeria Government Broadcasting Corporation
is prepared to have Mr. Gilani and this Ministry has no objec-
tion to his coming provided he is financially equipped to look
after himself during his stay here.

3. If you have no objection to Mr. Gilani's request I shall
get in touch with the Ministry of Commonwealth Relations, Lagos
with a view to having the matter cleared with the Pakistani
High Commission in Nigeria.



P. P. Ogbesan
for Permanent Secretary
Ministry of Information.

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173, Orwell Road,
Liverpool, 4,
ENGLAND.

The General Manager,
Western Nigeria Television Services,
Ibadan,
NIGERIA.

Dear Sir,

Pardon me the liberty I am taking in acquainting myself with you. I have been advised by the Nigerian High Commissioner, His Excellency Mr. Abdul Maliki in London, to approach your good offices in soliciting the matter of my obtaining some practical knowledge in any of the Television Departments engaged in Production under your control.

As regards my qualification and experience, I would like to state that I obtained my B.A. Degree from U.S.A. in 1953.

Prior to my educational voyage to England in December 1954, I gained considerable knowledge in the Pakistan Film Enterprises, where I worked as an Assistant Cameraman, together with the duties of an Assistant Film Director, for some time.

I have attended a special practical training course of Drama in Manchester, for six years, together with Photography and English Literature.

I am thirty years of age, with excellent physique, good moral character, sociable active habits and coming of a respectable family of Punjab, West Pakistan.

Since my country is in the early stages of establishing and building the T.V. Service, I very much wish to get some practical knowledge of using T.V. Camera's together with the general idea of the programme during the course of production.

I should be grateful for your immense kindness to arrange for some sort of training or for your allowing me to observe for some time in the studio. With the result that I could achieve the long cherished object of my life, benefit myself and my country, which shall bring us closer than ever and we shall both be indeed indebted to you always.

An early and favourable reply will be very much appreciated. Thanking you in anticipation,

I am,

Yours faithfully,

(Sgd.) W. GILANI

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S.113/557.

5th March, 1964.

The Permanent Secretary,
Ministry of Information,
IBADAN.

MR. GILANI

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Your letter No. 764/73/693 of the 3rd March, 1964, refers. I fear that the action which you are proposing to take seems to make the matter more important than it need be. To begin with, a private person has made a request to a Corporation which the Corporation is competent to consider and take a decision upon in so far as the principle of it is concerned. If the Corporation is prepared to offer training opportunities to people generally, then it is up to it to seek clearance from the Immigration Authorities about letting people into the country for this purpose. In which case, the matter might be treated in the same way as the Corporation would treat the application of a person to whom it wishes to offer an appointment in the Corporation.

2. The way you are treating the matter seems to suggest that the Government of Western Nigeria is seeking to enter into an agreement with the Government of Pakistan in order to offer a nationality of that Government training facilities in this country. If I may make a suggestion, I would say that you should write to the writer of the letter attached to yours under reference, and advise him to submit an application through his own Government or High Commission to our Government, that is, if the matter is to be treated at Governmental level. I personally don't consider that Mr. Gilani presents such a strong case, that this Government should be approaching his Government on his behalf.

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(T.O. Ejiwanni)
Secretary to the Premier and
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WESTERN NIGERIA GOVERNMENT BROADCASTING CORPORATION
TELEVISION HOUSE
P.O. BOX 1460
IBADAN · WESTERN NIGERIA

Your Ref. No.....
All communications to be addressed
to the Secretary quoting
Our Ref. No.....

Date 3rd June, 1964.

S. 178.

The Permanent Secretary,
Ministry of Information,
Ibadan.

Sir,

Western Nigeria Government Broadcasting Law

I thank you for your letter of 26th May 1964 through which you invited my attention to the Contravention of Section 7(2) of the Western Nigeria Government Broadcasting Law and advised a cessation thereof.

It is obvious, however, that with the replacement of expatriate business-directors by political appointees of the government of the day, this provision of the Law has become obsolete and unrealistic. The government should therefore be advised to revise the Broadcasting Law of the region.

While, I have always urged our News Department to comply with paragraph (d) of Section 7(1) of the Law, I loathe to imagine that by accepting the directorship of the Broadcasting Corporation, I have become a Civil Servant and should abandon my political activities and leadership of my people.

If it becomes certain that the government is unwilling to amend the Law to allow political appointees to the Corporation to express their political opinions on the network of WNBS/WNTV as standard bearers of their political party like other politicians, I may have to reconsider the acceptance of my appointment.

Yours faithfully,

V. Olu. Fayemi

(V. Olu. Fayemi)
Managing Director

cc The Hon. Premier, ✓
Premier's Lodge,
Ibadan.

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Our Ref No. 764/82/1

26th May, 1964.

V. Olu. Fayemi, Esq.,
The Managing Director,
Western Nigeria Government
Broadcasting Corp.,
Ibadan.

Sir,

Western Nigeria Government Broadcasting Law

I have to invite attention to Section 7(2) of the Western Nigeria Government Broadcasting Law and to advise that there is not as yet a cessation of contravention of this provision by the Corporation through your default, as previously communicated to the Secretary of the Corporation.

It is appreciated that the Chairman and yourself, being political appointees to the Corporation must continue to play your full part in the political development of this country: this is perfectly in order; nevertheless, it is enjoined by the law that any expression of political opinion by either of you should be excluded from the programmes broadcast by the Corporation, in as much as you are a member or officer or director or officer of the agent of the Corporation.

Quite apart from the legal considerations, I am to say that it is a question of the greatest propriety that those running a semi-commercial organisation such as the WNBS/WNITV which is soliciting the custom and the patronage of the public at large do not advertise their political opinions on the network, so as not to create a resistance against patronising the Corporation by persons holding contrary political opinions to those of its members.

I should be grateful if you would take care in the future to comply with the law in this respect and to ensure that the WNBS/WNITV network rigidly refrains from broadcasting your views on political, industrial or any other topical subject of current controversy, in the country.

A copy of this letter goes to the Chairman as well as the Secretary of the Corporation.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant.

Sgd. (O. Bateye)
Ministry of Information.

cc. The Chairman,
W.N.G.B.C., Ibadan.

The Secretary,
Western Nigeria Government Broadcasting Corp.,
Ibadan.

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SI.69/13

11th June, 1964.

The Secretary,
Western Nigeria Government
Broadcasting Corporation,
Television House,
Ibadan.

