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The Electoral Commissioner.

The Nigeria Constitutional Conference decided in London that the Governor-General acting in his discretion should appoint an ad hoc Delimitation Commission "to make recommendations for the division of the Federation of Nigeria into single-member electoral districts" for the purpose of Federal elections. Paragraph 34(b) of the Conference Report reads as follows:-

"The Delimitation Commission should be instructed to divide the Federation of Nigeria into 320 electoral districts of approximately equal population. The Commission should not be required to adhere strictly to equality of numbers, but should have regard to physical features, transport facilities, existing local government or Native Authority areas and natural community of interest; and should ensure that no Administrative Division which is at present separately represented should lose such representation and that no electoral district should be partly in one Region and partly in another."

2. There is no doubt that the Commission would consult the views of the Governments of the Federation in carrying out its duties and it will be of assistance if we are able to get something ready for its guidance as far as the Western Region is concerned. The figure 320 was arrived at on the basis of approximately one representative to every 100,000 people in the country according to the last census. It will therefore be necessary for you to work on the basis of the census.

3. I shall be thankful if you can prepare something on the above lines as a basis for discussion for the division of the Western Region into electoral districts for the purpose of Federal elections. There is only one general direction which I will like to give, although I think it is covered by paragraph 34(b) quoted above, namely that the total number of seats allocated to the Yoruba Provinces as a whole and the Benin/Delta Provinces as a whole should be in the ratio of their respective population as was done in the last Federal election and the general election to the Western House of Assembly.

(Intld.) F.R.A.W.

Ministry of Justice and Local
Government. August. 1957.

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P.S.M.J.L.G.

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I send with this file a memorandum I have prepared as required by H.M.J.L.G. overleaf.

2. I apologise for it being in my own handwriting, but unfortunately I have no confidential typing staff to call upon. The labour of writing it in long hand has also delayed its submission. Perhaps you would be good enough to let me know if your Minister requires me to clarify any points (or even interpret the script!).

V.H. Warren,

Electoral Commissioner.

13th August, 1957.

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Note by the Assistant Secretary.

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I am directed to circulate the attached Memorandum
by the Electoral Commissioner for the information of members.

A.A. OLAOPA,
Assistant Secretary.

Office of the Western Region Executive Council,
IBADAN.

23rd August, 1957.

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MEMORANDUM ON THE DIVISION OF THE

WESTERN REGION

INTO ELECTORAL DISTRICTS FOR THE PURPOSE OF

FEDERAL ELECTIONS

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Sources for the facts and figures used in the attached memorandum were as follows:-

- (i) Population Census of the Western Region of Nigeria:
Bulletin No. 1 ... Tables B and D
- (ii) Elections (House of Representatives)(Western Region)
Regulations, 1954.
(L.N. 148 of 1954) ... First Schedule
- (iii) Parliamentary & Local Government Electoral Regulations, 1955
(W.R.L.N. 266 of 1955) ... First Schedule
- (iv) Executive Council (W.R.) Paper C.E.A. (55) 17 of the
28th March, 1955. (Committee on Electoral Arrangements)
- (v) Senior Statistician (W.R.) for figures of Nigerian Census.

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1. Allocation of seats to the Region.

The 1952 Census figures show the following distribution of population in the Federation:-

		'000
Northern Region	-	16,840
Eastern "	-	7,218
Western "	-	6,087
Southern Cameroons	-	753
Lagos	-	<u>272</u>
		31,170

On a straight allocation by 100,000 of population the award of seats would be in this wise:-

Northern Region	-	168	} allowing fractions over half of 100,000 to earn a seat.
Eastern "	-	72	
Western "	-	61	
Southern Cameroons	-	8	
Lagos	-	<u>3</u>	
		312	

There would therefore seem to be 8 seats to be allocated on other grounds.

The Western Region's claim to 61 seats appears equitable, since the odd 37,000 (85,000 Africans) of population merits a seat in view of the closeness of that figure to 100,000 (a more favourable fraction than other components of the Federation can point to).

The proposals which follow therefore assume that 61 seats are awarded, on the basis of one representative for approximately 100,000 persons.

* Marked total of 520 for Federation
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2. Basis for the proposals submitted

The proposed distribution of seats among electoral districts and the delimitation of those districts rests on decisions recorded in the 1957 Constitutional Conference Report. The main factors to be considered are -

- (i) general representation per 100,000 (approx.) of population;
- (ii) strictly proportionate representation as between the Yoruba Provinces and the Mid-west Provinces;
- and (iii) special retention of (existing) separate Divisional representation, where factor (i) would otherwise operate against any Division being represented.

Other factors taken into account include existing local government areas and natural community of interest, transport facilities and physical features.

Authority. Hon. Minister of Justice & Local Government's minute at page 1 of Ministry of Justice File No.80/6.

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The memorandum seeks to cover all the above points, which are taken, as far as possible, in order.

3. The Western Region Census (Africans) figures show the following distribution of population in the Region by Provinces:-

<u>Province</u>	<u>Population ('000)</u>	
Abeokuta	630	
Colony	238	
Ibadan	1,650	
Ijebu	348	
Ondo	945	
<u>Oyo</u>	<u>783</u>	
	4,594	<u>Total, Yoruba Provinces</u>
Benin	901	
Delta	590	1,491
		<u>Total, Midwest Provinces</u>
		<u>6,085 Total, Western Region</u>

On the basis of one representative for approximately 100,000 of population the Western Region can claim 61 seats (para. 1 refers). The distribution as between Yoruba and Midwest Provinces would then be 46 and 15 respectively, as the table above indicates.

4. That proportion having been established, there is no further cause to deal in provincial populations when assigning seats. The administrative Division is the ultimate unit of representation in so far as separate representation, where hitherto granted, is to be retained, irrespective of population size. The current allocation of seats in the Federal House (32 to the Yoruba Provinces and 10 to the Midwest), allows separate, one member representation to the following Divisions which have populations below 100,000:-

Badagry Division	-	65,594 (pop.)
Epe "	-	59,938
Ijebu Remo "	-	99,413
Warri "	-	54,284
Western Ijaw "	-	82,809

Separate representation is accordingly retained in the proposals which follow.

5. The distribution of seats by Division is therefore indicated as the most convenient point of departure. Attached are:-

Appendix "A" Distribution of Seats : Yoruba Provinces

Appendix "B" Distribution of Seats : Midwest Provinces

It will be observed that, whereas the distribution comes out clearly in the case of the Midwest Provinces, there is room for further study of the Yoruba Provinces. Generally, throughout these proposals the straight arithmetical rule has been applied to fractions; that a fraction (in these instances, of 100,000 population) over 50% counts as a unit. Except, of course, in the special cases of separately represented Divisions.

6. In Appendix "A", the spare seat would appear to be the prime claim of Okitipupa Division (with 50,185 extra population as the influential fraction). But I have thought it best to postpone a recommendation till later (we may get more seats?) and since detailed study of Electoral Districts is first necessary.

7. Appendix "B", on the other hand, gives an advance picture of what seems to be an equitable distribution of seats in terms of electoral districts. At this stage comment can be left there.

8. It is in the delimitation of Electoral Districts that I have had regard to the factors of community of interest and local government areas. Draft proposals are attached as:-

--- Appendix "C" Electoral Districts : Yoruba Provinces

--- Appendix "D" Electoral Districts : Midwest Provinces

I have paid special regard to the existing Western Region constituencies since those same factors would have operated when they were settled. The make-up of existing Federal electoral districts has also been a useful pointer. In the outcome, a simple merging of constituencies or even a re-designation of single ones has been sufficient for an electoral district of the appropriate size under the new arrangements. For clarity, I have suggested the denomination of electoral districts under the new arrangements by Roman numerals (e.g. OWO I, rather than OWO SOUTH).

This device should obviate confusion, both official and public, when no less than three sets of electoral district/constituency will be under discussion with similar names and descriptions.

9. The proposed Electoral Districts (subject to some few redistributions for which I need local advice) emerge very largely in conformity with the Divisional distribution of seats set out in Appendices "A" and "B". The case for the unallocated seat going to Okitipupa comes out somewhat more strongly. I have set out

--- brief notes in a separate Appendix "Y", but until further
is known of Regional allocations it is probably unnecessary to go
--- into much detail (at this stage). At Appendix "X" is a comparative
table showing the distribution of seats (by Divisions) under the
current W.R. Electoral Regulations, the current Federal Electoral
Regulations and the proposals incorporated in this memorandum.

V. H. Warren
Electoral Commissioner
Western Region

13th August, 1957

APPENDICES

- A. Distribution of Seats : Yoruba Provinces
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DISTRIBUTION OF SEATS : YORUBA PROVINCES

<u>Province</u>	<u>Division</u>	<u>Population</u>	<u>Seats</u>
ABEOKUTA	Egba	393,800	4
	Egbado	236,030	2
COLONY	Badagry	65,594	≠ 1
	Epe	59,938	≠ 1
	Ikeja	112,396	1
IBADAN	Ibadan	796,942	8
	Oshun	852,984	9
IJEBU	Ijebu	248,611	2
	Remo	99,413	≠ 1
ONDO	Ekiti	327,363	3
	Okitipupa	* 150,185	1
	Ondo	243,099	2
	Owo	224,793	2
OYO	Ife	216,551	2
	Ilesha	188,084	2
	Oyo	377,867	4
			45
Unallocated -			1
<u>Total</u> -			46

NOTE:

≠ indicates those Divisions required to have separate representation since they are represented in the present House, notwithstanding their population is less than 100,000.

* indicates possible allocation for the spare seat.

DISTRIBUTION OF SEATS : MIDWEST PROVINCES

<u>Province</u>	<u>Division</u>	<u>Population</u>	<u>Seats</u>
BENIN	Benin	292,081	3
	Asaba	212,382	2
	Afenmai	204,229	2
	Ishan	192,194	2
DELTA	Aboh	130,121	1
	Western Ijaw	82,809	* 1
	Warri	54,284	* 1
	Urhobo	323,315	<u>3</u>
<u>Total</u>			<u>15</u>

NOTE:

* indicates those Divisions required to have separate representation since they are represented in the present House, notwithstanding their population is less than 100,000.

ELECTORAL DISTRICTS : YORUBA PROVINCES.

<u>NO.</u>	<u>PROVINCE</u>	<u>DIVISION</u>	<u>ELECTORAL DISTRICT</u>	<u>AREA</u>	<u>POPULATION</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
1.	<u>ABEOKUTA</u>	EGBA	EGBA I	Western Region Constituency Egba Central	84,451	
2.		EGBA	EGBA II	" " " " West	102,839	
3.		EGBA	EGBA III	" " " " North	87,000	
4.		EGBA	EGBA IV	{ " " " " South	39,023	118,814
				{ " " " " East	79,791	
5.		EGBADO	EGBADO I	Federal Electoral District Egbado South	38,303	128,601
					46,589	
					43,609	
6.		EGBADO	EGBADO II	" " " " North	80,008	107,529
					27,521	
7.	<u>COLONY</u>	BADAGRY	BADAGRY	Whole Division (Federal Electoral District)	65,594	✓
8.		EPE	EPE	" " " " "	59,938	✓ No change
9.		IKEJA	IKEJA	" " " " "	112,396	✓

ELECTORAL DISTRICTS : YORUBA PROVINCES

<u>NO.</u>	<u>PROVINCE</u>	<u>DIVISION</u>	<u>ELECTORAL DISTRICT</u>	<u>AREA</u>	<u>POPULATION</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
10	<u>IBADAN</u>	IBADAN	IBADAN I	Western Region Constituency	Ibadan Central	99,647
11	"	"	II	"	Ibadan South-West	95,130
12	"	"	III	"	Ibadan North-West	113,380
13	"	"	IV	"	Ibadan North-East	95,852
14	"	"	V	"	Ibadan East	94,735
15	"	"	VI	"	Ibadan South-East	102,623
16	"	"	VII	"	Ibadan South	95,623
17	"	"	VIII	"	Ibadan West	51,494 *

18	OSHUN	OSHUN I	Western Region Constituency	Oshun North	97,000	} Redistribution of two district Council area (156,443).
19	"	II	"	Oshun North-West	97,000	
20	"	III	"	Oshun East	94,190	
21	"	IV	"	Oshun Central	94,190	
22	"	V	"	Oshun South-East	98,318	
23	"	VI	"	Oshun North-East	121,554	
24	"	VII	"	" West	90,573	
25	"	VIII	"	Oshun {	78,222	
26	"	IX	"	Oshun { South	78,222	

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ELECTORAL DISTRICTS : YORUBA PROVINCES

NO.	PROVINCE	DIVISION	ELECTORAL DISTRICT	AREA	POPULATION	REMARKS
27	<u>IJEBU</u>	IJEBU I	IJEBU I	{ Western Region Constituency Ijebu North	60,318	} 127,562
			" " "	Ijebu South	67,244	
28	"	"	II	{ " " " Ijebu Central	51,490	} 120,793
			" " "	Ijebu East	69,303	
29		REMO	REMO	Whole Division (Federal Electoral District)	99,413	No change ✓
30	<u>ONDO</u>	EKITI	EKITI I	Western Region Constituency Ekiti Central	90,306	} 154,129 Redistribu- tion desirable. *Suggest that a District Council area from Ekiti North be transferred to Ekiti West or Central.
31		"	II	" " " Ekiti West	82,628 *	
32		"	III	{ " " " Ekiti North	79,907	
			" " "	Ekiti South	74,222	
33		OKITIPUPA	OKITIPUPA	{ Western Region Constituency Okitipupa North	93,462	} 150,185 No change from existing Federal Elec- toral District.
			" " "	Okitipupa South	56,723	
34	ONDO	ONDO I		Western Region Constituency Ondo North	101,399	} 141,700 No change from existing Federal Elec- toral District.
35	"	"	II	{ " " " Ondo East	30,341	
			" " "	Ondo Central	36,233	
			" " "	Ondo South	75,126	

ELECTORAL DISTRICTS : YORUBA PROVINCES.

NO.	PROVINCE	DIVISION	ELECTORAL DISTRICT	AREA	POPULATION	REMARKS
36	<u>ONDO</u>	OWO	OWO I	Western Region Constituency Owo West <u>plus</u> Oka District Council	{ 79,315 28,524 }	107,839
	(continued)					
37	"	"	II	{ " " Constituency Owo Central <u>less</u> Oka District Council. " " Constituency Owo North	{ 45,746 71,198 }	116,944 ✓
38	<u>OYO</u>	IFE	IFE I	" " " Ife Central	110,790	
39	"	"	II	{ " " " Ife South - West " " " Ife North	{ 74,107 31,654 }	105,761 ✓
40		ILESHA	ILESHA I	Western Region Constituency Ilesha Central	72,029	
41	"	"	II	" " " Ilesha West.	116,055	128 084
42	OYO	OYO I	Western Region Constituency	Oyo East	103,662	
43	"	"	II	Oyo South	68,915	
44	"	"	III	Oyo Central	75,335	131,506
45	"	"	IV	Oyo West Oyo North	56,171 73,784	Redistribution among II, III and IV is desirable.
				2 Council	377,867	
46	<u>UNALLOCATED</u>	(See Memorandum for proposals)				

ELECTORAL DISTRICTS : MID-WEST PROVINCES

NO.	PROVINCE	DIVISION	ELECTORAL DISTRICT	AREA	POPULATION	REMARKS
47	<u>BENIN</u>	BENIN	BENIN I	Western Region Constituency Benin Central	* 53,753	
48	"	"	II	" " " Benin West	{ 119,164 }	238,328
49	"	"	III	" " " Benin East	{ 119,164 }	* No details available in CEA (55)17 The split is therefore Notional only.
50		ASABA	ASABA I	Western Region Constituency Asaba West	86,545	
51		"	II	{ " " " Asaba North " " " Asaba South	{ 64,140 61,697 }	125,837 ✓
52		AFENMAI	AFENMAI I	Western Region Constituency Afenmai West	94,969	
53		"	II	{ " " " Afenmai North " " " Afenmai East	{ 59,062 50,198 }	109,260 ✓
54		ISHAN	ISHAN I	Western Region Constituency Ishan East	74,619	192194 ✓
55		"	II	" " " Ishan West	117,575	
56	<u>DELTA</u>	ABOH	ABOH	Whole Division (existing Federal Electoral District)	130,121	
57		WESTERN IJAW	WESTERN IJAW	Whole Division (existing Federal Electoral District)	82,809	No change ✓
58		WARRI	WARRI	Whole Division (Federal Electoral District)	54,284	No change ✓
59		URHOBO	URHOBO I	Western Region Constituency Urhobo West	161,460	* No details of breakdown
60		"	II	" " " East	{ 161,855 }	Notional
61		"	III	" " " North	{ 80,928 80,928 }	available in C.E. (55)17.

COMPARATIVE TABLE SHOWING DIVISION OF SEATS:

- (i) Western Region Constituencies
(ii) Existing Federal Electoral Districts
(iii) Proposals under new Federal electoral arrangements.