Overseas Tour

I am directed to acknowledge your letters No. C.46/146 of 9th June, 1964, and C.46/149 of 10th June, 1964 and to convey approval for Mr. Fayemi's proposed Overseas tour on the understanding that the Chairman will combine Mr. Fayemi's duties with his own and assume control of the Corporation during Mr. Fayemi's absence.

S. A. SHOLOLA
(S. Sholola)
for Permanent Secretary,
Ministry of Information.

Ibadan 11th June, 1964.
Ref. No. SI.69/13A

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The Secretary to the Premier
and Executive Council,
Premier's Office,
Ibadan.

(For the personal attention of Mr. A.B.A. Johnston)

For information please to enable you to give necessary clearance to the Deputy High Commission for the United Kingdom, for the arrangement of Mr. Fayemi's visit to Great Britain.

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S. Sholola
(S. Sholola)
for Permanent Secretary,
Ministry of Information.

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WESTERN NIGERIA GOVERNMENT BROADCASTING CORPORATION
 TELEVISION HOUSE
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WNTV. file

Your Ref. No.....
 All communications to be addressed
 to the Secretary quoting
 Our Ref. No.....

Date 9th. June, 1964.

Chief S.L.Akintola,
 Premier's Lodge,
 Ibadan.

Sir,

Overseas Tour.

Because there is at present no Minister of Information with whom I could have discussed my proposed journey to the United States, Germany, and London, I thought I should inform you and get your blessing before leaving the country.

2. I have an invitation to attend a Television Conference in Los Angeles from 15th. to 19th. June. I hope to represent my station at the International Television Contest and Film Festival in Berlin between 19th. and 25th. June and will be guest of the West Germany Government during my stay in Berlin. From 25th. to 30th. June I hope to meet our London Representative Mr. Dick Job, and interview our Suppliers of television equipments and spare parts such as Marconi, Pye and E.M.I. I finally intend to return to the United States as guest of the American Government for a week in July.

3. My Corporation has approved this tour which will cost us very little because the various governments will be taking care of me while in their countries.

4. I shall be grateful for your blessing, Sir.

Yours faithfully,

V. Olu. Fayemi

V. Olu. Fayemi,
 Managing - Director.

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30 July, 1965

F474/S.13/30

The Permanent Secretary,
Ministry of Information,
Ibadan.

Abolition of Licence Fees and Customs
Duties on Radio and Television Sets

I am directed to refer to your letter ST.4/6/65 of 20th July, 1965 and to inform you, with regret, that the Treasury does not feel able to support, in their present form, the memoranda attached thereto.

2. I am to explain that while it is true that the prohibitive cost of television sets in this country has resulted in only a few privileged class of people possessing their own sets, thus limiting the scope of television viewing, the same cannot be truly said of broadcast receivers like radio sets. It is believed that there are in the market reasonably cheap transistor and radio sets, the cost of which is within the reach of the masses of the people. Furthermore, with the Rediffusion networks, particularly in this Region, it has been possible to bring the radio to many corners of the country. If regional radio stations have not reached the masses of the people, it is not because there are no cheap broadcast receivers in the market, it is because complete agreement has not yet been reached with both the Federal Government and the Nigerian Broadcasting Corporation on the sharing of air-time on the Rediffusion networks. In the face of the known facts, therefore, your memoranda do not appear to have made a good case for either the abolition or the suspension of licence fees or import duty on broadcast receivers like radio sets.

3. On the other hand, the Treasury shares the view expressed in the memoranda that the revenue derivable from duty and licence fees on television sets may, at present, not be as much as the operational losses of the various government broadcasting stations put together. But, here too, it has to be recognised that at a time when everything possible is being done to cause a significant reduction in this country's imported consumer goods to save our balance of payments and to increase our foreign exchange assets, the removal or suspension of customs duty on television sets would amount to the removal of an existing control on the volume of imported consumer goods and to the opening of the sluice-gate for the inundation of this country with more consumer goods than is desirable. Indeed, an acceptance of your proposal would conflict seriously with the encouragement of local production of cheap radio and television sets advocated in paragraph 5(iii) of your proposed N.E.C. memorandum. It is a recognised fact that a nascent local industry, if it is to survive, should enjoy some measure of protection over imported

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Products.

4. It is considered, here, that the present difficulty in increasing the number of those who may wish to own television sets would be greatly eased when the proposed Hire Purchase Bill comes into operation in this Region, as well as in the other parts of the Federation. That arrangement would make it possible for more and more people to purchase or hire television sets on terms that are easier and more favourable to the hirer than those existing now. As such, it is felt that the plea of the various Ministries of Information in the Federation is more likely to receive due consideration if it is confined to a request for a reduction, say to 12½%-25%, of the rate of import duty being charged, at present, on television sets.
5. Although Regional interests demand that this Region should adopt an indifferent attitude to the plea for the abolition or suspension of licence fees on radio and television sets (since the revenue accruing from this source benefits the Federal Government only), it is genuinely in doubt how its imposition affects the extension of radio and television ownership. It is doubtful whether, at the material moment a man decides whether or not to purchase a broadcast receiver or television set, the licence fee element, to which he would be liable, ever comes into his consideration.
6. Having regard to the explanations in the preceding paragraphs, I am to inform you that the Treasury would be prepared to support only a request for a reduction, not abolition or suspension, of the present rate of import duty on television sets. You may, therefore, wish to consider submitting a fresh memorandum on the matter.
7. A copy of this letter has been sent to the Cabinet Office of the Premier's Office.

Fola Adebajo

(S. A. Adebajo)
for Permanent Secretary, Finance

Copy to:-

Ref: F474/S.13/31
30 July, 1965.

The Secretary to the Premier &
Executive Council,
Premier's Office,
Ibadan.

For information with reference to the memoranda on the above subject submitted to your office by the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Information.

Sa. Fola Adebajo
(S. A. Adebajo)

for Permanent Secretary, Finance.

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To note for S.N.A.,
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PSMI phoned + said
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OFFICE OF THE REGIONAL MILITARY GOVERNMENT
IBADAN . WESTERN NIGERIA

Our Ref. No. S.17/395

5th February, 1966.

The Perm. Sec.,
Ministry of Agric.,
Ibadan.

(for personal attention of Chief C.O. Taiwo, O.O.N., O.B.E.)

The Perm. Sec.,
Ministry of Trade and Industry,
Ibadan.

(For the personal attention of Mr. J.O.I. Longe)

Ag. The Permanent Sec.,
Ministry of Lands and Housing,
Ibadan.