<u>DIVISION</u>	<u>(i)</u>	<u>(ii)</u>	<u>(iii)</u>
Egba	5	3	4
Egbado	4	2	2
Badagry	2	1	1
Epe	2	1	1
Ikeja	2	1	1
Ibadan	8	5	8
Oshun	8	5	9
Ijebu	4	2	2
Remo	2	1	1
Ekiti	4	2	3
Okitipupa	2	1	1
Ondo	4	2	2
Owo	3	2	2
Ife	3	1	2
Ilesha	2	1	2
Oyo	5	2	4
Yoruba Provinces	60	32	45 + 1 (Unal-located)
Benin	3	2	3
Asaba	3	1	2
Afermai	3	1	2
Ishan	2	1	2
Aboh	2	1	1
Western Ijaw	2	1	1
Warri	2	1	1
Urhobo	3	2	3
Midwest Provinces	20	10	15
Total Western Region	80	42	60 + 1 (Unal-located)

DISPOSAL OF UNALLOCATED SEAT (YORUBA PROVINCES)

On a divisional basis, a prima facie case can be made out for OKITIPUPA. But the margin is small. Comparative divisional figures of competitors are as under:-

	<u>Population</u>	<u>Seats</u>	<u>Fraction of 100,000</u>
Okitipupa	150,185	1	50,185
Ijebu	248,611	2	48,611
Ondo	243,099	2	43,099

2. The proposed Electoral Districts within those Divisions comprise populations and have been awarded seats as follows:-

<u>Okitipupa</u>	=	{ W.R. Constituency Okitipupa North 93,462 (	{ 1 Seat
		{ " " " South 56,723 (	
<u>Ijebu I</u>	=	W.R. Constituency Ijebu North/South 127,562	1 Seat
<u>Ijebu II</u>	=	" " " Central/East 120,793	1 Seat
<u>Ondo I</u>	=	Federal electoral district (existing) 101,299	1 Seat
<u>Ondo II</u>	=	" " " " 141,700	1 "

The odd fraction in the case of Okitipupa again appears favourable compared with the others. The balance between Ondo, Owo (with 224,793) and Ekiti (327,363) in respect of total divisional seats would be upset if Ondo secured an extra seat.

The Ijebu position appears equitable as it stands - two districts with approximately equal population.

3. Apart from the Divisions with population less than 100,000 which in any event secure separate, one seat representation; only one Division is proposed as a one seat district apart from Okitipupa, viz.-

Ikeja	-	population	112,396
(Okitipupa	-	"	150,185)

4. Other small size (pop.) electoral districts have been proposed as follows:-

IBADAN VIII	(W.R. Constituency Ibadan <u>West</u> (Ibarapa D.C.))	51,494
BENIN I	(" " Benin <u>Central</u>)	 53,753

5. I am unable to comment on whether there exists a community of interest (e.g.) which would affect the issue at Okitipupa, or even promote the case of competitors. On pure figures there seems to be a case, to which is added the existing W.R. Constituency position in support.

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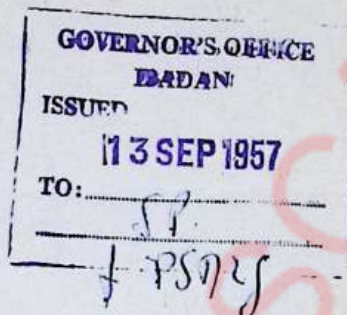
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LAGOS, NIGERIA.

5th September, 1957.

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Your Excellency,

The Committee of the Constitutional Conference on Electoral Law which met in Lagos on the 27th and 28th August expressed some concern at the time which it would take for the Delimitation Commission to complete its task. The Committee considered that the work of the Commission would be greatly simplified and speeded up if an attempt could be made in advance of its appointment to delimit in each Region the Single-Member Constituencies recommended by the Constitutional Conference.

2. The Committee was of the opinion that there was likely to be a wide measure of agreement between political parties as to the boundaries and the area of the new constituencies and that it would be possible to settle those which were not likely to be in dispute quickly with the advantage of local knowledge. The Committee therefore asked me to invite Regional Governments to set up their own Constituency Delimitation Committees in advance of the arrival of the Delimitation Commission. Such Committees would be representative of both the Government and the Opposition in the Region and would endeavour to settle the boundaries of the Single-Member Constituencies in the Region having regard to the recommendation of the Constitutional Conference made in paragraph 34(b) of its Report. The Report of each Regional Committee would be presented to the Delimitation Commission on its arrival, and the Commission would then be required to decide on those constituencies on which the Regional Committee failed to reach agreement.

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His Excellency,
A.G.R. Mooring, C.M.G.,
Ibadan.

3. I should be grateful if Your Excellency would inform the Regional Government of the Electoral Committee's recommendation in this matter and advise me of the Government's decision in due course.

4. Similar despatches have been sent to the other Regional Governors and a letter on similar lines has been addressed to the Commissioner of the Cameroons.

I have the honour to be
Your Excellency's obedient servant,

Signed J.W. Robertson,

Governor-General.

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NOTES OF A MEETING HELD ON THE 3rd of SEPTEMBER, 1957,
at 9 a.m. TO DISCUSS CERTAIN MATTERS CONCERNING
THE MINORITIES, DELIMITATION AND FISCAL COMMISSIONS

Present: His Excellency the Governor-General - Chairman

His Honour the Acting Deputy Governor-General

Federal Government

The Hon. Chief Festus Okotie-Eboh
Minister of Labour and Welfare
Mr. G. G. Carlyle, Permanent Secretary,
Ministry of Finance

Eastern Region Government

Dr. the Hon. M. I. Okpara,
Minister of Health

Northern Region government

Alhaji the Hon. Aliyu, O.B.E.,
Makaman Bida, Minister of Education

Western Region Government

The Hon. Chief Rotimi Williams,
Minister of Justice and Local Government

Mr. M. G. De Winton, Principal Legal
Draftsman

Southern Cameroons Government

Mr. C. O. Madarikan, Acting Legal Secretary

Mr. M. Jenkins - Secretary

His Excellency the Governor-General said that the meeting had been called to acquaint the Regional Governments and the Government of the Southern Cameroons with such information as the Federal Government had concerning the Minorities, Delimitation and Fiscal Commissions, and also to ascertain the commitments of those Governments during the periods in which the Commissions might be expected to be in Nigeria. His Excellency said that the main difficulty in arranging programmes for the Commissions was that the views of the three Chairmen were not known.

Minorities Commission

2. His Excellency said that the only knowledge he had of the Minorities Commission was that Sir Henry Willink would be Chairman; no information had been supplied concerning the other members of the Commission or the date on which the Commission would start work.

3. During discussion, it was suggested that it was important that Regional Governments should be able to consider the procedure proposed for the work of the Commission, owing to the delicate nature of its enquiries and the fact that those enquiries, if not carefully conducted, might cause unrest.

4. It was agreed:

- (1) That the Secretary of State should be asked to supply urgently information concerning the members of the Commission and the proposed date for the Commission's arrival in Nigeria.
- (2) That the Secretary of State should also be asked to obtain urgently from the Chairman of the Commission information on the proposed methods to be adopted by the Commission in conducting its enquiries, whether the Commission would tour Nigeria, and the expected duration of the Commission's stay in Nigeria.
- (3) That when the information referred to in (2) above had been supplied to Regional Governments, the Secretary of State and the Chairman of the Commission should be consulted in the event of any Government considering that the procedure proposed might lead to unrest.

Delimitation Commission

5. His Excellency informed the meeting that Lord Merthyr, The Chairman of the Delimitation Commission, had stated that he would be ready to begin work in Nigeria at any time after the 18th of October, and that Lord Merthyr considered that the work of the Commission would take not more than six months. His Excellency said that Lord Merthyr had suggested that one member of the Commission should be a man with a comprehensive knowledge of Nigeria and that the other member of the Commission should be a surveyor. Some difficulty was being experienced in finding the first member, but His Excellency proposed that an officer of the Survey Department should be appointed as the second member.

6. His Excellency mentioned that, as a result of the meeting of the Electoral Committee, he had written to the Regional Governors and to the Commissioner of the Cameroons saying that he proposed to address to them formal despatches asking what constituencies could be agreed without question, as, if certain constituencies could be so agreed, it would enable the work of the Commission to be expedited. His Excellency regretted that the despatches had not been sent owing to pressure of other business, but they would be sent in the course of the following few days.

7. It was His Excellency's intention to suggest that agreement might be reached between the Government party and the Opposition party in each Region and the Southern Cameroons. It would be up to the parties themselves to select their representatives to discuss the matter.

8. His Excellency said that he presumed that the Delimitation Commission would have to travel extensively. The Commission would certainly have to visit each Regional Headquarters and it was important that the visits should be timed so that the Commission did not arrive when the Regional Governments were preoccupied with other matters.

Fiscal Commission

9. His Excellency said that Sir Jeremy Raisman had accepted appointment as Chairman of the Fiscal Commission. He was a Deputy Chairman of Lloyds Bank and chairman of other companies. He had been Finance Member of the Government of India from 1939 to 1945 and was Adviser to the Government of Pakistan on the distribution of central and provincial revenues. He had also been Chairman of the Fiscal Commission for the Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland in 1952. The prospective members of the Commission were Professor Tress, a distinguished economist and expert in public finance, and Mr. Harvey Perry of Canada, an expert on sales tax. Owing to the commitments of the prospective members, especially the academic commitments of Professor Tress, it was proposed that the Chairman and Professor Tress would visit Nigeria for three weeks in October/November. They would produce an interim report (as provided in the terms of reference of the Fiscal Commission at paragraph 57(e) of the Constitutional Conference Report) very soon after their return to England. This interim report could be considered by all the Governments of the Federation and, if agreed, adjustments in revenue allocation could perhaps be effected almost immediately notwithstanding the provisions of the Constitution.

10. Mr. Harvey Perry was unlikely to be available until January and the Chairman had suggested that he should visit Nigeria then and work alone on the specific question of sales tax.

11. Professor Tress would be free to visit Nigeria again in March and could remain until May. The Chairman considered that with the full Commission available in the Period March to May and with the knowledge gained during the Chairman's and Professor Tress's visit in November and Mr. Perry's work in January and February, the Commission would be able to complete its report by the end of May. His Excellency said that he realised that the proposed time-table might cause inconvenience to Regional Governments, but that the danger was that if the time-table were not agreed to then the services of such distinguished men might not be available. However, the proposed time-table did offer the advantage that during his initial visit the Chairman could give a clear indication of the evidence and material he would require for the full investigation later. On the other hand, Regional Governments might consider that the final visit of two months proposed was insufficient for a full opportunity to be given for both written and oral evidence to be tendered to the Commission, as required by paragraph 57 of the Constitutional Conference Report.

12. During discussion, it was explained that the intention of the interim report was to provide for a revision of the 1954 revenue allocation arrangements, so that those arrangements would follow more accurately the principles

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which they were designed to reflect. The final report would cover the 1957 Constitutional position. Some concern was expressed lest one Government could approach the Commission suggesting a variation of the 1954 arrangements without the other Governments being informed. It was pointed out, however, that paragraph 57(g) of the Constitutional Conference Report provided that both interim and final reports of the Commission should be submitted to a resumed Conference. It was therefore noted that action could be taken on the interim report only to the extent that all the Governments of the Federation agreed, and that disagreements arising on the interim measures proposed would have to be resolved at a resumed Conference.

13. It was agreed:

- (1) That the proposed time-table for the work of the Fiscal Commission was acceptable to all Governments.
- (2) That all Governments should be requested that, should they make any representations to the Fiscal Commission in connection with the matters to be dealt with in the Commission's interim report (vide paragraph 57(e) of the Constitutional Conference Report), then a memorandum on the representations should be prepared and circulated to all other Governments before the 1st of October, in order that other Governments could consider a reply to the Commission if necessary.

Commitments of the Governments of the Federation

14. The meeting noted the following commitments of the Governments of the Federation in addition to the Budget Meetings of the Federal and Regional Houses:-

Federal Government

A possible meeting of the House of Representatives in November/December.

Eastern Region Government

A meeting of the House of Assembly in the first half of October, the exact date of which was still to be determined.

Northern Region Government

A meeting of the Northern House on the 14th of September, expected to finish by the end of September.

Western Region Government

- (a) A meeting of the House of Assembly on the 1st of October, expected to last for one week.
- (b) A meeting of the House in November for one day only.

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Southern Cameroons Government

- (a) A meeting of the House of Assembly on the 17th of September expected to last about one week.
- (b) Elections to be held in the last week in May, 1958, which would require considerable preparatory work due to start at the end of October.

15. It was agreed:

- (1) That as far as possible the various Governments should do their utmost to arrange their own programmes to suit the work of the Commissions.
- (2) That care should be taken that civil servants essential for the production of material for the three Commissions were available when required.
- (3) That the Southern Cameroons' Government should be given adequate notice of a visit by any of the Commissions in view of that Government's commitments regarding pre-election work.

Servicing of Commissions

16. His Excellency informed the meeting that the Colonial Office were to provide a secretary for the Fiscal Commission and that an officer of the Federal Public Service would act as secretary of the Minorities Commission. However, owing to the shortage of staff, it would be difficult for the Federal Government to provide a secretary for the Delimitation Commission. During discussion, it was suggested that it was desirable that the secretary of the Commission should be a Federal officer, but on the other hand it was pointed out that most Federal officers had Regional affinities and that the secretary would not influence the work of the Commission. The representative of the Northern Region Government offered to provide a secretary from the Regional Public Service should it be necessary.

17. It was agreed:

That the secretary of the Delimitation Commission should preferably be an officer of the Federal Public Service, but in the event of the Federal Government not being able to make an officer available, then the Northern Region Government would be invited to second an officer of suitable seniority to the Federal Public Service to act as secretary.

The Central Marketing Board

18. The Hon. Chief Rotimi Williams asked the position regarding the committee of enquiry to be set up (vide paragraph 69 of the Constitutional Conference Report) to

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enquire into the functions of the Central Marketing Board. His Excellency stated that he had asked the responsible Minister for proposals and that the matter was very much in his mind. He did not think that the enquiries of the committee would be prolonged.

The meeting adjourned at 10.30 a.m.

(Signed) M. Jenkins
(Secretary)

7th September, 1957

Note.

A set of C.F.A. papers is in the Secret-(Ramos) Cabinet.

2. The following pages were compiled for P.L.D. in connection with H.C.F.S.'s requirement for material (? Minors Commission).

3. Also submitted were schedules of votes cast in
- (i) Federal Elections 1954
 - (ii) Regional " 1958 .

See files 232 and 243 respectively.

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Note on principles followed in settling Constituencies
for the purpose of Parliamentary and Local Government
Electoral Regulations, 1955.

Reference.

C.E.A.(54)1. 1. The Committee on Electoral arrangements at its first meeting (held on the 29th November 1954) decided that the 80 seats in the House of Assembly should be re-distributed on the following basis:-

- (a) the allocation should be based on census figures;
- (b) each of the 24 Divisions should have at least 2 seats;
- (c) they should be single-member seats;
- and (d) if an affinity could be found, a section of a city should be joined with a section on the adjacent countryside.

C.E.A.(54)3. 2. The Committee at its second meeting agreed that total population figures as shown in the census should be used, which would give an approximate distribution of one seat per 75,000 of population. It was further agreed that constituencies should be delimited on the following basis:-

- (a) they should if possible be based on clear-out lines radiating from a focal point in the large urban areas and embracing the adjacent countryside in each section, or divided by a clear cut line such as a main road, or, grouping an urban area with a portion of the rural district;

and (b) they should follow local government units

of area as far as possible.

- C.E.A.(55)5. 3. At its third meeting the Committee considered alternative proposals for the distribution of seats based on
- (i) the formula settled at previous meetings (paras 1 and 2 above) and
 - (ii) a separate submission from H.M.H.A proposing a formula for distributing the 32 seats by population remaining to be allotted once the minimum 2 seats per Division had been ~~submitted~~ ^{deducted}.

As the result a distribution was recommended by Committee, but the record does not indicate the precise formula employed in arriving at the recommended list.

- C.E.A.(55)14. 4. At subsequent meetings the Committee considered
C.E.A.(55)17. proposals for the delimitation of constituencies and finally settled them, presumably following the principles enunciated at the second meeting (para 2 above).

Reference

- C.E.A.(55)18 5. In the minutes of the Bi-Party meeting of the
" " " 19 Committee of the W.R. Legislature (on electoral
" " " 20. arrangements) it is recorded that the N.C.N.C. members protested against the system upon which the 80 W.H.A. seats had been distributed. In particular they "rejected the 20 : 60 formula on the grounds that there was no Mid-West State and that the representatives elected from the Benin and Delta Provinces would be sitting in a common parliament with those from the rest

of the Region". In a formal minority report they pointed out what they considered to be anomalies in the distribution of seats in relation to certain Divisional populations. They argued that it was unfair for the Midwest to be represented by 20 as compared with 23 members hitherto.

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6. The substance of this report was utilised by the writers in framing a petition addressed to H.E. and to the Secretary of State. The reply given by the Ministry of Justice and Local Government to the petition addressed to H.E. (and referred by him to that Ministry) includes the following comment:-

" Your second complaint dealt with the allocation of seats. The Sub-Committee of Executive Council agreed to retain the existing allocation of at least two parliamentary seats to each Division. The remainder of the eighty parliamentary seats (thirty-two) were then divided up in proportion to the population of each Division with the proviso that no more than a quarter of the total number of seats, that is twenty, should be allocated to the Benin and Delta Provinces. It was felt that as the population of these two Provinces amounted to nearly a quarter of the total number of parliamentary seats should be awarded to the area covered by these two Provinces.

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You may recall that in the allocation of seats for the Federal elections ten were allocated to the Benin-Delta Provinces and thirty to the so-called Yoruba Provinces, namely, in the same proportion as now provided for Regional elections.

In your cable to His Excellency you drew an unfavourable comparison between constituencies in the Benin-Delta Provinces and those in the Yoruba Provinces. It must be borne in mind, however, that in comparison with population there are more Divisions in the Benin-Delta area than in the Yoruba area. On the basis of a minimum two seats per administrative Division the Benin-Delta Provinces gained considerably, receiving sixteen seats as against thirty-two for the Yoruba Provinces."