(for personal attention of Mr. F.A.O. Shoga)

Boards and Corporations

His Excellency the Military Governor has directed that the newly appointed Chairman of each of the Public Boards and Corporations be called upon to produce, as a matter of the utmost urgency, a report on the state of each Corporation, indicating projects in hand, particulars of loans and debtors where appropriate, and general financial or economic position of the Corporation or Board. I should be most grateful if you would arrange accordingly in respect of the public Boards or Corporations coming under your Ministry.

(Sgd.) P. T. Odumosu,
Secretary to the Military GovernorCopy also sent to the
Permanent Secretary,
Ministry of Information,
Ibadan.

(for personal attention of Chief O. Thomas)

MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND INFORMATION

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Your Ref. No.

Our Ref. No. T.764/82/38

Date 12th February, 1966.

Secretary to the Military Government
and Acting Head of Service,
Office of the Regional Military Government,
I B A D A N

For the attention of Mr. P. T. Odumosu

You are no doubt aware that under the current dispensation of public services, Permanent Secretaries are required to assume full responsibilities over all matters pertaining to the portfolios of their Ministries. It follows therefore that to a large extent the duties of Permanent Secretaries in practice will be somehow quasi-ministerial, particularly with regard to the exercise of responsibility over the affairs of statutory corporations. The laws of statutory corporations, however, make specific provision in a number of cases on subjects for which a minister's expressed authority will be required. Similarly, there are individual laws which operate on their own to regulate public life and under which are provided specific powers which may be exercised by ministers only.

2. A good number of these laws are of such a routine nature and judging from their volume and the frequency of their application, it is my view that an approach may be sought whereby Permanent Secretaries may relieve His Excellency the Governor of this additional burden.

3. I am providing in the Annexures attached details of all subjects which require specific ministerial directives as provided under their respective laws, in so far as subjects within the portfolios of Home Affairs and Information are concerned. I shall be grateful if you would consult His Excellency with a view to ascertaining his wishes on the need for a delegation of authority on any of these subjects. As I have explained earlier a number of the subjects involved are of the routine nature that I do not consider that His Excellency should be bored, from time to time, with incessant requests for authorisation. For this reason, I will recommend for His Excellency's consideration the delegation of powers in respect of the following:-

(a) In relation to Western Nigeria Government
Broadcasting Corporation

- (i) General or special directions of the Corporation as to the policy to be followed in the exercise and performance of their functions. Section 10. (Item 4 of Annexure I)
- (ii) Approval of Auditors appointed by the Corporation. Section 16(2). (Item 8 of Annexure I).

- (iii) Approval of the appointment, remunerations, terms and conditions of the Secretary and other employees and agents as may be necessary for the proper carrying out of the provisions of the Law. SCHEDULE (Section 5) (12). (Item 11 of Annexure I).

(b) In relation to Home Affairs

- (i) Importation of Distilling Apparatus - Section 8 of the Liquor Ordinance - Cap.105 (Laws of the Federation of Nigeria). (Item 11 of Annexure II).
- (ii) Certificate for the grant of Club Liquor Licences - Section 9 of the Liquor (Licensing) Law Cap. 65 (Western Nigeria Laws). (Item 3 of Annexure II).
- (iii) Enquiry re Sanity of Prisoners - Section 19 of the Prisons Act, 1960. (Item 7 of Annexure II).
- (iv) Transfer of Prisoners from one prison to another - Section 31 (2) of the Prisons Act, 1960. (Item 8 of Annexure II).
- (v) Licensing of Churches for the celebration of Marriages - Section 6 of the Marriage Act, Cap.115 (Laws of the Federation). (Item 9 of Annexure II).

4. The Permanent Secretaries, to my mind, should now concern themselves more directly with the day-to-day administration of corporations, particularly as the entire composition of the various Boards are made up of officials appointed on their recommendations. The Western Nigeria Government Broadcasting Corporation, by virtue of its past performances and in the light of its present financial state as well as the need to project an effective and more dynamic image of the Region would require more direct and personal supervision from me. I have already undertaken a general appraisal of the Corporation's commitments, past liabilities and assets. Similar appraisal will very soon proceed in respect of the various job contents and their relative staff. But the Law of the Corporation as it stands does not empower anybody other than a minister (now His Excellency) to authorise or direct any such review of activities. I consider it desirable that I should be able to act as promptly and effectively as will be required, from time to time, and for this reason it will be necessary and proper that my future action should have a legal sanction.

5. The necessity for this can be better appreciated when looked at from the point of view of the composition of the Corporation's Board, which unfortunately is made up entirely from members of the staff of the Corporation itself with the single exception of the Chairman, who is on the staff of the Information Division of this Ministry. The Board comprises five members, four of whom are members of the staff of the Corporation. It would have been preferable if the membership as in the case of other statutory corporations, such as the Western Nigeria Development Corporation and the Western Nigeria Finance Corporation, is slightly diversified to allow for a majority to be drawn from officials outside the Corporation in order to afford it the independence and

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neutrality needed on the urgent task of reorganisation. I propose to discuss with you further on this subject at the earliest opportunity. Meanwhile, I have merely made reference to the Board's composition as an example of a number of reasons which demand my close and personal supervision and to some extent control of the Corporation's activities.

6. I shall appreciate it if you would be kind enough as to arrange to hold consultation with His Excellency and ascertain his wishes on the proposals asking for a delegation of authority.

(Sgd.) O. Thomas
Permanent Secretary

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POWERS OF THE HONOURABLE MINISTER OF INFORMATION

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A. Western Nigeria Government Broadcasting Law 1959:

1. Appointment and termination of members of the W.N.G.B.C. Section 4(1).
2. Determination of salaries and allowances payable to members of the Corporation. Section 4(5) and (6).
3. Approval of memorandum of Association of a Company which the W.N.G.B.C. forms or is participating in. Section 6(L).
4. General or special directions of the Corporation as to the policy to be followed in the exercise and performance of their functions. Section 10.
5. In a period of emergency, may at any time by notice in writing require the Corporation to broadcast at specified times any announcement specified. Section 11.
6. Appointment of an Advisory Board to advise him on matters arising under or in execution of the provisions of the Broadcasting Law. Determination of the total number of the members, their respective terms of office and remuneration, quorum, frequency of meetings, procedure thereat, and all matters necessary for or incidental to the proper functioning of the Advisory Board. Section 12(1).
7. Approval of borrowing by the Corporation of money in excess of £5,000. Section 15(2).
8. Approval of Auditors appointed by the Corporation, Section 16(2).
9. Laying before the Legislative House copies of a general report of the Corporation's proceedings at the end of every financial year. Section 16(3).
10. Final decision on the question of entry to land by the Corporation. Section 17(3).
11. Approval of the appointment, remunerations, terms and conditions of the Secretary and other employees and agents as may be necessary for the proper carrying out of the provisions of the Law. SCHEDULE) Section 5 (12).