This throws light on the exact principles followed in fixing the allocation of seats; and these, it will be recalled (*vide* paragraph 3 above), were not specifically stated in the minutes of the meeting from which the final allocation emerged. Since the Minister of Justice and Local Government was a full-time member of the Committee, that statement can fairly be taken as authoritative on the point.

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addressed to :—

THE PERMANENT SECRETARY

MINISTRY OF JUSTICE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

IBADAN

and should quote the following reference :—

No. 80/6/56.



MINISTRY OF JUSTICE AND
LOCAL GOVERNMENT
WESTERN REGION OF NIGERIA
IBADAN

12 October, 1957.

The Hon. Premier.
The Hon. Minister of Home Affairs.
The Electoral Commissioner.
The Principal Legal Draftsman.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to paragraph 3 of
Executive Council Memorandum E.C.(57) 519 and to
inform you that a meeting of the sub-committee on
electoral arrangements, of which you are a member,
will take place on Tuesday the 15th October at 9.00 a.m.
in the Premier's Office.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J.A. Swarlow

Private Secretary to the
Minister of Justice & Local Government.

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EXECUTIVE COUNCIL : WESTERN REGION

Committee on Delimitation of Constituencies
(Federal Elections).

Authority for appointment:

Executive Council Conclusion S.G.E.C.6(57)28.

Membership of Committee:

The Premier
The Minister of Home Affairs
The Minister of Justice and Local Government
The Electoral Commissioner
The Principal Legal Draftsman.

Terms of Reference:

To formulate the views of Government on the delimitation of constituencies for the purpose of Federal elections.

First Meeting:

I am directed to inform you that a meeting of the Committee will be held in the Premier's Office on Tuesday 15th October, 1957 at 9 a.m.

S.O. Biobaku,

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Office of the Executive Council,
Western Region,
IBADAN.

12th October, 1957.

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16th October, 1957.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL : WESTERN REGION

Minutes of the Committee on Delimitation of
Constituencies (Federal Elections).

PRESENT: The Premier - (Chairman)
 The Minister of Home Affairs
 The Minister of Justice and Local Government
 The Electoral Commissioner

IN ATTENDANCE : Dr.S.O. Biobaku, Secretary to Executive Council.

The Committee considered the Memorandum on the division of the Western Region into electoral districts for the purpose of federal elections which had been prepared by the Electoral Commissioner. The Committee agreed on the principles laid down in the Memorandum and then proceeded to examine the appendices in detail.

2. Appendices A & B - Distribution of Seats:

The Committee agreed on the basis upon which seats had been allocated excepting that comparative figures should be used throughout the region, which should not be divided into Yoruba West and Mid-West. The suggested allocations of seats were approved and after careful consideration of the arguments, it was agreed that the one unallocated seat should be given to Okitipupa Division thus raising the number of seats suggested for that Division to two.

3. Appendices C & D - Electoral Districts:

(a) Abeokuta Province:

- (i) Egba Division: The Committee deferred consideration of the proposed allocation pending detailed analysis of each of the electoral districts suggested into area units with their populations with a view, if possible, to rearranging the units so as to ensure a more even distribution of the population among the electoral districts.

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3. Appendices C & D - Electoral Districts (contd)
- (a) Abeokuta Province
- (ii) Egbado Division: Proposal approved.
- (b) Colony Province:
- (i) Badagry Division }
(ii) Epe Division } Proposal approved.
(iii) Ikeja Division }
- (c) Ibadan Province:
- (i) Ibadan Division: Proposal approved.
- (ii) Oshun Division: The Committee approved the proposal subject to
- (1) the split of Oshun District Council area being on convenient lines and not merely on arbitrary division of the population into two equal parts;
- and (2) the figures given for the other electoral districts being properly checked.
- ACTION BY THE ELECTORAL COMMISSIONER.
- (d) Ijebu Province.
- (i) Ijebu Division: Proposal approved subject to altering the area shown as Ijebu South to Ijebu West.
- (ii) Remo Division: Proposal approved.
- (e) Ondo Province:
- (i) Ekiti Division: The Committee deferred consideration of the proposal pending an analysis of the areas comprising each electoral district with a view to arriving at a more even distribution of the total population in the Division.

ACTION BY THE ELECTORAL COMMISSIONER

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3. (e) (ii) Okitipupa Division: The Committee decided that there should be two electoral districts - Okitipupa North and Okitipupa South.
- (iii) Ondo Division: }
(iv) Owo Division } Proposal approved.
- (f) Oyo Province.
- (i) Ife Division: Proposal approved subject to the area shown as Ife South being altered to Ife South-West.
- (ii) Ilesha Division: The Committee deferred consideration of the proposal pending an analysis of each electoral district showing population units and contiguity of the areas with a view to arriving at a more even distribution of the total population in the Division.

ACTION BY THE ELECTORAL COMMISSIONER.

- (iii) Oyo Division: The Committee deferred consideration of the proposal to enable the Electoral Commissioner to attempt a redistribution of population among electoral districts (II), (III) and (IV).

ACTION BY THE ELECTORAL COMMISSIONER.

(g) Benin Province.

- (i) Benin Division: The Committee deferred consideration of the proposal pending an analysis of each electoral district showing population units and contiguity of the areas with a view to arriving at a more even distribution of the total population in the Division.

ACTION BY THE ELECTORAL COMMISSIONER.

- (ii) Asaba Division }
(iii) Afenmai Division } Proposal approved.
- (iv) Ishan Division: The Committee decided that electoral districts should be as follows :-

Ishan (I) comprising the Western Regional Constituency Ishan East plus Irrua-Ewu District Council area - Population 101,000;

Ishan (II) comprising the Western Regional Constituency Ishan West minus Irrua-Ewu District Council - Population 90,000.

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3. (h) Delta Province:

- (i) Aboh Division
(ii) Western Ijaw Division
(iii) Warri Division } Proposal approved.

(iv) Uhrobo Division: The Committee agreed that there should be three electoral districts as follows :-

Uhrobo (I) - Western Regional Constituency
Uhrobo West - Population 161,460;

Uhrobo (II) - Western Regional Constituency
Uhrobo Central - Population 100,884; 90333

Uhrobo (III) - Western Regional Constituency
Uhrobo East - Population 60,981. 18000 70902

4. Map:

It was agreed that where there are more than one seat in a Division a map should be drawn showing the council areas in each electoral district in different colours and giving the population figures. The Ministry of Lands and Labour should be asked to help.

ACTION BY THE ELECTORAL COMMISSIONER

5. Next Meeting.

It was agreed that the Committee should meet again, after the Electoral Commissioner has taken all the action indicated above, to decide on outstanding matters. A Memorandum should then be prepared which could be sent to the Leader of the Opposition for his comments before submission to the Constituencies Delimitation Commission.

S. O. Biobaku,
Secretary.

Office of the Executive Council,
Ibadan.

16th October, 1957.

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E.C.C.D.C. (57) SECOND MEETING.

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24th October, 1957.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL : WESTERN REGION

Committee on Delimitation of Constituencies
(Federal Elections).

SECOND MEETING

to be held in the Premier's Office
on Wednesday, 30th October, 1957 at
10 a.m.

A G E N D A

1. Consideration of Memorandum E.C.C.D.C.(57)3
by the Electoral Commissioner.

S.O. BIOBAKU,
S e c r e t a r y.

Office of the Executive Council,
Western Region,
IBADAN.

24th October, 1957.

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covering points raised at a meeting of
The Committee on Delimitation of Constituencies
(Federal Elections)
held in the Premier's Office on 15th October, 1957.
E.C.C.D.C.(57) 1 and 2 refer.

S E C R E T

1. INTRODUCTION.

In accordance with the Minutes of the Committee on Delimitation of Constituencies (Federal Elections) dated the 16th October, E.C.C.D.C.(57)2, I have effected the necessary review of the following Western Region Electoral Districts :-

<u>Province</u>	<u>Electoral District.</u>
Abeokuta	All in Egba Division.
Ibadan	Oshun South, Oshun North and North-West, Oshun East and Central.
Ondo	All in Ekiti Division.
Oyo	Both in Ilesha Division, All in Oyo Division.
Benin	All in Benin Division.

Details of this review are set out below. I have also redrafted Appendices C and D of Memorandum E.C.(57)427 as a single Appendix attached to this Memorandum, including therein the results of my investigations together with certain minor points agreed to by the Committee.

2. EGBA DIVISION.

The break-down of the five Constituencies is as follows:-

A. <u>EGBA WEST.</u>	(a) <u>Egba Ifo District Council.</u>		
	i. Ifo Native Court Area	35,743	
	ii. Agbado " " "	12,425	
	iii. Itori & Mosan Native Court Area	33,551	81,719
	(b) <u>Egba Ikereku District Council</u>		10,323
	(c) <u>Imala District Council</u>		10,807
			<u>102,849</u>
B. <u>EGBA NORTH.</u>	(a) <u>Egba Obafemi District Council</u>		28,310
	(b) <u>Egba Odeda District Council</u>		
	i. Ilugun Native Court Area	19,375	
	ii. Osiele " " "	29,091	
	iii. Opeji and Alabata Native Court Area	10,730	59,196
			<u>87,506</u>
C. <u>EGBA CENTRAL.</u>	<u>Abeokuta Urban District Council.</u>		<u>84,451</u>
D. <u>EGBA EAST.</u>	<u>Egba Owode District Council.</u>		
	i. Owode Native Court Area	32,409	
	ii. Mokoloki and Offada "	23,375	
	iii. Iro and Oba "	25,547	81,331

E. EGBA SOUTH.

Otta District Council.

39,023

<u>Summary.</u>	Egba West	102,849
	Egba North	87,506
	Egba Central	84,451
	Egba East	81,331
	Egba South	<u>39,023</u>
		<u>395,160</u>

Since the five Regional Constituencies will have to give way to four Federal Seats, a measure of re-grouping is necessary. Precise equation of population is not feasible without drastic re-arrangement; the following regrouping is suggested for consideration:-

EGBA I	Abeokuta Urban District Council		
Egba II	Egba Obafemi	"	"
	Egba Odeda	"	"
	Egba Ikereku	"	"
	Imala	"	"
EGBA III	Egba Owode	"	"
EGBA IV	Egba Ifo	"	"
	Otta	"	"

<u>Summary.</u>	EGBA I	84,451
	EGBA II	108,636
	EGBA I II	81,331
	EGBA IV	<u>120,742</u>
		<u>395,160</u>

For convenience this suggestion is incorporated in Appendix C, revised.

3. OSHUN SOUTH.

This Constituency comprises the areas of the Iwo District Council and is represented by a single Member in the Regional House. The proposal that it should consist of two Federal Seats necessitates a division of its component parts. The following re-grouping is recommended :-

IWO TOWN	100,006
Remainder of OSHUN SOUTH	<u>56,437</u>
	<u>156,443</u>

This recommendation is incorporated in Appendix C, revised.

4. OSHUN NORTH and OSHUN NORTH-WEST.

In view of the fact that reorganisation of the Ogbomoso District Council took place subsequent to the 1952 Census, efforts to obtain reliable population figures in respect of these two Constituencies have proved unsuccessful. Very approximate figures are 110,000 and 85,000 respectively. Since both have proved acceptable as Regional Constituencies it is recommended that they remain unchanged for Federal purposes and that their population, 194,716, is shown jointly for the moment.

5. OSHUN EAST AND OSHUN CENTRAL.

More precise figures are :-

Oshun East	73,607
Oshun Central	114,773

Appendix C has been revised accordingly.

6. EKITI CONSTITUENCIES.

The breakdown of these four Constituencies into Council Areas is as follows :-

(i) Ekiti Central	(a) Ado District Council	62,006 ✓
	(b) Iddo-Osi " "	<u>28,400</u> ✓
		<u>90,406</u> ✓
(ii) Ekiti North	(a) Ekiti Northern District Council	30,343 ✓
	(b) Ikole " "	29,473 ✓
	(c) Otun " "	<u>20,094</u> ✓
		<u>79,910</u> 07
(iii) Ekiti West	(a) Ekiti Western District Council	35,927 ✓
	(b) Ijero " "	<u>46,701</u> ✓
		<u>82,628</u>
(iv) Ekiti South	Ekiti Southern District Council	<u>74,422</u> ✓
	Total Population	<u>327,366</u> 3

Since the four Regional Seats must be reduced to three Federal Seats, regrouping is a necessary exercise. The following is recommended, based on reasonable contiguity and equated populations.

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Proposed Federal Constituency Area Population

Ado DC. 62,006	EKITI I	Ado District Council	62,006
Iddo-Osi. 28,400		Iddo-Osi " "	28,400
Ekiti NDC. 30,343		Ikole " "	29,473
<u>120,749</u>			<u>119,879</u>
Otun DC. 20,094	EKITI II	Otun District Council	20,094
Ekiti West. 35,927		Ekiti Northern District Council	30,343
Ijero DC. 46,701		Ijero District Council	46,701
<u>102,722</u>			<u>97,138</u>
Ekiti S. 74,422	EKITI III	Ekiti Southern District Council	74,422
<u>29,473</u>		Ekiti Western District Council	35,927
<u>103,895</u>			<u>110,349</u>

This recommendation is incorporated in Appendix C, revised.

7. ILESHA CONSTITUENCIES.

There are two Regional Constituencies in the Ilesha Division, Ilesha Central and Ilesha South-West. It is agreed that both should be retained for Federal Elections. Population is 72,209 and 116,055 respectively and it is required to see whether any, and if so how many, of the Local Council Areas of Ilesha South-West could reasonably be excised therefrom and included with Ilesha Central.

Subject to local confirmation it is recommended that the following Local Council Areas should be so treated :-

Ijebu Ijesha, Muroko, Aiyepeju, Isaobi and Ibodi.

The effect, which is reflected in the revised Appendix C, would be to remove 22,500 of population from Ilesha South-West and to add this number to Ilesha Central. The figures would then be :-

Ilesha Central	94,500
Ilesha South-West	<u>93,500</u>
	<u>188,000</u>

8. OYO CONSTITUENCIES.

The breakdown in Oyo Division is as follows :-

(i) Oyo North	(a) Shaki District Council	46,525	73 724
	(b) Irepo District Council	27,259	
		<u>73,784</u>	
(ii) Oyo Central	Iseyin District Council	75,355	
(iii) Oyo West	Okeiho - Iganna District Council	56,171	
(iv) Oyo East	Oyo Town and Ikoyi Town areas of Oyo Southern District Council	103,662	
(v) Oyo South	Remaining areas of Oyo Southern District Council	68,915	
	Total Population	<u>377,887</u>	

It would not be practicable to regroup Oyo East or Oyo South. of the three remaining Constituencies, only Oyo North covers more than one District Council Area. The following regrouping of the Division is recommended on grounds both of equated populations and reasonable contiguity :-

<u>Proposed Federal Constituency</u>	<u>Area</u>	<u>Population.</u>	
OYO I	Existing Oyo East	103,662	90,440
OYO II	" Oyo South	68,915	52,437
OYO III	(a) Iseyin District Council	75,355	
	(b) Irepo District Council	27,259	
		<u>102,614</u>	95,457
OYO IV	(a) Okeiho-Iganna District Council	56,171	
	(b) Shaki District Council	46,525	40,814
		<u>102,696</u>	

This recommendation is incorporated in the revised Appendix C.

9. BENIN CONSTITUENCIES.

The breakdown of these three Constituencies into Council Areas is as follows :-

(i) Benin Central	Benin City Council	81,858
(ii) Benin West	(a) Iyekovia District	39,711
	(b) Iyekuselu "	43,520
		<u>83,231</u>

(iii)	Benin East	(a)	Uhunmwonde District	31,778
		(b)	Iyekeorhiomwon District	46,444
		(c)	Akugbe District	48,770
				<u>126,992</u>

Regrouping clearly seems indicated, if at all practicable; a further breakdown of Benin East clarifies the position, as follows :-

<u>UHUNMWONDE</u>		<u>IYEKEORHIOMWON</u>		<u>AKUGBE</u>	
Ehor District	17,369	Obanakhoro Dist.	4,126	Isi Dist.	10,785
Umagbae District	14,409	Ugbeka	" 10,600	Igbanke Dist.	14,684
	<u>31,778</u>	Ugboko	" 12,516	Ahiokunla "	10,616
		Ughu	" 9,890	Egbede Ohu "	12,685
		Urhongbe	" 9,212		<u>48,770</u>
			<u>46,344</u>		

In the time available it has not been possible to consult local opinion to any extent. If, however, the Committee is of the opinion that some form of regrouping is desirable, it is suggested that a possible solution might be to regroup EHOR District with Benin West and UMAGBAE District with Benin Central. The resulting picture would then be:-

Benin Central	96,267
Benin West	100,600
Benin East	<u>95,214</u>
	<u>292,081</u>

It would appear from the map that contiguity and communications would provide no undue obstacle. For the present this recommendation is incorporated in Appendix D, revised.

J.F. Hayley.
Electoral Commissioner,
Western Region.

October, 1957.

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Appendices C and D of E.C.(57)427
Revised.

PROPOSED FEDERAL ELECTORAL DISTRICTS.