B. Cinematograph law Cap. 211:

Right of appeal to the Board of Censors in respect of any film, picture or part thereof, or poster approved by a Censorship committee which depicts any matter that is against Public Order and decency or the exhibition of which for any other reason is, in the Minister's opinion, undesirable. Section 10(1) (b).

C. ASSIGNMENT OF SUBJECTSPORTFOLIOSUBJECTS

INFORMATION

1. Public Relations
2. Regional Broadcasting
(but not including School Broadcasts)
3. Cinemas
4. Registration of Newspapers.

MATTERS FORMERLY REFERRED FOR SPECIFIC APPROVAL
OF THE HONOURABLE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS

1. Importation of Distilling Apparatus -
Section 8 of the Liquor Ordinance - Cap. 105
(Laws of the Federation of Nigeria).
2. Appointment of Liquor Licensing Tribunals -
Section 4 of the Liquor (Licensing) Law, Cap.65
(Western Nigeria Laws).
3. Certificate for the grant of Club Liquor Licences -
Section 9 of the Liquor (Licensing) Law Cap.65
(Western Nigeria Laws).
4. Powers to make regulations and bye-laws -
Sections 50 and 51 of the Liquor (Licensing) Law
Cap.65 (Western Nigeria Laws).
5. Establishments of Provincial Constabulary Councils -
Sections 5 and 6 of the Local Government Police Law,
Cap.70.
6. Appointment of Prison Visitors and Visiting Committees -
Section 11 of the Prisons Act, 1960 (Laws of the
Federation) No.41 of 1960.
7. Enquiry re Sanity of Prisoners -
Section 19 of the Prisons Act, 1960.
8. Transfer of Prisoners from one prison to another -
Section 31 (2) of the Prisons Act, 1960.
9. Licensing of Churches for the celebration of Marriages -
Section 6 of the Marriage Act, Cap. 115 (Laws of the
Federation).



Your Ref No

Our Ref No 764/15A/559

Date 14th February, 1966.

Secretary to the Military Government
and Acting Head of Service,
Office of the Regional Military Government,
I B A D A N.

For the attention of Mr. P. T. Odumosu.

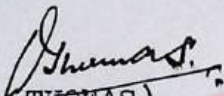
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Under paragraph 5 of my letter No. T.764/82/38 of 12th February, 1966, I emphasized the necessity for a readjustment of the membership of the Board of Western Nigeria Government Broadcasting Corporation in order to afford it complete independence and neutrality in the discharge of its responsibilities. The present membership of the Board is made up of four officials of the Corporation itself and one official of this Ministry as follows:

- (i) Mr. F. O. Shadare - Chairman (Principal Information Officer, Ministry of Home Affairs and Information)
- (ii) Mr. Oyelowo - Secretary, Western Nigeria Government Broadcasting Corporation.
- (iii) Mr. Oyeleye - Chief Engineer, Western Nigeria Government Broadcasting Corporation.
- (iv) Mr. Steve Rhodes - Acting Sales Manager, Western Nigeria Government Broadcasting Corporation.
- (v) Mr. J. L. Bomford - Chief Accountant, Western Nigeria Government Broadcasting Corporation.

2. It is desirable if we are to effect proper reorganisation to avoid an arrangement whereby majority of membership is drawn from among the staff whose performances, past and present, are closely interwoven with the Corporation's activities which have given much cause for thorough streamlining and reorganisation. Accordingly, I propose that the membership of the Board should be revised as follows:-

- (a) Mr. F. O. Shadare to remain Chairman
- (b) Mr. Oyelowo - Secretary, Western Nigeria Government Broadcasting Corporation - Member
- (c) Mr. O. Oyeleye - Chief Engineer, Western Nigeria Government Broadcasting Corporation - Member
- (d) ~~Mr. Dole~~ *J. A. Ogunsehin*, Senior Assistant Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs and Information - Member
- (e) Mr. Oriola, Senior Assistant Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs and Information - Member.

3. I shall be grateful if you would be kind enough as to seek His Excellency's approval so that the necessary changes may be effected without much delay.


(O. THOMAS),
Permanent Secretary.

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Y.E.,

I shall be grateful if Y.E. will see the recommendation by P.S.M.H.A. & I. at pp.570-571 on the composition of the membership of the Board of Broadcasting Corporation. The observation follows the same principle as in the case of the Ministry of Lands and Housing, which has been submitted to Y.E. I uphold the principle that the staff of the Corporation should not be in the majority on the statutory Board.

2. I support the composition recommended in para.2 of p.570 (as amended in para. 2(d)) and should be grateful if Y.E. would approve accordingly.

P.T. Odumosu
(P.T. Odumosu)
Sect. Military Govt.
23/12/1966.

Approved as recommended in para 2 of p.570 (and as amended in para 2(d)).

July 3/3.

Solicitor-General,

Please see proposals at para.2 of p.570 as approved by H.E. at p.572. I should be glad if you would prepare the necessary ~~concomitant~~ ^{Notice} for publication in the Gazette to give effect to the changes in the membership of the Board of the Western Nigeria Broadcasting Corporation as in para.2 of p.570.

P.T. Odumosu
(P.T. Odumosu)
Sect. Military Government.
6/3/1966.



Ses. M. G.,
File into at yr request pl.
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for S.G.

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S.M.G.,

We discussed and you asked me to re-open with the P.S.M.H.A.&I. the question of membership of the Western Nigeria Government Broadcasting Corporation with a view to making further changes in the light of recent experience of the functioning of that Corporation as at present constituted. Please read this minute along with para.2 of p.570.

2. I have discussed with the P.S.M.H.A.&I. and he has agreed to the following suggestions for membership of the W.N.G.B.C.:

- Chairman: Mr. A. Adedeji, Deputy Director of the Institute of Administration, Ife University.
- Members:
 - (i) Mr. O. Oyeleye, Chief Engineer and Ag. Chief Executive, W.N.G.B.C. (Ex officio).
 - (ii) Mr. S.A. Adegbe, Ag. Controller of Programmes, W.N.G.B.C. (Ex officio).
 - (iii) Mr. F.O. Shadare, Principal Information Officer, M.H.A.&I.
 - (iv) Mr. J.A. Ogunsanya, Senior Assistant Secretary, M.H.A.&I.

3. It is further suggested that although the Secretary of the Corporation has been left out of its membership, he should be "in attendance" at meetings of the Corporation. In this regard, it must be pointed out that the W.N.G.B.C. is a type of organisation in which the Secretary does not perform executive functions like, for instance, the W.N.D.C. or the W.N.H.C.; most of the officers of the W.N.G.B.C. are professionals in their own right with peculiar knowledge of their fields such as the Secretary would not have - the Secretary of the W.N.D.C. would be able to tackle practically all questions on financial, development, administrative or planning issues in his Corporation, but it will be very difficult if not impossible for the Secretary of the W.N.G.B.C. to answer queries on programmes, commercial advertisement, technical staff for and maintenance of studio equipment or even news. Because of these peculiarities of the W.N.G.B.C., it is not only desirable but necessary that the Chief Engineer and the Controller of Programmes should be members of the Corporation; the same peculiarities make the inclusion of the Secretary unnecessary; in any case such a Secretary will be in attendance at meetings.

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4. My long essay in para. 3 above is in defence of the exclusion of the Secretary from membership of the W.N.G.B.C. and in accordance with your previous instruction, I am returning this file to the Solicitor General to enable him prepare the necessary Instrument of appointment of the new Members of the Corporation.

J.M. Akinola
(J.M. Akinola)
U.S.,
12 April, 1966.

Solicitor General,

Kindly see para. 2 at p.573 for the new members of the W.N.G.B.C. I should be grateful if you would prepare the necessary Instrument for Gazette publication reflecting the new appointments.

J.M. Akinola
(J.M. Akinola)
for S.M.G.,
15 April, 1966.



S.M.G.,

Your minute above. I forward herewith in duplicate draft of the necessary Gazette Notice on the appointment of Chairman and Members of the Western Nigeria Government Broadcasting Corporation.

Zade asari
Solicitor-General,
20th April, 1966.



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You may wish to submit Instruments at bc. to HE for signature.

J.M. Akinola 21/4/66

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Y.E.,

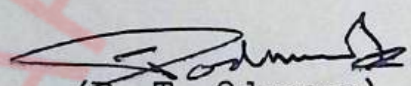
As I explained to Y.E. recently, it has become necessary to change the Chairman of the Western Nigeria Broadcasting Corporation as the Officer, Mr. Shadare, Principal Information Officer, Ministry of Home Affairs and Information is only a ^{Cap. 8} ~~private~~ officer whilst some of the officers of the Corporation who are also members of the Board are in the equivalent of Group 7 post.

2. Other changes from the old list are:

(a) the substitution of Mr. Ogunlade who is Controller of Programmes for Mr. Adegbe who was hitherto acting in the post. (Mr. Ogunlade was recently re-appointed to the post), *and*

(b) the reduction of the number of staff of the Corporation on the Board by one so that they may cease to constitute majority of the membership of the Corporation.

3. I should be grateful if Y.E. would kindly sign the instrument at back cover, ^{giving} ~~given~~ effect to the ~~post~~ *above changes.*


(P. T. Odumosu),
S.M.G.,
2/5/66.

Approved.
Sar. Bayo Wala
2/5/66.

The Statutory Corporations (Revocation of Appointments and Transfer of Functions) Edict, 1966 (No.4 of 1966)

APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF WESTERN NIGERIA GOVERNMENT BROADCASTING CORPORATION

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 3 of of the Statutory Corporations (Revocation of Appointments and Transfer of Functions) Edict, 1966, the persons specified in the Schedule below are hereby appointed as Chairman and Members respectively of the Western Nigeria Government Broadcasting Corporation.

2. All previous appointments of Chairman and Members of the said Corporation are hereby revoked, and Western Nigeria Notice No.87 in Western Nigeria Gazette No.11, Vol.15, of the 31st of January, 1966, shall be amended accordingly.

SCHEDULE

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| (i) Mr. A. Adedeji | Deputy Director of the Institute of Administration, University of Ife
- <u>Chairman</u> |
| (ii) Mr. O. Oyeleye | Chief Engineer and Acting Chief Executive of the Corporation - <u>Member</u> |
| (iii) Mr. G. Ayo Ogunlade | Controller of Programmes - <u>Member</u> |
| (iv) Mr. F. O. Shadare | Principal Information Officer, Ministry of Home Affairs and Information - <u>Member</u> |
| (v) Mr. J. A. Ogunsanya | Acting Senior Assistant Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs and Information - <u>Member</u> |

GIVEN at Ibadan this 2nd day of May, 1966.

Sau Layanhill
LT-COL. F.A. FAJUJI
Military Governor,
Western Nigeria.

Conf. Sec.

Please forward copy of W.N.N. a/c. to C.P. for Gazette action

Action taken accordingly pls.

SP/S.166/577

2nd May, 1966.

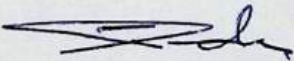
The Ag. Permanent Secretary,
Ministry of Home Affairs & Information,
Ibadan,
Western Nigeria.

Western Nigeria Government
Broadcasting Corporation

With reference to your predecessor's letter No.76/15A/559 dated 14th February, 1966 and subsequent discussions, His Excellency the Military Governor has, today, approved the following changes in the membership of the Board of the above Corporation:

- (i) Mr. A. Adedeji Deputy Director of the Institute of Administration, University of Ife - Chairman
- (ii) Mr. O. Oyeleye Chief Engineer and Acting Chief Executive of the Corporation - Member
- (iii) Mr. G. Ayo Ogunlade Controller of Programmes - Member
- (iv) Mr. F.O. Shadare Principal Information Officer, Ministry of Home Affairs and Information - Member
- (v) Mr. J.A. Ogunsanya Acting Senior Assistant Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs and Information - Member

2. I attach herewith, for necessary action in your Ministry, a press release giving effect to the changes referred to above.


(P. T. Odumosu),
Secretary to the Military Government.


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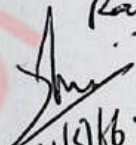
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PRESS RELEASE

WESTERN NIGERIA GOVERNMENT BROADCASTING CORPORATION

Certain changes have been made in the membership of the Western Nigeria Government Broadcasting Corporation. In a Western Nigeria Notice signed at Ibadan this morning, His Excellency the Military Governor for the Western Provinces, has appointed Mr. Adebayo Adedeji, Deputy Director of the Institute of Administration, University of Ife, as the new Chairman of the Corporation. The other members of the Corporation are Mr. F.O. Shadare, Principal Information Officer, Ministry of Home Affairs and Information; Mr. O. Oyeleye, Chief Engineer and Acting Chief Executive of the Corporation, Mr. G. Ayo Ogunlade, Controller of Programmes and Mr. J.A. Ogunsanya, Acting Senior Assistant Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs and Information.