No.	Province	Division.	Proposed Electoral Dist. (FED).	Area	Population
<u>ABEOKUTA.</u> <u>EGBA</u>					
1.			EGBA I	W.R.C. Egba Central	84,451
2.			EGBA II	" " North, PLUS Egba Ikereku & Imala District Council Areas	108,636
3.			EGBA III	W.R.C. Egba East	81,331
4.			EGBA IV	" " South, PLUS Ifo District Council Area	120,742 <u>395,160</u>
5.		<u>EGBADO</u>	EGBADO I	F.C. Egbado South " " North	128,601
			EGBADO II		107,529 <u>236,130</u>
<u>COLONY</u>		<u>BADAGRY</u>			
6.			BADAGRY	Whole Division	<u>65,594</u>
		<u>EPE</u>			
8.			EPE	Whole Division	<u>59,938</u>
		<u>IKEJA</u>			
			IKEJA	Whole Division	<u>112,396</u>
9.	<u>IBADAN</u>	<u>IBADAN</u>			
10.			IBADAN I	W.R.C. Ibadan Central	99,647
11.			IBADAN II	" " South-West	95,130
12.			IBADAN III	" " North-West	113,380
13.			IBADAN IV	" " North-East	95,852
14.			IBADAN V	" " East	94,735
15.			IBADAN VI	" " South-East	102,623
16.			IBADAN VII	" " South	95,623
17.			IBADAN VIII	" " West	51,494
TOTAL					<u>748,484</u>

NOTE: W.R.C. Existing Western Region Constituency
F.C. Existing Federal Constituency

No Province Division Proposed Electoral Dist. (FED). Area Population

	<u>OSHUN</u>	<u>OSHUN</u>			
18.			OSHUN I	W.R.C. Oshun North	
19.			OSHUN II	" " North-West	194,716
20.			OSHUN III	" " East	73,607
21.			OSHUN IV	" " Central	114,773
22.			OSHUN V	" " South-East	98,318
23.			OSHUN VI	" " North-East	124,554
24.			OSHUN VII	" " West	90,573
25.			OSHUN VIII	" " South LESS	
26.			OSHUN IX	IWO TOWN	56,437
					100,006
				TOTAL	852,984

	<u>IJEBU</u>	<u>IJEBU</u>			
27.			IJEBU I	W.R.C. Ijebu North and West.	127,562
28.			IJEBU II	" Ijebu Central and East	120,793
				TOTAL	248,355

29.		<u>REMO.</u>	REMO	Whole Division	99,413
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	<u>ONDO</u>	<u>EKITI</u>			
30.			EKITI I	Ado, Iddo-Osi and Ekiti North	119,879
31.			EKITI II	Ikele District Councils Ekiti Northern, Otun and Ijero District Councils	102,722
32.			EKITI III	Ekiti Southern and Ekiti Western District Councils	97,138
				TOTAL	337,366

OKITIPUPA

33.			OKITIPUPA I	W.R.C. Okitipupa North	93,462
34.			OKITIPUPA II	" " South	56,723
				TOTAL	150,185

No.	Province	Division	Proposed Electoral Dist. (FED).	Area	Population
<u>ONDO</u>					
35.		ONDO I	W.R.C. Ondo North		101,399
36.		ONDO II	" Ondo East, Central and South		141,700
			TOTAL		243,099
<u>OWO</u>					
37.		OWO I	W.R.C. Owo West <u>PLUS</u> Oka District Council Area		107,839
38.		OWO II	W.R.C. Owo Central <u>LESS</u> Oka District Council, Owo North		116,944
			TOTAL		224,783
<u>OYO</u> <u>IFE</u>					
39.		IFE I	W.R.C. Ife Central		110,790
40.		IFE II	W.R.C. Ife North, S.W.		105,761
			TOTAL		216,551
<u>ILESHA</u>					
41.		ILESHA I	W.R.C. Ilesha Central, <u>PLUS</u> Aiyepeju, Ijebu-Ijesha, Ibodi, Muroko, Isaobi Local Councils		94,500
42.		ILESHA II	W.R.C. Ilesha South-West, <u>LESS</u> Aiyepeju, Muroko, Isaobi, Ibodi Ijebu-Ijesha Local Councils		93,500
			TOTAL		188,000
<u>OYO</u>					
43.		OYO I	W.R.C. Oyo East		103,662
44.		OYO II	" Oyo South		68,915
45.		OYO III	Iseyin and Irepo District Councils <u>plus Iganna Area</u>		82,437
46.		OYO IV	Okeiwo-Iganna and Irepo District Councils, <u>plus Okeiwo Area</u>		102,614
			TOTAL		377,887
<u>BENIN</u> <u>BENIN</u>					
47.		BENIN I	Benin Central <u>PLUS</u> Umagbae District from Benin East		96,267
48.		BENIN II	Benin West <u>PLUS</u> Ehor District from Benin East		100,600
49.		BENIN III	Benin East <u>LESS</u> Uhunmwonde District Council Area		95,214
			TOTAL		292,081

No.	Province	Division	Proposed Electoral Dist. (FED).	Area	Population
<u>ASABA</u>					
50.			ASABA I	W.R.C. Asaba West	86,545
51.			ASABA II	" " North and South	125,837
				TOTAL	212,382
<u>AFENMAI</u>					
52.			AFENMAI I	W.R.C. Afenmai ^{East} West	94,969
53.			AFENMAI II	" " North and East ^{West}	109,260
				TOTAL	204,229
<u>ISHAN</u>					
54.			ISHAN I	W.R.C. Ishan East PLUS ^{East} Irruwa-Ewu District Council	102,383
55.			ISHAN II	Ishan West LESS ^{East} Irruwa-Ewu District Council	89,811
				TOTAL	192,194
56.	<u>DELTA</u>	<u>ABOH</u>	ABOH	Whole Division	130,121
57.		<u>WESTERN IJAW</u>	WESTERN IJAW	Whole Division	82,809
58.		<u>WARRI</u>	WARRI	Whole Division	54,284
59.		<u>URHOBO</u>	URHOBO I	W.R.C. Urhobo West	161,450
60.			URHOBO II	" " Central	90,883
61.			URHOBO III	" " East	70,982
				TOTAL	323,315

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EXECUTIVE COUNCIL : WESTERN REGION

Minutes of the Committee on Delimitation of
Constituencies (Federal Elections).

PRESENT: The Premier - (Chairman),
 The Minister of Home and Mid-
 West Affairs,
 The Minister of Justice,
 The Electoral Commissioner,
 The Principal Legal Draftsman.

IN ATTENDANCE: The Minister of Lands and Labour
 (for Ekiti Constituencies),
 The Minister of Trade and Industry
 (for Oyo Constituencies),
 Dr.S.O. Biobaku - Secretary to Executive
 Council.

The Committee considered Memorandum E.C.C.D.C.(57) 3 which had been prepared by the Electoral Commissioner.

2. EGBA DIVISION:

The Committee approved the revised proposals.

3. OSHUN SOUTH:

In order to divide the total population more evenly between the two constituencies the Committee directed that consideration should be given to the following alternatives :-

- (a) merging a number of wards in Iwo town with Iwo district, to form one constituency and the remainder of Iwo town to form another;
- and (b) running a line through Iwo town and merging each half of the town with its district to form two constituencies.

Both alternatives together with the proposal in the Memorandum could then be put to the Commission.

ACTION BY ELECTORAL COMMISSIONER

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4. OSHUN NORTH AND OSHUN NORTH-WEST:

The Committee approved the proposal.

5. OSHUN EAST AND OSHUN CENTRAL:

The Committee directed that consideration should be given to taking one or two wards away from Oshun Central to be added to Oshun East in order to achieve a more even distribution of population.

ACTION BY ELECTORAL COMMISSIONER.

6. EKITI CONSTITUENCY:

The Committee agreed that there should be two alternatives to be placed before the Commission :-

- (i) EKITI I: comprising Ekiti Southern District Council and Ikole District Council - population approximately 103,895;

EKITI II comprising Ado District Council, Iddo-Osi District Council and Ekiti Northern District Council - population approximately 120,749;

EKITI III comprising Ekiti Western District Council, Ijero District Council and Otun District Council - population approximately 102,722;

and (ii) as proposed in the Memorandum.

7. ILESHA CONSTITUENCIES:

The Committee directed that there should be three alternatives to be placed before the Commission :

- (a) two constituencies resulting from a line drawn through Ilesha town and each half of the town merged with its district;

(b) as proposed in the Memorandum;

and (c) the existing Western Regional Constituencies.

ACTION BY ELECTORAL COMMISSIONER.

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8. OYO CONSTITUENCIES:

The Committee agreed that the four constituencies should be as follows :-

- (a) OYO I comprising the existing Western Regional Constituency of Oyo East minus the Agunpopo Quarter of Oyo town - population 90,140;
- (b) OYO II comprising the existing Western Regional Constituency of Oyo South plus the Agunpopo Quarter of Oyo town - population 82,437;
- (c) OYO III comprising the Iseyin District Council together with the Iganna area of the Okeiho/Iganna District Council - population 109,000;
- and (d) OYO IV comprising Shaki District Council, Irepo District Council together with the Okeiho area of the Okeiho/Iganna District Council - population 107,000.

9. BENIN CONSTITUENCIES:

Proposal approved.

10. The Minister of Home and Mid-West Affairs referred back to two of the decisions which had been taken at the first meeting and agreement was reached as follows :-

- (i) that the two Afenmai constituencies should be amended to read :
AFENMAI I, comprising Western Regional Constituency of Afenmai East;
 and AFENMAI II, comprising Western Regional Constituencies of Afenmai North and Afenmai West.

ACTION BY ELECTORAL COMMISSIONER.

- and (ii) that the two Ishan constituencies should be amended to read :

ISHAN I, comprising the Western Regional Constituency Ishan East plus Ewohimi-Ewatto-Ewossa District Council area - population 97,547;

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and ISHAN II, comprising the Western Regional Constituency Ishan West less Ewohimi-Ewatto-Ewossa District Council area - population 94,647.

ACTION BY ELECTORAL COMMISSIONER

The Minister of Justice announced that a meeting had been arranged with Opposition Members for 5 p.m. on the 11th of November at a place to be confirmed to those concerned.

S. O. Biobaku,

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Office of the Executive Council,
Ibadan.

31st October, 1957.

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Governor-General's Office,

LAGOS.

2nd November 57

The Electoral Commissioner
Western Region
IBADAN.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward herewith a ³ copies of my present record of the salient points of a meeting between the Delimitation Commission and the Hon Chief FRA Williams, Minister of Justice, Western Region, and the Electoral Commissioner, Western Region, on 2nd November.

Unless I hear to the contrary I shall assume that you agree that it substantially represents your view of what took place, ~~and shall record it in the General Proceedings of the Commission.~~ It will not form part of the formal proceedings, though reference may be made to it.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

B. Hodgson

Secretary,
Delimitation Commission.

TELEGRAM referred to was
Governor-General No. 71 to
Governor West dated 29/10/57
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DELIMITATION COMMISSION

Notes of a meeting with the Western
Regional Minister of Justice at Lagos
on 2nd November, 1957.

Present: The Chairman and Members of the Delimitation Commission
The Hon. Chief F.R.A. Williams, Minister of Justice,
Western Region.
The Electoral Commissioner, Western Region -
Mr. Hayley.
The Secretary to the Delimitation Commission.

1. The Chairman said that the Commission was very grateful to the Minister for the trouble he had taken in coming to see them and the Minister replied that he himself was glad of the opportunity to do so.

2. Regional Committee

In reply to a question about the Regional Committee, the Minister explained why it had not been possible for the All-party Committee to meet yet and said that a meeting was now arranged for the 12th November. In the meantime, of course, his own Government had prepared their scheme for constituency delimitation in the Region.

3. Population

a) The Chairman asked if the Minister had any comments on the use of the 1952 census figures. The Minister thought that they were the best figures available and that in spite of any defects in them, it would be very dangerous to consider using anything else.

b) The Chairman then asked the Minister whether he had any comments on the fact that the census had been taken at different times in the Regions, the North having been done first, then the West and lastly the East. The Minister said that he thought that that point had not been taken before but he did not see that it was likely to be of great importance.

c) The Minister said that he thought that there had not been any significant movements of population in the Western Region since the time of the census.

d) The Minister said that, while it was true that there was a good deal of movement of residential population out of Lagos because of development plans, ~~he said that~~ most of it was still within the boundaries of the Lagos Municipality although there was possibly some movement into the Western Region.

4. Provinces

Asked about Provinces, the Minister said that they no longer existed as administrative units and that he would advise the Commission to ignore them and to work simply on Divisions. The Division was the really important unit.

5. Crossing a Boundary

The Chairman said that this brought them to a most important question which was that there might conceivably be grounds within their terms of reference for recommending a constituency which was partly in one Division and partly in another and he was most anxious to have the Minister's opinion on this. After discussion the Minister said that he would advise that it would be wrong to cross a divisional boundary in this way and that he himself would not like it. The divisions were based on traditional authority and generally contained similar ethnic groups. In his view, therefore, a degree of inequality would be acceptable at any time rather than that divisional boundaries should be crossed. The Chairman said that he thought that the present constituencies, and he did not know on what basis they had been brought about, did show considerable inequalities in population and he asked whether that had caused any dissatisfaction in the Region in the past. The Minister said that he thought not.

6. Maps

The Chairman said that it was clear that in several constituencies the Commission would find it impossible to suggest reasonable groupings unless they had maps which were sufficiently clear to show the relative position of one district to another. The Electoral Commissioner said that good sketch maps would be available in these circumstances which, while not showing accurate boundaries, would be quite sufficient for the purpose indicated. The Minister also made the point that the sub-units shown in the census bulletins were out of date and that the Divisions were divided now into quite different local government units but that it would be easy to relate these new units to the units shown in the census report.

7. The Commission's Terms of Reference

Asked whether he had any comments on the question of physical features and transport facilities, the Minister said that in preparing their own scheme for delimitation, they had worked on the principle that poor communications did not matter since they were something that could be improved. Where communication between point A and point B was, however, quite impossible without going through C, he would not advise that A and B should be in one constituency, C being an adjacent constituency. As to the natural community of interest in electoral districts the Minister thought that the Commission could take it that the existing Local Government units had been established with that very much in mind.

8. Large Towns

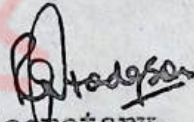
Asked about large towns, the Minister said that with the exception of Sapele and Warri, which were artificial and cosmopolitan and had their own Town Councils, the general tendency in the Western Region was to regard the town and country as one unit. Admitting that the Abeokuta Urban District Council was a further exception, he said that the general pattern was that the town and the rural area completely surrounding it was regarded as one unit and was subject to the authority of one local government body. He quoted the example of Ibadan, saying that although the census showed separate figures for what was called the Urban Area and the Rural Area there was, nevertheless, one Ibadan District Council for the whole. He therefore asked the Commission to note particularly his view that in such a case the delimitation of constituencies should be done in such a way that each constituency contained both urban and rural areas. That was to say, that in the case of Ibadan the constituency boundaries all started from a central point and radiated out until they reached the boundary of Ibadan District. In discussion this was referred to as the "slice of cake" analogy. The Minister said that the existing Regional constituencies were based on this principle.

9. Number of Constituencies

When invited to put questions to the Commission, the Minister said that they had so far worked on a figure of 61 constituencies for the Western Region. The Chairman said that this revealed that the Minister had obviously not received the telegram despatched on 29th October, giving the provisional allocation to the Western Region as 62. The Chairman then told the Minister the figures for other Regions, which had all been given in the telegram referred to. The Chairman said that it might be necessary to alter these figures but that the West should be working on a figure of 62 at present.

10. Visit of the Commission to Ibadan

The Minister said that for various reasons he was most anxious that the Commission should visit Ibadan as soon as possible and after discussion he said that he thought there was no reason why the Commission should not go to Ibadan on Monday, 25th November. The Chairman replied that the Commission would consider this and the Secretary was instructed to inform the Western Regional Government officially before the 11th November.


Secretary,
Delimitation Commission.

LAGOS,
2nd November, 1957.

Telephones : IBADAN 2200 AND 2002

Telegrams : PERMLOG, IBADAN

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THE PERMANENT SECRETARY
MINISTRY OF JUSTICE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT
IBADAN

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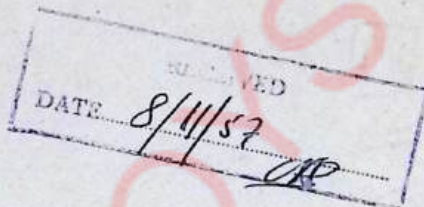
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8th November, 1957

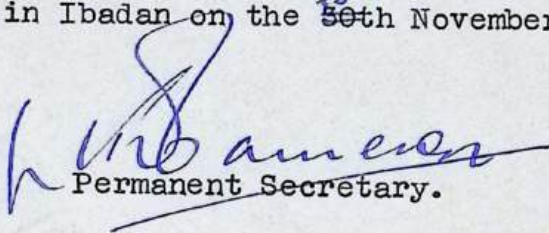
The Electoral Commissioner,
Western Region,
Ibadan.



I am directed by the Minister to ask you to attend a meeting of the all-party Delimitation Committee on Monday 11th November at 5 p.m. in the Executive Council Chamber.

2. The Minister wishes notes to be taken at the meeting and a report prepared for submission to the Delimitation Commission when they arrive in Ibadan on the 30th November.

MKS.


Permanent Secretary.

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covering points raised at a Meeting of
The Committee on Delimitation of Constituencies
(Federal Elections)
held in the Premier's Office on the 31st October, 1957.
E.C.C.D.C. (57) 3 and 4 refer.