2nd May, 1966.

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THE NIGERIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION

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Ref. CW.519/3

27th April, 1966

The Chief Executive,
WNBS/WNTV,
P.O. Box 1460,
Ibadan.

Copy to:-

- Mr F. O. Shadare,
Chairman,
WNBS/WNTV,
c/o Ministry of Home Affairs
and Information,
Ibadan.
- " The Permanent Secretary,
Ministry of Home Affairs & Information,
Ibadan.
- " The Under Secretary, ✓
Office of the Military Government,
Agodi, Ibadan.

Dear Sir,

Hook-Up Broadcasts - NBS/WNBS

I should like to draw your attention to the very unprofessional way the Military Governor's broadcast on 17th April, 1966, was handled. To begin with, since we were requested by the Regional Ministry of Information to hook-up with WNBS, it became important that the technical aspects of the hook-up should be thoroughly worked out by representatives from both stations. In fact, I initiated this by getting my Engineer-in-Charge and my Head of Programmes to contact their counterparts in WNBS and come to some agreement as to how best the hook-up could be done so that there would be no technical hitches before, during or after the Governor's broadcast. I even went to the extent of asking my Head of Programmes to obtain from Mr Adegbe the cue-in and cue-out and also to synchronise our clocks with those of the WNBS, at least 2 hours or so before the Governor went on the air. In spite of all these precautionary measures, I was surprised and very angry to find that the hook-up exercise was complete shambles - I was myself present in NBC Broadcasting House. There was an ugly pause of about 1½ minutes between the opening announcement from the WNBS and the time the Governor actually started speaking. This might have been all right for WNBS but it placed us in a very awkward position because, for obvious reasons, we had to depend on WNBS cue before putting our own station identification and necessary announcements. What happened was that after monitoring the opening announcement from the WNBS, we then proceeded to put out our own opening announcement and the Governor's speech did not come through for at least 2 minutes after our own opening announcement. Even the opening announcement on



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television (WNTV) came long after the one on sound (WNBS). You will see, therefore, that for exercises of this kind, it is very important that we know the cue for the opening announcement from your station.

I should be grateful if you would look into this and ensure in future that these "hook-ups" are done properly and smoothly.

Yours faithfully,

M. A. Olumide

M. A. Olumide
Controller, W. R.

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Note

In the absence of the Chief Executive, Mr. Ogunlade the Controller of Programmes has been asked to speed up an explanation to pp 579-580, through the PS TTHA + I.

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SP/S.268/6/581.

9 May, 1966.

Mr. A. Adedeji,
Institute of Administration,
University of Ife,
IBADAN.

Dear Sir,

Appointment as Chairman of the Western
Nigerian Government Broadcasting Corporation

I am directed by His Excellency the Military Governor for Western Nigeria to inform you that you have been appointed Chairman of the Western Nigerian Government Broadcasting Corporation with effect from the 2nd May, 1966.

2. Copies of this letter are being forwarded to the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs & Information and the Secretary to the Corporation who will now on deal direct with you in any arrangements for the smooth and efficient administration of the affairs of the Corporation.

Yours faithfully,

(J. M. Akinola)
for Secretary to the Military
Government.

SP/S.268/6/581A
Ibadan, 9 May, 1966.

Copies to:

The Permanent Secretary,
Ministry of Home Affairs & Information,
IBADAN.

The Secretary,
Western Nigerian Government Broadcasting Corporation,
IBADAN.

For information and any action you may consider necessary.

Sent
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(J. M. Akinola)
for Secretary to the Military
Government.

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Our Ref No GI.165/Vol.VI/08

SP/S.268/6

Date 1 May, 1966.



The Secretary to the Military Government,
Office of the Military Government,
Ibadan.

Western Nigeria Government Broadcasting Corporation: Reduction of Staff

As you are probably aware, the Western Nigeria Government Broadcasting Corporation is at present experiencing financial difficulties. The present financial position of the Corporation as revealed by the current Estimates is as follows:-

Estimated Expenditure	£400,420
Estimated Revenue	160,000
Estimated Budget Deficit	240,420
less Government Subvention	152,400
	<u>£88,020</u>

2. The above position is causing this Ministry and the Board of the Corporation great anxiety; and both have therefore been actively engaged in finding ways and means of increasing revenue as well as reducing expenditure so as to bridge the gap between estimated revenue and estimated expenditure.

3. A senior officer of this Ministry has conducted an investigation into the affairs of the Corporation with particular reference to its establishment, and financial position, and has just submitted a report. Some of the recommendations contained in the report are far reaching, and it is not considered advisable to implement them without consulting the Board of Directors, in order to ensure that the operation and the efficiency of the Corporation will not be hampered. The important point I would like to mention at this stage is that he has discovered that the Corporation is over-established; that some of the employees are not qualified for the posts they are holding; that the salaries of some are not commensurate either with their qualifications or their responsibilities; and that some were appointed for political reasons. It is not surprising therefore that he has recommended amongst other things that the staff of the Corporation should be drastically reduced.

4. However, the Board of Directors itself has submitted a recommendation for the termination of the appointments of certain employees of the Corporation. The list of the persons concerned is attached.

5. Going through this list, it is observed that amongst the persons whose appointments are to be terminated are three programme assistants, on the ground that they do not possess the requisite academic qualification, and because they are not good as announcers. One of them Miss Taiwo completed the secondary grammar school education, but failed to obtain the West African School Certificate. The other two possess the secondary class IV and the secondary modern III certificates respectively. She is in fact academically

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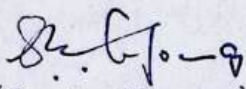
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better qualified than most of the programme assistants who are not affected by the Board's recommendations. Moreover, it is understood that the period of training for announcers is 12 months. Miss Taiwo was appointed on 1st January, 1966 and has therefore only been in training for about four months. The two others have completed their training. In my view, therefore, it will not be fair to judge Miss Taiwo on her performance for the short period she has been under training. I am therefore unable to support the Board's recommendation for the termination of her appointment.

6. I support the recommendations of the Board of Directors in respect of the other persons mentioned in the list. If the recommendations are approved, the budget deficit referred to in paragraph 1 above will be reduced by £1,815, assuming that the Board's recommendations will be approved with effect from 1st June, 1966, as the Corporation's Estimates are based on the calendar year; and after taking into account that a sum of about £365 will be paid to the persons concerned in lieu of a month's notice.