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In accordance with the Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee dated the 31st October, E.C.C.D.C. (57) 4, action has been completed as indicated therein with the following results :-

2. Paragraph 3 - OSHUN SOUTH.

- (a) By merging Iwo Town wards Molete Iwo I - VI with the Iwo Rural wards the resulting Constituencies would number 76,379 and 80,064. Any other practicable grouping would result in a wider discrepancy.

NOTE. No direct evidence is available of the population figures of any ward; accordingly the figures were arrived at by dividing the total population (Census) of the District by the total number of registered voters. If the number of registered voters in any ward is then multiplied by the ensuing factor, a fair approximation of the population of that ward results.

- (b) The Ejigbo-Iwo-Ibadan Road divides the Iwo District into the following parts :-

Town	<u>East</u>	<u>West</u>
	Isale-Oba-Iwo I-VIII	Oke-Adan-Iwo I-VI
	Molete-Iwo I-VI	Gidigbo-Iwo I-VI
District	Oluponna-Laniye-Alaya I-V	Agberire
	Ile-Igbo I-VI	Fesu
	Kuta I-III	Ikire-Ile
	Ogbagba I-II	Ile-Ogo, Iwo-Oke
	Telemu-Ashamu I-II	Bode-Osi, Ajagba, Asa,
	Kuta/Ile-Igbo Stn.	
	Iwo Stn.	
POPULATION	<u>102,453</u>	<u>53,990</u>

By transferring Town wards Molete-Iwo I-VI from East to West, the population figures would be :-

E. 78,826 W. 77,617

The Chairman and Secretary of the District Council were of the opinion that this method of determining the 2 Constituencies would be preferred by the people of the District.

- (c) The third alternative is Iwo Town, 100,006 and the remainder of the District, 56,437.

3. Paragraph 4 - OSHUN NORTH AND OSHUN NORTH-WEST.

By using the method of enumeration described in the NOTE above, the populations of the 2 Ogbomosho Constituencies are shown to be N. 87,259, N-W. 107,457. The transfer of wards Akata A, B and C from N-W to N would give the result N. 97,121, N-W. 97,595. The Committee may wish to consider the adoption of this regrouping.

4. Paragraph 5 - OSHUN EAST AND OSHUN CENTRAL.

The method of enumeration described above gives the populations of the 2 Oshogbo Constituencies as C. 110,109, E. 78,271. The removal of wards Ataoja B, C and D from Central to East results in C. 94,779, E. 93,601. Such regrouping is recommended for consideration.

5. Paragraph 7 - ILESIA CONSTITUENCIES.

- (a) By using the line of the Oshogbo-Ilesha-Akure Road as a boundary the following regrouping results :-

	<u>East</u>		<u>West</u>
Town	Ishokun	Town	Oke-Esho
	Isinkin		Upper Igbogi
	Iwere		Lower Igbogi
	Ibosinrin-Orikiran-Ita-		
	kogun		Ikoti
	Upper Egbeidi		Omofe
	Lower Egbeidi		Idasa
	Upper Ijoka		Ikoyi-Oromu-Aragan
	Lower Ijoka		Iroye
	Isida-Odo-Eshira-Odo-		
	Agbede		Anaye
	Itishin-Ilemo		Iloro
	Ereja		Idifi-Idio
	Ijamo		Upper Irofin
	Ifoshan-Imo		Lower Irofin
	Oke-Esho		Isare-Oke-Oye
	Igbaye		Ishona
	Upper Okesha		Oke-Iro
	Lower Okesha		Ijofi
Local Councils	Erin		Odo-Iro-Orogba
	Aiyepeju		Ayesho
	Esa Oke		Oke-Iyin-Oke-Esha
	Kiriji	Local Councils	Ipetu-Ijesha-Ikeji
	Ibokun		Irepodun
	Oshun		Iwara
	Ijebu-Ijesha		Ifewara
Population - 92,782.			Oke-Bode
			Aiyetoro
			Aiyegunle
			Muroko
			Ifelodun
			Itagunmodi
			Isaobi
			Ibodi
			Ilupeju
		Population - 95,302	

- (b) As proposed previously, the division could be

	<u>ILESIA I</u>		<u>ILESIA II</u>
	W.R.C. Ilesha Central		W.R.C. Ilesha South-West,
			<u>LESS</u>
Local Councils	Aiyepeju		Aiyepeju
	Ijebu-Ijesha		Ijebu-Ijesha
	Ibodi		Ibodi
	Muroko		Muroko
	Isaobi		Isaobi
Population - 94,500		Population - 93,500	

- (c) The existing W.R. Constituencies, which are
Ilesha Central - 72,029; Ilesha South-West - 116,055

6. The above results are incorporated in the attached Appendix, in which is also reflected the action called for by paragraph 10 (i) and (ii) of the Minutes.

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7. 17 Divisional Maps, showing the proposed Federal Constituencies, have been prepared and are available for inspection by the Committee.

J. F. Hayley,
Electoral Commissioner,
Western Region.

9th November, 1957.

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APPENDIX.

PROPOSED FEDERAL ELECTORAL DISTRICTS.

No.	PROVINCE	DIVISION	F. E. D.	Area	Population
	<u>ABEOKUTA</u>	<u>EGBA</u>			
1		EGBA I	Abeokuta Urban D.C.	"	<u>84,451</u>
2		EGBA II	Egba Obafemi Egba Odeda Egba Ikereku Imala	" " " "	<u>108,636</u>
3		Egba III	Egba Owode	"	<u>81,331</u>
4		EGBA IV	Egba Ifo Otta	" "	<u>120,742</u>
		<u>EGBADO</u>			
5		EGBADO I	Egbado-Ifoyin Ado-Igbessa Ipokia	" " "	<u>128,601</u>
6		EGBADO II	Egbado-Ketu Ilaro	" "	<u>107,529</u>
	<u>BENIN</u>	<u>AFENMAI</u>			
7		AFENMAI I	Etsako	"	<u>94,969</u>
8		AFENMAI II	Akoko Edo Ivbiosakon	" "	<u>109,260</u>
		<u>ASABA</u>			
9		ASABA I	Ika	"	<u>86,545</u>
10		ASABA II	Asaba Urban Illah-Ebu Akukwu-Atuma Idumuje Odiani Ezechima Okpanam Ibusa Ogwashi-Uku Okoko Okwe Nsukwa	" L. Co. " " " " " " " " " "	<u>125,837</u>
		<u>BENIN</u>			
11		BENIN I	Benin City Council Umugbae District Co.	" "	<u>96,267</u>
12		BENIN II	Iyekovia Iyekuselu Ehor	" " "	<u>100,600</u>
13		BENIN III	Iyekeorhiomwon Akugbe	D. Co. --"	<u>95,214</u>
		<u>ISHAN</u>			
14		ISHAN I	Uromi-Uzea N.E. Ishan S.E. Ishan Ewohimi/Ewatto/Ewossa	D. Co. " " "	<u>97,547</u>
15		ISHAN II	Irrua-Ewu Ibvia-Uda-Esaba West Ishan	D. Co. " "	<u>94,647</u>

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No.	PROVINCE	DIVISION	F. E. D.	Area	Population
	<u>COLONY</u>	<u>BADAGRY</u>			
16		<u>EPE</u>	BADAGRY	Whole Division	<u>65,594</u>
17		<u>IKEJA</u>	EPE	Whole Division	<u>59,938</u>
18			IKEJA	Whole Division	<u>112,396</u>
	<u>DELTA</u>	<u>ABOH</u>			
19		<u>URHOBO</u>	ABOH	Whole Division	<u>130,121</u>
20			URHOBO I	Western Urhobo D. Co. Sapele Urban "	<u>161,450</u>
21			URHOBO II	Central Urhobo "	<u>90,883</u>
22			URHOBO III	Isoko "	<u>70,982</u>
		<u>WARRI</u>			
23			WARRI	Whole Division	<u>54,284</u>
		<u>W. IJAW</u>			
24			W. IJAW	Whole Division	<u>82,809</u>
	<u>IPADAN</u>	<u>IBADAN</u>			
25			IBADAN I	W.R.C. Ibadan Central	<u>99,647</u>
26			IBADAN II	" " S-West	<u>95,130</u>
27			IBADAN III	" " N-West	<u>113,380</u>
28			IBADAN IV	" " N-East	<u>95,852</u>
29			IBADAN V	" " East	<u>94,735</u>
30			IBADAN VI	" " S-East	<u>102,623</u>
31			IBADAN VII	" " South	<u>95,623</u>
32			IBADAN VIII	" " West	<u>51,494</u>
		<u>OSHUN</u>			
33			OSHUN I	" Oshun N. plus Wards Akata A, B and C	<u>97,121</u>
34			OSHUN II	" Oshun N-W less Wards Akata A, B and C.	<u>97,595</u>
35			OSHUN III	" East, plus Wards Ataoja B, C & D	<u>93,601</u>
36			OSHUN IV	" Central, less Wards Ataoja B, C and D	<u>94,779</u>
37			OSHUN V	Aiyedade D. Council Egbedore -"-	<u>98,318</u>
38			OSHUN VI	Odo-Otin " Ikirun " Ifelodun "	<u>124,554</u>
39			OSHUN VII	Ede " Ejigbo "	<u>90,573</u>
40			OSHUN VIII -	<u>either</u>	
			(i)	Iwo Town less Wards Molete Iwo I - VI	<u>76,379</u>
				<u>OR</u>	
			(ii)	All Wards to the EAST of the Ejigbo-Iwo-Ibadan Road, less Molete Iwo I - VI	<u>78,826</u>

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No.	PROVINCE	DIVISION	F. E. D.	Area	Population
				<u>OR</u>	
41				(iii) Iwo Town Wards	<u>100,006</u>
			OSHUN IX -	<u>EITHER</u>	
			(i)	Iwo Rural Wards plus Molete Iwo I - VI	<u>80,064</u>
				<u>OR</u>	
			(ii)	All Wards to the West of the Ejigbo-Iwo-Ibadan Road, plus Molete Iwo I-VI	<u>77,617</u>
				<u>OR</u>	
			(iii)	Iwo Rural Wards	<u>56,437</u>
	<u>IJEBU</u>	<u>IJEBU</u>			
42			IJEBU I	Ijebu-Igbo District Co. Ilugun-Alaro " " Ijebu Northern " " Ijebu Western " " Ijebu Southern " "	<u>127,562</u>
43			IJEBU II	Ijebu-Ode " " Ijebu Waterside " " Ijebu Eastern " "	<u>120,793</u>
		<u>REMO</u>			
44			REMO	Whole Division	<u>99,413</u>
	<u>ONDO</u>	<u>EKITI</u>			
45	<i>Ado Ido Ikole</i>	<i>115,279</i>	EKITI I	Ekiti Northern D. Co. Ado " " Ido-Osi " "	<u>120,749</u>
46	<i>Otun Ekiti Ijebu</i>	<i>97,138</i>	EKITI II	Ekiti Western " " Ijero " " Otun " "	<u>102,722</u>
47	<i>Ekiti Ikole</i>	<i>110,749</i>	EKITI III	Ekiti Southern " " Ikole " "	<u>103,895</u>
		<u>OKITIPUPA</u>			
48			OKITIPUPA I	Ikale Idapomarun " " Ikale Idapometa " " Ikale Orisunmeta " "	<u>93,462</u>
49			OKITIPUPA II	Ilaje " " Ese Odo " "	<u>56,723</u>
		<u>ONDO</u>			
50			ONDO I	Akure " "	<u>101,399</u>
51			ONDO II	Idanre " " Ondo " " Ondo Northern " " Ondo Southern " " Ondo Western " "	<u>141,700</u>
		<u>OWO</u>			
52			OWO I	Owo Divisional Council Oka District " "	<u>107,839</u>

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No.	PROVINCE	DIVISION	F. E. D.	Area	Population
53			OWO II	Ikare District Council Ikeram Local " " Arigidi " " Ilumejo " " Omwo " " Ajowa " " Ogbagi " " Irun " " Isowopo " " Ishua " " Ilelabo " " Ikamerin " " Ukpe-Ekpeme Local " "	116,944
	<u>OYO</u>	<u>IFE</u>			
54			IFE I	Ife District Council	110,790
55			IFE II	Ila " " Ipetumodu <u>Local</u> " Ifetedo " " Edunabon-Moro " "	105,761
		<u>ILESHA</u>			
56			ILESHA I	<u>EITHER</u> (i) Urban Wards ISHOKUN, ISINKIN, IWERRI, IBOSINRIN, Upper & Lower EGBEDI, Upper & Lower IJOKA, ODO, etc., ITISHIN-ILEMO, EREJA, IJAMO, IFOSHAN-IMO, OKE-ESHO, IGBAYE, Upper & Lower OKESHA; KIRIJI, ERIN, AIYEPEJU, ESA-OKE, OSHUN, IJEBU-IJESHA, IBOKUN Local Councils	92,782
				<u>OR</u> (ii) W.R.C. Ilesha Central plus AIYEPEJU, IJEBU-IJESHA, IBODI, MUROKO, ISAABI Local Councils	94,500
				<u>OR</u> (iii) W.R.C. Ilesha Central	72,029
57			ILESHA II	<u>EITHER</u> (i) Remainder Urban plus remainder Rural Wards	95,302
				<u>OR</u> (ii) W.R.C. Ilesha S-West less AIYEPEJU, IJEBU IJESHA, IBODI, MUROKO, ISAABI Local Councils	93,500
				<u>OR</u> (iii) W.R.C. Ilesha South- West	116,055

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No.	PROVINCE	DIVISION	F. E. D.	Area	Population
		<u>OYO</u>			
58		OYO I	W.R.C. Oyo East, <u>LESS</u> Agunpopo Quarter		<u>90,140</u>
59		OYO II	W.R.C. Oyo South, <u>PLUS</u> Agunpopo Quarter		<u>82,437</u>
60		OYO III	Iseyin District Council Iganna Area		<u>98,355</u>
61		OYO IV	Shaki District Council Irepo " " Okeiho Area		<u>106,784</u>

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Divisions with Populations over 100,000

<u>Divisions</u>		
Egba	393,000	4
Egbado	236,030	2
Asaba	212,382	2
Afenmai	204,229	2
Benin	292,081	3
Ishan	192,194	2
Urhobo	323,315	3
Ibadan	796,942	8
Oshun	852,984	9
Ijebu	248,611	3
Ekiti	327,366	3
Okitipupa	150,185	2
Ondo	243,099	2
Owo	224,795	2
Ife	216,551	2
Ilesha	188,084	2
Oyo	377,887	4

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54 + 5 = 59

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Note:

The following Divisions have populations of under 100,000:-

- Badagry
- Warri
- Epe
- Western Ijaw
- Ijebu Remo.

Ikeja Division has a population of 112,879 and Abokun Division 130,127.

$55 + 5 + 7 = 62$

Egba Division

Egba Ifo District Council	81,719
Egba Ikereku " "	10,323
Imala " "	10,807
Egba Obafemi " "	28,310
Egba Odeda " "	59,196
Egba Owode " "	79,971
Otta " "	39,023
Abeokuta Urban " "	84,451
	<u>393,800</u>

Egbado Division

Egbado-Ketu District Council	80,008
Ipokia " "	43,609
Ilaro " "	27,521
Egbado-Ifonyin " "	38,303
Ago Igbessa " "	46,589
	<u>236,030</u>

Asaba Division

Ika District Council	86,545
Aniocha " "	108,530
Asaba Urban " "	17,307
	<u>212,382</u>

103,852 }
108,530 }

Afenmai Division

Akoko-Ego District Council	59,062
Ivbiosakon " "	50,198
Etsako " "	94,969
	<u>204,229</u>

Benin Division

Benin City Council	81,858
Iyekovla District Council	39,711
Iyekuselu " "	43,520
Uhunmwonde " "	31,778
Akugbe " "	48,700
Iyekeorhiomwan " "	46,444
	<u>292,081</u>

Ishan Division

2 Uromi-Uzea District Council	40,234
1 North-East Ishan " "	20,484
1 South-East " " "	13,801
2 Irrua-Ewu " "	27,759
2 Ivie-Uda-Esaba " "	32,739
1 West Ishan " "	34,249
1 Ewohimi-Ewatto-Ewossa District Council	22,928
	<u>192,194</u>

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Urhobo Division

Western Urhobo District Council		127,812
Sapele Urban	" "	33,638
Central Urhobo	" "	90,883
Isoko	" "	<u>70,982</u>
		<u>323,315</u>
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Ibadan Division

Western Region Constituency		
Ibadan Central		99,647
" South West		95,130
" North West		113,380
" North East		95,852
" East		94,735
" South East		102,623
" South		95,623
" West		<u>51,494</u>
		<u>748,484</u>
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Oshun Division

Ogbomosho District Council		194,716
Oshogbo	" "	188,380
Ede	" "	57,005
Ejigbo	" "	33,518
Odo-Otin	" "	38,275
Ikirun	" "	26,000
Ifelodun	" "	60,279
Aiyedade	" "	55,418
Egbédore	" "	42,900
Iwo	" "	<u>156,443</u>
		<u>852,984</u>
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Ijebu Division

Ijebu Ode District Council		64,851
Ijebu-Igbo	" "	43,488
Ilugun-Alaro	" "	18,830
Ijebu Southern	" "	23,335
" Western	" "	16,733
" Northern	" "	22,190
" Waterside	" "	31,251
" Eastern	" "	<u>27,933</u>
		<u>248,611</u>
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Ife Division

Ife District Council	110,790
Ila " "	31,654
Ipetumodu Local Council)	
Ifetedo " "	74,107
Edunabon-Moro " "	216,551
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Ilesha Division

Ilesha Urban District Council	72,029
Twenty Local Council Areas	116,055
	188,084
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Oyo Division

Oyo Southern District Council	172,557
Okeiho-Iganna " "	56,171
Iseyin " "	75,355
Shaki " "	46,525
Irepo " "	27,259
	377,887
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Ekiti Division

Ado District Council	62,006
Iddo-Osi " "	28,400
Ekiti Northern District Council	30,343
Ikole " "	29,473
Otun " "	20,094
Ekiti Western " "	35,927
Ijero " "	46,701
Ekiti Southern " "	74,422
	327,366
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Okitepupa Division

Ikale Idapomarun District Council)	
" Idapometa " "	93,462
" Orisunmeta " "	
Ilaje " "	
Ese Odo " "	56,723
	150,185
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Ondo Division

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Akure District Council	75,623
Ondo Central " "	83,795
" Southern " "	6,917
" Western " "	4,901
Ile Oluji - Okeigbo District Council	15,746
Idanre " "	30,341
Ifedore " "	25,776
	<u>243,099</u>
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Owo Division

Owo District Council	53,520
Irekari " "	11,338
Ekamarun " "	14,457
Oka " "	28,524
Ikare " "	25,239
All Local Councils Akoko Division	<u>91,715</u>
	<u>224,793</u>
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Notes of a meeting of the Delimitation
Committee held in the Executive Council
Chambers, Agodi, at 5 p.m. on Monday
11th November, 1957.