7. I should be grateful therefore if His Excellency the Military Governor is advised to approve:-

- (i) the termination of the appointments of the persons listed in the list, with the exception of Miss Taiwo, with effect from 1st June, 1966;
- (ii) the payment of a month's salary to each of them in lieu of notice;
- and (iii) that Miss Taiwo's appointment should be allowed to continue, in view of the fact that she is still under training.


(S. A. Thomas),
Ag. Permanent Secretary.

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POST	HOLDER	DATE EMPLOYED	PRESENT SALARY p.a.	REMARKS
A.P.R.O.	Mr. Damole	13/4/64	£984	<p>The post of APRO was created specifically for Mr. Damole and since employment, he has been given the assignment of editing Radiovision Times. This used to be part of the duties of the PRO. Apart from his mishandling of Radiovision Times, as evidenced by several memos. in File R.110, page 177 etc., it is considered wasteful to employ a person to edit a monthly magazine which is neither paying nor designed to pay its way. As in the past, Mr. Damole's duty can easily be covered by the PRO. The post of APRO should be deleted from our Establishment.</p>
SALESMAN	B. Oshinkomaiya	7/12/65	£600	<p>Before the employment of Mr. Oshinkomaiya, there were 5 Salesmen on our Establishment. Analysis of Sales returns cannot justify employment of another Salesman at the time Mr. Oshinkomaiya was employed last December. Since his employment, he has not brought in a single sale. It is recommended that his appointment be terminated with immediate effect. Our Establishment for Salesmen should remain at 5 as before.</p>
SALES CLERK	Mrs Adepitan	14/10/63	£394	<p>There are 2 posts of Sales Clerk on Lagos Office Establishment. Mrs. Aloba who was employed on the 15th of May, 1961 does sales invoicing and some clerical duties. Mrs. Adepitan is in charge of Sales of Radiovision Times. Throughout last year, sales returns of £20 was recorded. It is considered wasteful to spend £394 to bring in returns of £20. (See R.110 Page 189). It has therefore been decided to run the Radiovision Times as a magazine giving information to our clients and viewers, and dispense with the services of Mrs. Adepitan. The Establishment of Sales Clerk in Lagos Office should therefore be reduced from 2 to 1.</p>

POST	HOLDER	DATE EMPLOYED	PRESENT SALARY p.a.	REMARKS
MESSENGERS	S. Olatunde	10/11/64	£108	Our Establishment for messengers is 10. There are 12 people on our pay rool. The Section therefore is over-established by 2. The appointments of the last two employees should be terminated.
	J. Akande	14/11/64	£108	
GATEMEN	E. Adeduntan	7/11/64	£102	Our Budget establishment for Gatemen for T.V. House is 10. it is considered that maximum staff required is 9. There are 14 gatemen covering these posts. The services of 6 employees should be dispensed with and Mr. Ogunbade, who was dismissed for political reasons last December be reinstated. The period of absence should be treated as leave without pay.
	M. Atilola	6/11/64	£108	
	S. Adio	4/11/64	£102	
	Y. Ogunwale	5/5/64	£102	
	A. Akangbe	12/5/64	£102	
	B. Obe	6/11/64	£108	
TYPIST	E. Kehinde	3/12/65	£168	Our 1966 Budget makes provision for 15 typists and 4 teleprinter/operators. On scrutiny, it was found that the duties could be adequately covered with a staff of 16 (13 typists and 3 teleprinter/operators. There are 17 employees (made up of 14 typists and 3 teleprinter/operators) of this category of staff. It is therefore recommended that the services of the last employed among the typists be dispensed with.
TELEPHONE OPERATOR/ RECEPTIONIST	Miss Sanya	1/11/64	£180	The present Establishment is 10. It is found that the services can be adequately catered for by a staff of 9. The services of the last employee should be dispensed with.
PROGRAMME ASSISTANTS	Mrs. Omisore	17/5/65	£324	The Basic qualification required for this Section is School Certificate or G.C.E. 'O.L.' On examination, it was discovered that 6 of the 14 people in this section have School Certificate. These are Messrs. Ogedengbe, Adebo, Akinosho, Egunjobi, Adeleke and Miss Oduba. 2 have G.C.E. 'O.L.' These are Miss Soyunmi and Mr. Marquis. 2 of the remaining 6, Messrs. Efinnaye and Alli both of whom have class V deal with vernacular programmes and are reported doing very well. Mr. Akinduro holds Class IV Certificate plus School of Television Production Certificate in Vision
	Mr. Adenle	9/7/64	£342	
	Miss Taiwo	1/1/66	£216	

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POST	HOLDER	DATE EMPLOYED	PRESENT SALARY p.a.	REMARKS
LIBRARY ASSISTANT	Mr. G. Owolabi	28/1/65	£264	<p>Mixing, Production, Camera-work and Floor Management and is reported doing well.</p> <p>Mrs. Omisore - Class IV plus School of Television Production Certificate in Floor Management, and who is on temporary appointment is reported not to be making good progress because of her limited educational background.</p> <p>Mrs. Adenle - Modern III plus School of Television Production Certificate in Floor Management is reported to have very little creative ability and to be handicapped by her poor educational background.</p> <p>Miss S. Taiwo - failed her School Certificate, and has been a failure as an announcer.</p> <p>It is therefore recommended that the appointments of Mrs. Omisore, Mrs. Adenle and Miss Taiwo be terminated.</p> <p>The Establishment of Library Assts. in 1966 Budget is 5. There are however 6 members of staff in the Section. Mr. G. Owolabi who was employed as an announcer, but found unsuitable was transferred to this Section without any provision for increase in the Establishment. The Section has been examined and 5 people are sufficient to carry out the duties. Mr. Owolabi holds G.C.E. Certificate 'O.L.' in Geography, Yoruba, and British Constitution; and 'A.L.' in British Constitution and Economics. He also holds Certificate of Corporation of Secretaries (Inter A.C.C.S.). It would have been highly desirable to transfer Mr. Owolabi to Administration of Accounts if there are vacancies; but under the circumstances his appointment should be terminated.</p>
PROCESSING ASSISTANT'S	Mr. Oyeniyi	20/2/64	£264	<p>The requisite qualification for a processing assistant is School Certificate with Physics, Chemistry and Mathematics as part of the subjects. Neither of our present Processing Assistants has this requisite</p>

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POST	HOLDER	DATE EMPLOYED	PRESENT SALARY p.a.	REMARKS
				<p>qualification. This has resulted in a de-graded standard of our negative film. Efforts made at standardisation of processing techniques have been defeated by the low calibre of staff in that Section. Much damage has been done to the processing equipment. In particular, Mr. Oyeniya who is only Standard VI (attempted) with advance Photography Certificate has been reported to be not only inefficient but un-cooperative. Comments of his Head of Department in his last Confidential Report said, "Mr. Oyeniya behaves very strangely on several occasions. His relationship with everybody around on such occasions is most deplorable". His appointment should therefore be terminated, and be replaced by a qualified person.</p> <p>(Sgd.) Teju Oyeleye.</p>

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Please read from p. 582 which came from the Perm. Sec. Min. of Home Affairs and Information.

2. The Perm. Sec. reports on the Western Nigeria Govt. Broadcasting Corporation regarding its financial undertaking. He gives the figures of the revenue estimated and those of the estimated expenditure and arrived at a deficit which gives the impression that the Corporation will have to be run at a loss if care is not taken.
3. The Perm. Sec. has however come out with the suggestion that some of the staff at present engaged by the Corporation are not desirable both from the point of view of qualification and efficiency and above all some were employed over and above the approved establishment. He has listed at pp. 584-587 the posts that are worth looking into with a view to whittling them down to the minimum required for the efficient and smooth running of the Corporation. He thought that if the strength of the staff is reduced as suggested on the attachment to his letter, some savings would be made and the deficit anticipated will come low if not wiped off.
4. Since a Board is constituted for the running of the W.N.G.B.C. the matter appears to me one that should be brought before it. I do not therefore suggest that we deal with the problem here but that the Perm. Sec. be advised to place his case before the Board.


F.A. Odubekun
A.S. (F. & G.)

13 May, 1966.

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SP/S.268/6/589

13 May, 1966.

The Permanent Secretary,
Ministry of Home Affairs & Information,
IBADAN.

Western Nigeria Government Broadcasting Corporation: Reduction of Staff

P. 582 I am directed to refer to your letter No. CI.165/Vol.VI/08 of 9th May, 1966 and to inform you that the efficient administration of the Western Nigeria Government Broadcasting Corporation and its establishments is a matter for its Board of Directors subject, of course, to your control especially in the important policy matters. Personally, I regard the subject matter of your letter under reference as one which could be dealt with by the Corporation and you. It is only if you consider the question of reduction of staff and any other matters connected with of sufficient importance as to warrant a formal submission or recommendation to His Excellency the Military Governor that you should do so; if this is such a case, I am to suggest that your recommendations or submission should be made in a minute addressed to His Excellency via the Secretary to the Military Government in the appropriate file of your Ministry.

J.M.A.

(J. M. Akinola)
for Secretary to the Military
Government.

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14 May, 1966.

SP/S.268/6/590

The Permanent Secretary,
Ministry of Home Affairs and Information,
Ibadan.

Mr. Steve Rhodes and Steve Rhodesoundvision
(Nigeria) Limited

I attach herewith the photostat copies of two documents showing payments on account by two Lagos Companies to another Company, the Steve Rhodesoundvision (Nigeria) Limited. It is understood that the Steve Rhodesoundvision (Nigeria) Limited is a company promoted by Mr. Steve Rhodes, the Lagos Manager of the Western Nigeria Television/Western Nigeria Broadcasting Service and his brother Mr. Yinka Rhodes. This company, it is understood carries on precisely the same type of business as the one for which Mr. Rhodes is employed and posted to Lagos by the Western Nigeria Government Broadcasting Corporation.

2. I am directed to point out the real probability of a conflict between Mr. Rhodes' interest as a Director of the Company and that of the WNTV/WNBS in the discharge of his duties to his employers. This would appear to raise a prima facie breach of the provisions of the Western Nigeria General Order 04213(b). I am therefore to request you to conduct a discreet investigation in this matter with a view to instituting appropriate disciplinary action if necessary. One gets the impression that the amounts shown on the attached lists of invoices might very well have been money which would have accrued to the WNTV/WNBS if Mr. Rhodes had not sponsored what appears to be a rival commercial company to his employers.

3. Please treat this matter with utmost urgency and keep this Office informed of any further development thereon.

(J. M. Akinola),
for Secretary to the Ministry of Home Affairs,
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5/5/66	" " 0113	14 : 4 : -
		£1,649 : 14 : -

Rhodesoundvision Nigeria Limited

Date	Invoice Nos	Amount	Reference cheque Nos
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4/2/66	24241/0107	200 -0-0	" " " 00082 " 4/2/66
15/3/66	24758/0114	22 -0-0	" " " 000260 " 17/3/66
25/3/66	24931/0115	174 -0-0	" " " 000405 " 13/4/66
10/3/66	.	225 -0-0	" " " 000237 " 10/3/66
7/3/66	24772/0110	85 -0-0	
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Telephone:- 27111/283

Ref. No. ..Dd/15/48.....

Telegrams: PERMDEF

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE,
PRIVATE MAIL BAG 12590,
LAGOS, NIGERIA

4th May, 1966

Dear Sir,

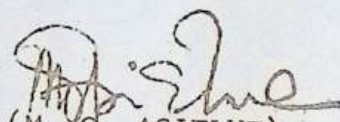
Re-settlement of Discharged Nigerian Air Force Personnel:

Mr.OYEDELE, Y:.....

Following a new re-organisation in the Nigerian Air Force, some Cadets were given the option of either reverting to Airmen (lower in rank than cadets) or being discharged from the Nigerian Air Force. Some of them opted for voluntary discharge including Mr.OYEDELE.....who is applying for the post of ...A. ANNOUNCER. (W.N.B.S:-W.N.T.V:.)....in your Ministry/ Dept./Corporation/Enter.(WNBC)

2. While in the Nigerian Air Force Mr.OYEDELE..... performed his duty satisfactorily and I should be grateful if you would be so kind enough to engage him.

Yours faithfully,


(M. O. ASIELUE)
for Permanent Secretary,
Ministry of Defence.

.. The Secretary to the Military Governor,
.. Executive Council Office, ..
.. IBADAN, ..
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16 May, 1966.

The Chief Executive Officer,
W.N.T.V./W.N.B.S.,
IBADAN.

Mr. Y. Oyedele

P. 593
I am directed to forward to you a Ministry of Defence letter No. Dd/15/48 of the 4th May, 1966 about the gentleman named above who was recently discharged from the Nigerian Air Force and who has now applied for the post of an Announcer on your establishment.

2. I am to request you to render every assistance in this respect subject, of course, to the availability of a suitable vacancy for him and all other conditions requisite for appointment.

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(J. M. Akinola)
for Secretary to the Military
Government.

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