Present : Chief the Honourable F.R.A. Williams,
Minister of Justice (Action Group).
Honourable J.O. Adigun, Minister of Health
and Social Welfare. (Action Group).
S.T. Oredein, Esq., Principal Organising Secretary,
Action Group Headquarters, Ibadan. (Action Group).
A.M.A. Akinloye, Esq. (Action Group).

Chief the Honourable A. Enahoro, Minister of
Home Affairs and Middle-West Affairs. (Action Group).

Honourable O. Bademosi, M.H.R., Parliamentary Secretary,
Ministry of Research and Information, Lagos. (N.C.N.C.)

Honourable E.O. Fakayode, M.H.A. (N.C.N.C.).

Honourable S.J. Mariere, M.H.R. (N.C.N.C.).

Honourable J.I.G. Onyia, M.H.A. (N.C.N.C.).

D.K. Olumofin, Esq. (N.C.N.C.).

In attendance :

J.F. Hayley, Esq.

I.D. Cameron, Esq.

Chief F.R.A. Williams explained that it had been agreed at the Constitutional Conference that the Delimitation Commission should be instructed to divide the Federation of Nigeria into 320 electoral districts of approximately equal population. The Commission was not required to adhere strictly to equality of numbers, but should have regard to physical features, transport facilities existing, local government areas and natural community of interest. The Commission was also to be instructed to ensure that no administrative division which is at present separately represented should lose such representation. Chief Williams further explained that the number of 320 seats was chosen to provide as far as possible for each 100,000 unit of population to be given one seat.

2. In the light of the above remarks the meeting agreed that the allocation of seats in the Region should be based on the following principles :-

- (a) Seats should, as far as possible, be allocated on the basis of one seat per 100,000 of population.
- (b) Units of population of 50,000 and over should be taken into consideration in determining representation, whereas units of under 50,000 should not in normal circumstances be so considered.
- (c) The Badagry, Warri, Epe, Western Ijaw and Ijebu Remo divisions which all have populations of less than 100,000 should each be given one seat.

3. On the basis of the above, it was agreed that representation should be as in the table below :

<u>Division</u>	<u>Population</u>	<u>Representation</u>
Egba	393,800	4
Egbado	236,030	2
Asaba	212,382	2
Afenmai	204,229	2
Benin	292,081	3
Ishan	192,194	2
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Ondo	243,099	2
Owo	224,795	2
Ifé	216,551	2
Ilesha	188,084	2
Oyo	377,867	4
Ikeja	112,879	1
Aboh	130,127	1

4. The meeting was informed that the Delimitation Commission had indicated that the Committee should base any recommendations made on the basis of 62 seats being allocated to the Region, that is to say one seat in addition to the recommended allocation in paragraph 2(c) and 3 above.

5. It was therefore agreed that as the Ijebu Division had the greatest unit of population under 50,000 (48,611), that Division should be allocated 3 seats instead of 2.

6. The Committee considered the allocation of seats within administrative divisions and reached agreement - subject to ratification - on the following :

(a) Egbado Division

Egbado-Ketu District Council and Ilaro District Council with a total population of 107,529 ✓ should form one constituency; Ipokia, Egbado-Ifonyin and Ado-Igbessa, having a total population of 128,601 ✓ should form the other.

(b) Afenmai Division

Etsako District Council with a population of 94,969 ✓ should form one constituency; Akoko-Edo District Council with Ivbiosakon District Council having a total population of 109,260 ✓ should form the other.

(c) Urhobo Division

The Western Urhobo and Sapele Urban District Councils, with a total population of 161,450 ✓ should form one constituency; the Central Urhobo District Council, population 90,883 ✓ should form a second; the Isoko District Council, population 70,982 ✓ should form a third.

(d) Ibadan Division

The existing constituencies for regional elections should be used for future Federal elections.

(e) Oshun Division

The constituencies used for regional elections should stand, but the Iwo District having a population of 156,443 should be given two seats. The following suggestions with regard to the division of the Iwo District were noted for further consideration by the Committee.

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- (a) Iwo Town less Molete-Iwo wards 1 - 6, (76,379) and
- (b) Iwo District plus Molete-Iwo wards 1 - 6, (80,064) should form two separate constituencies,

OR

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- (a) All Wards to the east of the Ejigbo-Iwo-Ibadan road less Molete-Iwo 1 - 6, (78,826) should form one constituency,
- (b) All wards to the west of the Ejigbo-Iwo-Ibadan Road plus Molete-Iwo wards 1 - 6, (77,617) should form another

OR

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- (a) Iwo Town (100,006) should form one constituency,
- and (b) Iwo District (56,437) should form another.

(f) Ife Division

The Ife District Council area having a population of 110,790 should be given one seat and the Ila District Council together with the Ipetumodu, Ifetedo and Edunabon-Moro Local Councils having a total population of 105,761 should also have one seat.

(g) Okitipupa Division

The Ikale Idapomarun, the Ikale Idapometa and the Ikale Orisunmeta District Councils having a population of 93,462 should have one seat, and the Ilaje and Ese Odo District Councils having a population of 56,723 should have another.

(h) Owo Division

The Owo Divisional Council and the Oka District Council having a population of 107,839 should have one seat; the Ikare District Council together with all Local Councils in Akoko Division having a population of 116,944 should have one seat.

7. The following proposals in respect of the Egba Division were noted for further consideration.

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|-------|-------------------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|
| (i) | The Abeokuta Urban District Council | | to be given one seat.
(84,451). |
| (ii) | The Egba-Obafemi District Council | } | to be given one seat.
(108,636) |
| | The Egba-Odeda District Council | | |
| | The Egba-Ikereku District Council | | |
| | The Imala District Council | | |
| (iii) | The Egba-Owode District Council | | to be given one seat.
(81,331) |
| (iv) | The Egba-Ifo District Council | } | to be given one seat.
(120,742). |
| | The Otta District Council | | |

8. The following proposals in respect of the Asaba Division were noted for further consideration.

- (i) The Ika District Council (86,545) should have one seat, and that the Asaba Urban District Council and the Aniocha District Council having a population of 125,837 should have one seat.

OR

- (ii) As district councils would not form satisfactory units in this division local council units should be grouped to form two constituencies. *- 1 seat Uku -*
- (A) Those north of the Agbor-Ogwashi-Uku-Asaba *Trunk A* Road (108,026) should form one constituency.
- (B) Those south of that road should form the other (104,322).

9. The following proposals made in respect of Benin Division were noted for further consideration.

- (a) The Benin City Council and Umagbae District having a population of 96,267 should form one constituency; Iyekovia and Iyekuselu District Councils with the Ehor District having a population of 100,600 should form one constituency. The Iyekeorhomonwan and the Akugbe District Councils having a population of 95,014 should have one seat.
- (b) It was also proposed that the three seats for the Benin Division should be exactly the same as the existing Western Regional Constituencies for that Division.

10. The following proposals with regard to the Ishan Division were noted for further consideration. The Uromi-Uzea, North-East Ishan, South-East Ishan and Ewohimi-Ewatto-Ewossa District Councils having a population of 97,547 should have one seat; Irrua-Ewu, Ivie-Uda-Esaba and West Ishan District Councils having a population of 94,647 should have one seat.

11. It was agreed that Members and the Electoral Commissioner should bring to the next meeting proposals with regard to the allocation of seats in Ijebu Division.

12. The following proposals with regard to the Ilesha Division were noted for further consideration by the Committee.

Either

- (a) all Wards in the Ilesha Division to the East of the Oshogbo-Ilesha and Erinmo Road having a population of 92,782 should have one seat and all Wards to the West of that road having a population of 95,302 should have one seat,

OR

- (b) Ilesha Town Wards plus Aiyepeju, Ijebu-Ijesha, and Ibodi Local Councils having a population of 94,500 should have one seat; Ilesha Rural Wards minus Aiyepeju, Ijebu-Ijesha, Ibodi, Muroko and Isaobi Local Council areas having a population of 93,500 should have one seat,

OR

- (c) Ilesha Town Wards having a population of 72,029, should have one seat; Ilesha Rural Wards having a population of 116,055 should have one seat.

13. The Committee noted the following proposals in respect of the Oyo Division for further consideration. The Regional Constituency, Oyo East less Agunpopo Quarter having a population of 90,140 to have one seat and the Regional Constituency, Oyo South plus Agunpopo Quarter having a population of 82,437 to have one seat; Iseyin District Council with Iganna area having a population of 98,355 to have one seat and Shaki and Irepo District Councils with Okeiho area having a population of 106,784 to have one seat.

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14. The Committee noted the following suggestion with regard to the Ekiti Division for further consideration.

- (a) The Ekiti Northern, Ado and Iddo-Osi District Councils having a population of 120,749 to have one seat; Ekiti Western, Ijero and Otun District Councils having a population of 102,722 to have one seat and Ekiti Southern and Ikole District Councils having a population of 103,899 to have one seat,

OR

- (b) The Ado, Iddo-Osi and Ikole District Councils having a population of 119,879 to have one seat; Otun, Ekiti Northern and Ijero District Councils having a population of 97,138 to have one seat; Ekiti Southern and Ekiti Western District Councils having a population of 110,349 to have one seat.

15. The Committee noted the following suggestion in respect of the Ondo Division for further consideration. The Akure and Ifedore District Councils having a population of 101,399, to have one seat; the remainder of the Ondo Division having a population of 141,700 to have one seat. The only point of disagreement in connection with this proposal was that certain members thought Idanre District Council should be included with Akure and Ifedore District Councils. It was further agreed that this conflict of opinion could not be reconciled at the meeting.

16. The Secretary was instructed to enquire as to the position with regard to the allowances to be paid to members.

17. It was agreed that the next meeting of the Committee would be held in the Executive Council Chambers at 10 a.m. on Saturday the 16th of November.

a final meeting on Sat. 23rd at 10.30 to consider the joint report.

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Notes of a meeting of the Delimitation
Committee held in the Executive Council
Chambers, Igoji, at 10 a.m. on Saturday
16th November, 1957.

Present :

Chief the Honourable F.R.A. Williams, Minister of Justice	}	Action Group
Chief the Honourable A. Enahoro, Minister of Home and Mid-West Affairs		
Honourable J.O. Adigun, Minister of Health and Social Welfare		
S.T. Oredein, Esq., Principal Organising Secretary, Action Group Headquarters		
Honourable O. Bademosi, M.H.R., Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Research and Information, Lagos	}	N.C.N.C.
Chief the Honourable J.I.G. Onyia, M.H.R.		
Honourable S.J. Mariere, M.H.R.		
Honourable E.O. Fakayode, M.H.A.		
D.K. Olumofin, Esq.		

In attendance:

J.F. Hayley, Esq.
I.D. Cameron, Esq.

The minutes of the meeting of the 11th November were confirmed subject to the following corrections :-

- (i) Amend paragraph 3 as follows :

<u>Division</u>	<u>Population</u>		
Egba	393,800	not	393,000
Ekiti	327,363	"	327,366
Oyo	377,867	"	377,887

- (ii) Add a fourth alternative to paragraph 6(e) with regard to the allocation of seats in respect of Iwo District as follows :-

- (a) All Wards to the east of the present Ejigbo - Iwo - Ibadan road less the Isale-Oba wards to form one constituency.
- (b) All the Wards to the west of that road plus the Isale-Oba wards as the other.

- (iii) Amend paragraph 8(ii)(A) to read -

"Those north of the Agbor - Issele-Uku - Asaba Trunk A road (108,026) should form one constituency."

- (iv) In second and fourth lines of paragraph 12(b) add after the word "Ibodi" the words "Maroko and Isaobi".

- (v) In paragraph 17, delete the full stop after November in the last line and substitute a comma and add the following :-
"and also that another meeting be held on Saturday the 23rd November at the same time and place for the approval of the report."

2. It was agreed that the proceedings of the meetings of the 11th and 16th November would be incorporated in a draft report to be submitted to the Committee at a meeting to be held at the Executive Council Chamber at 10 a.m. on the 23rd of November.

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REPORT OF THE WESTERN REGION ALL-PARTY

DELIMITATION COMMITTEE

Members

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IBADAN.

23rd November, 1957.

To:

The Chairman,
Delimitation Commission.

Sir,

We were appointed by our respective parties to form a Regional Delimitation Committee with the object of presenting to you agreed recommendations for the division of the Region into single-member constituencies.

2. We held meetings on the 11th, 16th and 23rd of November and now submit our report for your consideration.

3. The report is in three parts. Part I sets out the principles on which we have based our recommendations. Part II records our agreed decisions and Part III the extent of our disagreement in respect of individual constituencies.

We have the honour to be,
Your obedient servants,

F. R. A. Williams

O. Bademosi

A. Enahoro

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Part I,

Introductory

We note that it was agreed at the Constitutional Conference that the Delimitation Commission should make recommendations to divide the Federation of Nigeria into 320 electoral districts of approximately equal population, and that the Commission would not be required to adhere strictly to equality of numbers, but should have regard to physical features, transport facilities existing, local government areas and natural community of interest. We also note that no administrative division which is at present separately represented should lose such representation, and that the number of 320 seats was chosen to provide as far as possible for each 100,000 unit of population to be given one seat.

2. We are agreed that the allocation of seats in the Region should be based on the following principles:-

- (a) Seats should, as far as possible, be allocated on the basis of one seat per 100,000 of population.
- (b) Units of population of 50,000 and over should be taken into consideration in determining representation whereas units of under 50,000 should not in normal circumstances be so considered.
- (c) The Badagry, Warri, Epe, Western Ijaw and Ijebu-Remo Divisions which all have populations of less than 100,000 should each be given one seat.

3. On the basis of the above, we are agreed that, (except for the modification in respect of the Ijebu Division referred to in paragraph 5) representation should be as in the table below:

<u>Division .</u>	<u>Population .</u>	<u>Representation .</u>
Egba	393,800	4
Egbado	236,030	2
Asaba	212,382	2
Afenmai	204,229	2
Benin	292,081	3
Ishan	192,194	2
Urhobo	323,315	3
Ibadan	796,942	8
Oshun	852,984	9
Ijebu	248,611	2
Ekiti	327,363	3

<u>Division</u>	<u>Population</u>	<u>Representation</u>
Okitipupa	150,185	2
Ondo	243,099	2
Owo	224,795	2
Ife	216,551	2
Ilesha	188,084	2
Oyo	377,867	4
Ikeja	112,879	1
Aboh	130,127	1

4. We are informed that the Delimitation Commission has indicated that we should base our recommendations on the basis of 62 seats being allocated to the Region, that is to say one seat in addition to the recommended allocation in paragraphs 2(c) and 3 above.

5. We are therefore agreed that as the Ijebu Division has the greatest unit of population under 50,000 (48,611), that Division should be allocated 3 seats instead of 2.

Part II

Agreed Allocations

6. We have considered the allocation of seats within administrative divisions and have reached agreement on the following:-

(a) Egbado Division

Egbado-Ketu District Council and Ilaro District Council with a total population of 107,529 should form one constituency; Ipokia, Egbado-Ifonyin and Ado-Igbessa, having a total population of 128,501 should form the other.

(b) Apenmai Division

Etsako District Council with a population of 94,969 should form one constituency; Akoko-Edo District Council with Ivbiosakon District Council having a total population of 109,260 should form the other.

(c) Urhobo Division

The Western Urhobo and Sapele Urban District Councils, with a total population of 161,450, should form one constituency; the Central Urhobo District Council, population 90883, should form a second; the Isoko District Council, population 70,982, should form a third.

(d) Ibadan Division

----- The existing constituencies for Regional elections as shown in the attached schedule should be used for future Federal elections.

(e) Ife Division

The Ife District Council area having a population of 110,790 should be given one seat and the Ila District Council together with the Ipetumodu, Ifetedo and Edunabon-Moro Local Councils having a total population of 105,761 should also have one seat.

(f) Okitipupa Division

The Ikale Idapomaron, the Ikale Idapometa and the Ikale Orisunmeta District Councils having a population of 93,462 should have one seat, and the Ilaje and Ese Odo District Councils having a population of 56,723 should have another.

(g) Owo Division

The Owo Divisional Council and the Oka District Council having a population of 107,839 should have one seat; the Ikare District Council together with all Local Councils in Akoko Division having a population of 116,954 should have one seat.

Part III

Allocations on which Agreement cannot be reached

----- 7. We are agreed that the Regional constituencies in the Oshun Division as shown in the attached schedule should serve for future Federal elections except in the Iwo District Council area. We are agreed that the Iwo District Council area which is a constituency for the purpose of Regional elections should be split into two for the purpose of Federal elections. We are, however, not agreed on the manner in which such split is to be effected having given consideration to the following proposals:-

- (A) The N.C.N.C. propose that all local government council wards in Iwo to the east of the Ejigbo - Iwo - Ibadan road, less the Molete - Iwo wards 1-6 as shown in the Instrument establishing the Iwo District Council should form one constituency (78,826), while all wards to the west of that road plus the Molete - Iwo wards 1-6 (77,617) should form another.

- (B) The Action Group propose that the old Ejigbo - Iwo - Ibadan road should divide the Iwo District into two constituencies. This would have the effect of establishing as one constituency all the wards to the east of the present Ejigbo - Iwo - Ibadan road less the Isale-Oba wards, and all the wards to the west of that road plus the Isale-Oba wards as the other.
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In considering the foregoing proposals we have taken note that the census was undertaken before the establishment of the Iwo District Council and that the census population figures when applied to council wards cannot be regarded as more than an estimate.

8. In the Egba Division we are agreed that the Abeokuta Urban District Council (84,451) should form one constituency, and the Egba-Ifo and Otta District Councils taken together should form another (120,742). With regard to the remaining two seats, the Action Group consider that the Egba-Owode District Council (79,971) area should have one seat, and the Egba-Obafemi, the Egba-Odeda, the Egba-Ikereku and Imala District Councils (108,636) should be combined to form the fourth constituency. The N.C.N.C. consider that the Egba-Obafemi and Egba-Owode District Councils (108,281) should form one constituency, and the Egba-Odeda, Egba-Ikereku and Imala District Councils, another (80,326).

9. In the Asaba Division we are not agreed as to the principles of division. The Action Group express the view that the Ika District Council (86,545) should have one seat and the Asaba Urban District Council and the Aniocha District Council taken together (125,837) should have the other. The N.C.N.C. consider that in this division district councils would not form satisfactory units and that the local councils should be grouped to form two constituencies as follows:-

- (A) Those north of the Agbor - Issele-Uku - Asaba Trunk A road (108,026) to form one constituency.
- (B) Those south of that road should form the other (104,356).

10. We consider the following proposals in respect of Benin Division:-

- (a) The Benin City Council and Umagbae District having a population of 96,267 should form one constituency;

Iyekovia and Iyekuselu District Councils with the Ehor District having a population of 100,000 should form one constituency. The Iyekeorhiomwan and the Akugbe District Councils having a population of 95,214 should have one seat.

- (b) The three seats for the Benin Division should be exactly the same as the existing Western Regional constituencies for that Division as shown in the attached schedule.

The Action Group favour the proposals made at paragraph 10(a) but consider those at paragraph 10(b) as a not unsatisfactory alternative if they are acceptable to the Commission. The N.C.N.C. are not in agreement with the proposals at paragraph 10(a) and support only those at paragraph 10(b).

11. In the Ishan Division, the Action Group propose that the Uromi-Uzea, North-East Ishan, South-East Ishan and Ewohimi-Ewatto-Ewossa District Councils should form one constituency (97,447), and the Irrua-Ewu, Ivie-Uda-Esaba, and West Ishan District Councils (94,747) should form another.

The following proposal ~~which has the support~~ of the N.C.N.C. would also be acceptable to the Action Group as a second alternative:-

(A) Ewohimi-Ewatto-Ewossa District Council)				
South-East Ishan	"	"	)	
North-East Ishan	"	"	)	91,462
West Ishan	"	"	)	
(B) Uromi-Uzea District Council)				
Irrua-Ewu	"	"	)	100,732
Ivie-Uda-Esaba	"	"	)	

12. We are not in agreement with regard to the allocation of the three seats in the Ijebu Division, and find it necessary to put three sets of proposals before the Commission. The first (A) has the support of the Action Group, the second (B) has the support of the N.C.N.C., and the third (C) is also recommended by the N.C.N.C. as a second alternative.

(A) Ijebu-Ode District Council)				
Ijebu Western	"	"	)	81,584
Ijebu Waterside	"	"	)	
Ijebu Eastern	"	"	)	
Ijebu Southern	"	"	)	82,519
Ijebu Northern	"	"	)	
Ijebu-Igbo	"	"	)	
Ilugun-Alaro	"	"	)	84,508

(B)	Ijebu-Ode	51,490	)	
	Isiwo	5,091	)	
	Itamapako	4,966	)	
	Aiyede	4,289	)	
	Ibefun	4,520	)	
	Idowa	9,517	)	101,635
*	Odogbolu	7,535	)	
	Okun-Ijesha	4,909	)	
	Omu	4,931	)	
	Ososa	4,387	)	
	The Ijebu Waterside	31,251	)	
	Imushin	7,240	)	
	Imobi	6,011	)	
*	Owu-Ikija	4,957	)	64,468
	Ijebu-Ife	9,725	)	
	The Forest Reserve	5,284	)	
	Ijebu Igbo	43,488	)	
	Ago-Iwoye	22,190	)	82,508
	Ilugun-Alaro	16,830	)	
(C)	The Ijebu-Ode District Council		)	
	The Ijebu Western	" "	)	81,584
	The Ijebu-Igbo	" "	)	
	The Ijebu Eastern	" "	)	71,421
*	The Ijebu Waterside		)	
	Imushin		)	
	Imobi		)	
	Owu-Ikija		)	64,468
	Ijebu-Ife		)	
	The Forest Reserve		)	

13. We are substantially in agreement with regard to the allocation of seats in the Ilesha Division. The Action Group consider that the local government wards in Ilesha Town together with those of Aiyepeju, Ijebu-Ijesha and the Ibodi, Muroko and Isaobi Local Council areas (94,500) should have one seat, and all the wards in the Ijesha rural areas except Aiyepeju, Ijebu-Ijesha and those in the Ibodi, Muroko and Isaobi Local Council areas (93,500) should have one seat. The N.C.N.C. are in agreement with the above proposals except that they consider that the Ibodi Local Council area should be excluded from the Ilesha Urban constituency.

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* These figures were quoted by the N.C.N.C.

14. In the Oyo Division the Action Group consider that the Regional constituency, Oyo East less Agunpopo quarter having a population of 90,140 should have one seat and the Regional constituency, Oyo South plus Agunpopo quarter having a population of 82,437 should have one seat; Iseyin District Council with Iganna area having a population of 98,355 should have one seat, and Shaki and Irepo District Councils with Okeiho area having a population of 106,784 should have one seat.

The N.C.N.C. propose the following allocation of seats:-

Oyo Town	72,133)	
Awe	5,926)	
Akinmorin	7,461)	85,520
Oyo Southern District and villages		87,057
Shaki and Irepo	73,784)	
Ilero	11,168)	
Otu	6,440)	
Ipapo	4,275)	
Okaka	3,468)	103,012
Oke Amu	1,507)	
Ikomu	1,740)	
Ikere	630)	
Okeiho-Iganna District Council less Ilero	45,003)	
Iseyin District Council less Otu, Ipapo,	57,275)	102,278
Okaka, Oke Amu, Ikomu and Ikere		

15. We considered two proposals in respect of the Ekiti Division.

- (a) The Ekiti Northern, Ado and Iddo-Osi District Councils having a population of 120,749 to have one seat; Ekiti Western, Ijero and Otun District Councils having a population of 102,722 to have one seat, and Ekiti Southern and Ikole District Councils having a population of 103,895 to have one seat.

- (b) The Ado, Iddo-Osi and Ikole District Councils having a population of 119,879 to have one seat; Otun, Ekiti Northern and Ijero District Councils having a population of 97,138 to have one seat; Ekiti Southern and Ekiti Western District Councils having a population of 110,349 to have one seat.

The N.C.N.C. support the proposals at paragraph 15(b), and the Action Group favour those at paragraph 15(a). The Action Group however accept the proposals at paragraph 15(b) as a second alternative.

16. In Ondo Division the Action Group suggest that the Akure and Ifedore District Councils having a population of 101,399 should have one seat; the remainder of the Ondo Division having a population of 141,700 should have one seat. The only point of disagreement is that the N.C.N.C. think Idanre District Council should be included with the Akure and Ifedore District Councils.

SCHEDULE OF CONSTITUENCIES

Division	Existing Western Region Constituencies	Existing Federal Constituencies	Proposed Federal Constituencies		
			Agreed	Action Group Proposals	N.C.N.C. Proposals
WSA	i. Egba South: Otta District Council ii. Egba West: Egba Ifo District " iii. Egba Ikereku Imala District " iii. Egba Central: Abeokuta Urban " iv. Egba East: Egba Owode " v. Egba North: Egba Obafemi " Egba Odeda "	i. Abeokuta Urban District Council: Ilugun Native Court Area Oshiele Native Court Area Opeji Native Court Area ii. Egba Ifo District Council: Egba Ikereku District Council Imala District Council Otta District Council iii. Egba Owode District Council Egba Obafemi District Council		i. Abeokuta U.D.C. <u>84,451</u> ii. Egba-Obafemi D.C., Egba-Odeda D.C., Egba Ikereku D.C., Imala D.C. <u>108,636</u> iii. Egba-Owode D.C. <u>81,331</u> <u>80,972</u> iv. Egba-Ifo D.C., Otta D.C. <u>120,742</u> 108,581 ASH 87,506 D.C. 80,972 D 120,742 EF	i. Abeokuta U.D.C. <u>84,451</u> ii. Egba-Obafemi D.C. Egba-Owode D.C. <u>108,029</u> iii. Egba-Odeda D.C. Egba-Ikereku D.C. Imala D.C. <u>80,326</u> iv. Egba-Ifo D.C. Otta D.C. <u>120,742</u>

SCHEDULE OF CONSTITUENCIES

Division	Existing Western Region Constituencies	Existing Federal Constituencies	Proposed Federal Constituencies		
			AGREED	Action Group Proposals	N.C.N.C. Proposals
EGBADO	i. Egbado North: Egbado Ketu District Council ii. Egbado West: Ipokia District Council iii. Egbado East: Ilaro District Council Egbado-Ifonyin District Council iv. Egbado South: Ado- Igbessa District Council	i. Egbado-Ketu District Council: Ilaro District Council ii. Egbado-Ifonyin District Council Ado-Igbessa District Council Ipokia District Council	EGBADO I. Egbado-Ifonyin Dis- trict Council 38,303 Ado-Igbessa District Council 46,589 Ipokia District Council 43,609 ----- 128,601 EGBADO II. Egbado-Ketu District Council 80,088 Ilaro District Council 27,521 ----- 107,529		

SCHEDULE OF CONSTITUENCIES

Division	Existing Western Region Constituencies	Existing Federal Constituencies	Proposed Federal Constituencies		
			AGREED	Action Group Proposals	N.C.N.C. Proposals
AFENMAI	i. Afenmai North: Akoko-Edo District Council ii. Afenmai East: Etsako District Council iii. Afenmai West: Ivbiosakon District Council	ONE SEAT FOR THE DIVISION.	i. AFENMAI I. Etsako District Council 94,969 ii. AFENMAI II. Akoko-Edo District Council 59,062 Ivbiosakon Dis- trict Council 50,198 109,260		

SCHEDULE OF CONSTITUENCIES

Division	Existing Western Region Constituencies	Existing Federal Constituencies	Proposed Federal Constituencies		
			AGREED	Action Group Proposals	N.C.N.C. Proposals
ASABA	i. Asaba West: Ika District Council ii. Asaba North: Asaba Urban District Council Illah-Ebu Local Council Akukwu-Atuma Local Council Odiani Local Council Ezechima Local Council Okpanam Local Council iii. Asaba South: Ibusa Local Council Ubulu Local Council Ogwashi-Uku Local Council Nsukwa Local Council	ONE SEAT FOR THE DIVISION		ASABA I. Ika District Council 66,545 ASABA II. Asaba Urban District Council 17,387 Aniocha District Council 86,545 108,530 212,382 Aniocha 108,530 Ika & Isaka 103,932	I. Local Councils ^{along and} North of Agbor-IseleUku-Asaba Trunk Road 108,026 II. Local Councils ^{South} North of Agbor-IseleUku-Asaba Trunk Road 104,356

SCHEDULE OF CONSTITUENCIES

Division	Existing Western Region Constituencies	Existing Federal Constituencies	Proposed Federal Constituencies	
			AGREED	Action Group Proposals N.C.N.C. Proposals
BENIN	i. Benin West: Iyekovia District Council Iyekuselu District Council ii. Benin Central: Benin City Council iii. Benin East: Uhumwonde District Council <i>Iyekoorhionwon Dist.</i> <i>Akugbe Dist.</i>	TWO SEATS	i. Benin City Council, * Umugbae District 96,267 ii. Iyekovia District Council Iyekuselu District Council * Ehor District 100,600 iii. Iyekoorhionwon District Council Akugbe District Council 95,214 <i>* These 2 Districts com- prise the Uhumwonde</i>	i. Iyekovia District Council Iyekuselu District Council 83,231 ii. Benin City Council 81,858 iii. Iyekoorhionwon District Council Uhumwonde District Council Akugbe District Council 126,922

SCHEDULE OF CONSTITUENCIES

Division	Existing Western Region Constituencies	Existing Federal Constituencies	Proposed Federal Constituencies		
			AGREED	Action Group Proposals	N.C.N.C. Proposals
ISHAN	i. Ishan East: Uromi-Uzea District Council North-East Ishan District Council South-East Ishan District Council ii. Ishan West: Irrua-Ewu District Council Ivbie-Uda-Esaba District Council West Ishan District Council Ewohimi-Ewatto-Ewossa District Council	ONE SEAT FOR THE DIVISION		i. Uromi-Uzea District Council North-East Ishan District Council South-East Ishan District Council Ewohimi-Ewatto-Ewossa District Council 97,447 ii. Irrua-Ewu District Council Ivbie-Uda-Esaba District Council West Ishan District Council 100,732 94,747	i. Ewohimi-Ewatto-Ewasso District Council South-East Ishan District Council North-East Ishan District Council West Ishan District Council 91,462 ii. Uromi-Uzea District Council Irrua-Ewu District Council Ivbie-Uda-Esaba District Council 100,732

SCHEDULE OF CONSTITUENCIES

Division	Existing Western Region Constituencies	Existing Federal Constituencies	Proposed Federal Constituencies		
			AGREED	Action Group Proposals	N.C.N.C. Proposals
URHOBO	i. Urhobo West: Western Urhobo District Council Area Sapele Urban District Council Area ii. Urhobo Central: Central Urhobo District Council Area iii. Urhobo East: Isoko District Council Area	i. I. Western Urhobo District Council Area Sapele Urban District Council Area ii. II. Central Urhobo District Council Area Isoko District Council Area	i. URHOBO I. Western Urhobo District Council Area 127,812 Sapele Urban District Council Area 33,638 ----- 161,450 ii. URHOBO II. Central Urhobo District Council Area 90,883 ----- iii. URHOBO III. Isoko District Council Area 70,982		

SCHEDULE OF CONSTITUENCIES

Division	Existing Western Region Constituencies	Existing Federal Constituencies	Proposed Federal Constituencies	
			Agreed	Action Group Proposals N.C.N.C. Proposals
IBADAN	i. Ibadan Central: Wards C1, C2, E1, E2, N1, N2, N3, NW1, NW2, NW3.	I. 12 Urban and 7 Rural Wards.	IBADAN I. W.R.C. Ibadan Central	99,647
	ii. Ibadan South-West: Wards SW1 - 9, Omi-Adio, Iddo.	II. 9 Urban and 9 Rural Wards.	IBADAN II. W.R.C. Ibadan S.W.	95,130
	iii. Ibadan North-East: Wards N4, N5A, N5B, E5A, E5B, E6 - 9	III. 7 Urban and 10 Rural Wards.	IBADAN III. W.R.C. Ibadan NW.	113,380
	iv. Ibadan East: Ten Rural Wards	IV. 15 Urban and 4 Rural Wards.	IBADAN IV. W.R.C. Ibadan N.E.	95,852
	v. Ibadan North-West: Wards N6, NW4, NW5, NW6, and Nine Rural Wards.	V. Ibarapa District Council Area	IBADAN V. W.R.C. Ibadan E.	94,735
	vi. Ibadan South-East: Wards E3, E4, S4, S4, S5, S6A, S6B, and Eight Rural Wards		IBADAN VI. W.R.C. Ibadan S.E.	102,623
	vii. Ibadan South: Wards S1 - 3, SW1 - 2, S7 and Five Rural Wards		IBADAN VII. W.R.C. Ibadan S.	95,623
	viii. Ibadan West: Ibarapa District Council Area.		IBADAN VIII. W.R.C. Ibadan W.	51,494

SCHEDULE OF CONSTITUENCIES

Division	Existing Western Region Constituencies	Existing Federal Constituencies	Proposed Federal Constituencies		
			AGREED	Action Group Proposals	N.C.N.C. Proposals
OSHUN	i. Oshun North: Half of Ogbomosho D.C. ii. Oshun North-West: Half of Ogbomosho D.C. iii. Oshun East: Half of Oshogbo D.C. iv. Oshun Central: Half of Oshogbo D.C. v. Oshun South: Iwo District Council vi. Oshun South-East: Aiyedade D.C. Egbedore D.C. vii. Oshun North-East: Odo-Otin D.C. Ifelodun D.C. Ikirun D.C. viii. Oshun West: Ejigbo D.C. Ede D.C.	i. Ogbomosho D.C. ii. Iwo D.C. iii. Oshogbo D.C. iv. Aiyedade D.C. Egbedore D.C. Ede D.C. v. Ejigbo D.C. Odo-Otin D.C. Ifelodun D.C. Ikirun D.C.	As in A. i-iv and vi - viii;	viii. All Wards to the EAST of the Ibadan-Iwo- Ejigbo Road LESS the 8 Isale-Oba Wards ix. All Wards to the West of the Ibadan-Iwo- Ejigbo Road, PLUS the 8 Isale-Oba Wards	viii. All Wards to the EAST of the Ibadan-Iwo-Ejigbo Road, LESS the 6 Molete-Iwo Wards. ix. All Wards to the WEST of the Ibadan-Iwo-Ejigbo Road, PLUS the 6 Molete-Iwo Wards.

SCHEDULE OF CONSTITUENCIES

Division	Existing Western Region Constituencies	Existing Federal Constituencies	Proposed Federal Constituencies	
			AGREED	Action Group Proposals N.C.N.C. Proposals
IJEBU	i. Ijebu North: Ijebu-Igbo District Council. Ilugun-Alaro D.C. ii. Ijebu West: Ijebu-Northern D.C. Ijebu-Western D.C. Ijebu-Southern D.C. iii. Ijebu Central: Ijebu-Ode District Council. iv. Ijebu East: Ijebu-Eastern D.C. Ijebu Waterside D.C.	i. Ijebu-Ode D.C. Ijebu Western D.C. Ijebu Southern D.C. Ijebu-Waterside D.C. ii. Ijebu Northern D.C. Ijebu Eastern D.C. Ijebu-Igbo D.C. Ilugun-Alaro D.C.	i. Ijebu-Ode D.C. Ijebu Western D.C. <u>81,584</u> ii. Ijebu Waterside D.C. Ijebu Eastern D.C. Ijebu Southern D.C. <u>82,519</u> iii. Ijebu Northern D.C. Ijebu-Igbo D.C. Ilugun-Alaro D.C. <u>84,508</u> <i>Bite nowapel</i>	i. Ijebu-Ode Isiwo Itamapako Aiyede Ibafun Idowa Odogbolu Ogun-Ijesha Omu Ososa <u>101,635</u> ii. Ijebu Waterside Imushin Imobi Omu-Ikija Ijebu-Ife Forest Reserve <u>64,468</u> iii. Ijebu-Igbo Ago-Iwoye Ilugun-Alaro <u>82,508</u> OR i. Ijebu-Ode D.C. Ijebu-Western D.C. <u>81,584</u> ii. Ijebu-Igbo Ijebu-Eastern D.C. <u>71,421</u> iii. Ijebu Waterside, Imushin Imobi, Omu-Ikija, Ijebu-Ife, Forest Reserve <u>64,468</u>

SCHEDULE OF CONSTITUENCIES

Division	Existing Western Region Constituencies	Existing Federal Constituencies	Proposed Federal Constituencies		
			AGREED	Action Group Proposals	N.C.N.C. Proposal
EKITI	i. Ekiti North: Ekiti Northern D.C. Ikole D.C. Otun D.C. ii. Ekiti West: Ekiti Western D.C. Ijero D.C. iii. Ekiti Central: Ado D.C. Iddo-Osi D.C. iv. Ekiti South: Ekiti Southern D.C.	i. Ekiti Southern D.C. Ado D.C. ii. Ekiti Northern D.C. Ekiti Western D.C. Ikole D.C. Ijero D.C. Iddo-Osi D.C. Otun D.C.		i. Ekiti Northern D.C. Ado D.C. Iddo-Osi D.C. <u>120,749</u> ii. Ekiti Western District C. Ijero D.C. Otun D.C. <u>102,722</u> iii. Ekiti Southern District C. Ikole D.C. <u>103,895</u>	i. Ado D.C. Iddo-Osi D.C. Ikole D.C. <u>119,879</u> ii. Otun D.C. Ekiti Northern D.C. Ijero D.C. <u>97,138</u> iii. Ekiti Southern D.C. Ekiti Western D.C. <u>110,349</u>

SCHEDULE OF CONSTITUENCIES

Division	Existing Western Region Constituencies	Existing Federal Constituencies	Proposed Federal Constituencies		
			AGREED	Action Group Proposals	N.C.N.C. Proposals
OKITIPUPA	i. Okitipupa North: Ikale Idapomarun D.C. Ikale Idapometa D.C. Ikale Orisunmeta D.C. ii. Okitipupa South: Ilaje D.C. Ese-Odo D.C.	ONE SEAT FOR THE DIVISION	i. OKITIPUPA I: Ikale Idapomarun District C. Ikale Idapometa District C. Ikale Orisunmeta <u>93,462</u> ii. OKITIPUPA II: Ilaje D.C. Ese-Odo D.C. <u>56,723</u>		

SCHEDULE OF CONSTITUENCIES

Division	Existing Western Region Constituencies	Existing Federal Constituencies	Proposed Federal Constituencies		
			AGREED	Action Group Proposals	N.C.N.C. Proposals
ONDO	i. Ondo North: Akure District C. Ifedore D.C. ii. Ondo East: Idanre District C. iii. Ondo Central: Ondo Central D.C. iv. Ondo North-West: Ondo Southern D.C. Ondo Western D.C. Ile-Oluji-Okeigbo District Council	i. Ondo Central District C. Ondo Southern District C. Ondo Western District C. Ileoluji-Okeigbo D.C. Idanre D.C.		i. Akure D.C. Ifedore D.C. <u>101,399</u> ii. Ondo Central District C. Ondo Southern District C. Ondo Western District C. Ileoluji-Okeigbo D.C. Idanre D.C. <u>141,700</u>	i. Akure D.C. Ifedore D.C. Idanre D.C. <u>131,740</u> ii. Ondo Central District C. Ondo Southern District C. Ondo Western District C. Ileoluji-Okeigbo District C. <u>111,359</u>

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SCHEDULE OF CONSTITUENCIES

Division	Existing Western Region Constituencies	Existing Federal Constituencies	Proposed Federal Constituencies		
			AGREED	Action Group Proposals	N.C.N.C. Proposals
OWO	i. Owo North:	i. Owo District C.	i. Owo D.C.	53,520	
	Ikare District C.	Irekari " "	Irekari		
	Ikeram Local C.	Ekamarun " "	D.C.	11,338	
	Arigidi Local C.		Ekamarun		
	Ilumejo " "	ii. Ikare District C.	D.C.	14,457	
	Omuo " "	Oka " "	Oka D.C.	28,524	
	Ajowa " "	12 Local Councils			
				107,839	
	ii. Owo Central:		ii. Ikare D.C	25,239	
	Oka District C.		All Local		
	Ikamerin Local C.		Councils in		
	Ogbagi " "		the Akoko		
	Irun " "		Divisional		
	Isowopo " "		Council		
	Ishua " "		Area	91,715	
	Ilelabo " "			116,944	
	Ukpe-Ekpeme " "				
	iii. Owo West:				
	Owo Divisional C.				

SCHEDULE OF CONSTITUENCIES

Division	Existing Western Region Constituencies	Existing Federal Constituencies	Proposed Federal Constituencies		
			AGREED	Action Group Proposals	N.C.N.C. Proposals
IFE	i. Ife North: Ila District C. ii. Ife Central: Ife District C. iii. Ife South-West: Ipetumodu Local C. Ifetedo " " Edunabon-Moro " "	ONE SEAT FOR THE DIVISION	IFE i. Ife D.C. <u>110,790</u> IFE ii. Ila D.C. <u>31,654</u> Ipetumodu } Local C. } Ifetedo L.C. } Edunabon- } Moro Local C. } <u>74,107</u> <u>105,761</u>		

SCHEDULE OF CONSTITUENCIES

Division	Existing Western Region Constituencies	Existing Federal Constituencies	Proposed Federal Constituencies		
			AGREED	Action Group Proposals	N.C.N.C. Proposals
ILESHA	i. Ilesha Central: Ilesha Urban D.C. ii. Ilesha South-West: Twenty Local Councils	ONE SEAT FOR THE DIVISION	1.	i. Ilesha Town Wards, PLUS Rural Wards Aiyepeju, Ijebu- Ijesha, Muroko, Isaobi, Ibodi <u>94,500</u> ii. Remaining Rural Wards <u>93,500</u>	i. Ilesha Town Wards, PLUS Rural Wards Aiyepeju, Ijebu- Ijesha, Muroko, Isaobi. 94,500 <u>88,250</u> ii. Remaining Rural Wards. 95,500 <u>99,834</u>

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 99,834
188,084

SCHEDULE OF CONSTITUENCIES

Division	Existing Western Region Constituencies	Existing Federal Constituencies	Proposed Federal Constituencies		
			AGREED	Action Group Proposals	N.C.N.C. Proposals
OYO	i. Oyo North: Irepo District C. Shaki " " ii. Oyo Central: Iseyin District C. iii. Oyo West: Okeiho-Iganna D.C. iv. Oyo East: Urban Wards in Oyo and Ikoyi v. Oyo South: Rural Wards in Oyo Southern D.C.	i. Oyo North (?) ii. Oyo South (?)		i. W.R.C Oyo East, LESS Agunpopo Quarter <u>90,140</u> ii. W.R.C Oyo South, PLUS Agunpopo Quarter <u>82,437</u> iii. Iseyin D.C., Iganna Dist. <u>98,355</u> iv. Shaki D.C., Irepo D.C., Okeiho Dist. <u>106,784</u>	i. Oyo Town Awe Akinmorin <u>82,520</u> ii. Oyo Southern District and villages <u>87,057</u> iii. Shaki and Irepo Ilero Otu Ipapo Okaka. Oke-Amu Ikomu Ikere <u>103,012</u> iv. Okeiho- Iganna D.C., LESS ILERO Iseyin D.C. LESS Otu, Ipapo, Okaka, Oke-Amu, Ikomu and Ikere <u>102,278</u>

Delimitation Commission

at BUEA.

13th December, 1957.

16/12
The Electoral Commissioner,
Western Region,
IBADAN.

Delimitation Commission

I am directed by the Chairman of the Delimitation Commission to say that as a result of the Commission's discussions with you at Ibadan, you will no doubt appreciate that there are several solutions to the problems of making Federal Constituencies within Ibadan Division. The map and figures which you have supplied only give the Commission material for one "Urban" Constituency and for the sub-division of the remainder of the Division into "slices of cake".

2. One other obvious solution would be to make more than one purely "Urban" Constituency within Ibadan Township Area, and in order to test this possibility the Commission would be grateful if you could arrange to have the map of the Ward boundaries in the Ibadan District Council Offices, copied by the Survey Department - either copied onto similar map sheets or preferably onto a smaller scale map. Could you also please list the Wards "C1, C2,... NW1, NW2,....."etc., with the population within each Ward. It is realised that these figures will be an approximation of the true census figures and that there will still be 50,000 missing.

3. With regard to the copying of the map, one of the Commissioners was assured by Mr. Gascoyne, the Acting Director of Surveys, that his department would be pleased to help. Mr. Lees is writing a personal letter to Mr. Gascoyne explaining what is required.

G. Hodgson

Secretary
Delimitation Commission

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Y.H.

312 - 354: I have no comments except to note in passing that the Committee's decision at (1) on 333 was not, as far as I am aware, made known to us in Ibadan; certainly in the event the recommendations of the W.R. Delimitation Committee were forwarded direct to the Chairman of the Delimitation Commission in Lagos.

2. 355 et seq: the Draft Regs appear to follow in the main the W.R. Regs (W.R.L.N. 266 of 1955) and do not call for detailed comment. There remains, however, a broad issue of principle on which I should like to record my views.

3. The fact that the proposed Federal Franchise (reg. 101) differs fundamentally from the Franchise accepted by and already in use throughout this Region, together with the proposal to appoint a Federal Electoral Commission (Part III, at 363) and the provision of a Federal Register of Electors (Part V, A - C and F, at 368 - 373 and 379), lead to the inescapable conclusion that there is to be a duplication of the whole electoral organisation. I hope that such was never the intention; if it was not, then further consideration will have to be given to the problem of how to avoid that which would seem to be the inevitable result of the proposals in their present form.

4. The basic issue is the Franchise. Unless this is to be identical for both Federal and Regional purposes there must be duplication, if only of Registers. The Federal proposals seem simple and unequivocal; could they not be adopted Regionally? This is entirely a political matter but its outcome is of great practical importance to those who are charged with working the actual machinery of elections.

5. Electoral Commission. My limited experience as R.E.C has shown me that control centralised at Ibadan in respect of so large an area as a Region, with no deputies in the field other than inexperienced employees of Local Government Councils, is most unsatisfactory. The recent policy decision to bar L.G.AA from any executive functions in respect of elections means that there is no coordination or direction of effort or action at Divisional level. This leads me to wonder how a Commission, based presumably on Lagos, will fare when faced with similar centralised control in respect of the whole Territory. And in any event what ^{is} ~~was~~ to be the relations of the Regional Commissioner to the Federal Commission? I suggest that this is a matter requiring considerable attention.

6. Registration. There is at the moment, as Y.H. is aware, a Register of Electors in existence in the W.R. containing over 2 million names. The expense of its annual revision is very great. There is no indication in the draft Federal Regs whether, and if so

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to what extent, any use is to be made of this Register. Assuming that the problem of difference in Franchise can be overcome, there are further problems. Regulation 401 states that each Constituency (Federal) is to have its own Register, based on registration / electoral areas which will differ substantially from Regional wards; and how will units of Local Government fit into the Federal registration pattern?

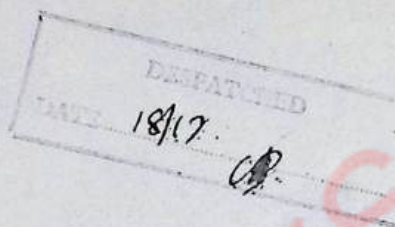
7. There is, if I may so suggest, need for consideration of these and allied matters. It is not always easy to keep confusion at bay at present; with dual Commissioners and dual registration confusion will inevitably be worse confounded.

R.E.C. 17.12.57

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18th
December, 1957

The Secretary,
Delimitation Commission,
~~At Durban.~~ *dp. Governor-General's Office,
Lagos.*

Delimitation Commission.

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With reference to your letter No.GG.1601/S.15/12 of 13th December, 1957, I have spoken to Mr. Gascoyne who has already started work on the map you require.

2. No population figures exist in respect of wards, nor could any be devised that would have any real meaning. Wards were originally designed to contain approximately equal numbers of electors (by estimation) ^{and} thus of total population. In Ibadan District the figure would be an average of 10,000 people per ward, in very round figures. I am sorry that I cannot be more helpful, but I know of no method of assessing or calculating ward populations.

3. I feel that the Commission would wish to know that it is proposed in the near future to replace the existing Ibadan (Provisional) District Council by one Urban District Council and five Rural District Councils. I understand that an enquiry will shortly be made with a view to giving effect to this proposal. At this stage there is no indication of the composition, population, boundaries etc. of any of the proposed Councils.

4. The area and composition of the Ibarapa District Council (Regional Constituency, Ibadan West) will not be affected by the proposed reorganisation as far as I know.

See p 493
Sgd. J. F. HAYLEY
Electoral Commissioner
Western Region.

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No. 378/1/20.

District Council Office,
Iwo, Nigeria.

18th December, 1957.

The Local Government Adviser,
Oshun Division,
Oshogbo.Local Government Wards.

Reference your letter No. 1476/5/38 of the 11th of December, 1957, taking Ibadan - Iwo - Ejigbo main Road as a boundary, the position of the wards are as follows -

Wards to the East

- (i) Isale-Oba I - VIII
 Oke-Adan I - VI
 Oluponna I - V
 Ile-Igbo I - VI
 Kuta I & III
 Telemu I & II
 Ogbagba I & II
 Iwo Station -
 Gidigbo I - III
 Molate I, II, III, IV
 & VI.

Wards to the West.

Agberire
 Fesu
 Ile-Ogo and Iwo-Oke

(II) Wards that falls on both sides.

Bode-Osi, Ajagba, Asa & Ajagashe.

(Sgd) J.A. Akinbami
 Secretary,
 Iwo District Council.

Certified True Copy

J.A. Akinbami
 Secretary,
 Iwo District Council.

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DIVISIONAL OFFICE

OSHOGBO, NIGERIA

23/12

21st Dec 1957.

Dear Mr. Gray,

I am sorry for the delay in sending the information on the Two Wards, but I had told the Secretary to send to you direct so as to save time.

I am sending you this by hand, which should be the quickest means!

I hope you and your wife have a very pleasant Xmas and my best wishes for the New Year.

Yours age.

S. H. C. Gray

(SGD) S. H. C. GRAY

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IBADAN

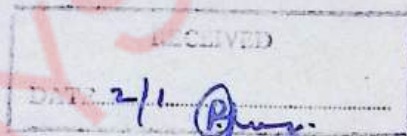


MINISTRY OF LANDS

No. WC.14.2/3.
SURVEY DEPARTMENT
WESTERN REGION
IBADAN, NIGERIA

30th Dec., 1957.

The Electoral Commissioner,
Western Region,
Ibadan.



Delimitation Commission.

With reference to our recent discussion
(Hayley - Gascoyne), I forward herewith a copy
of Ibadan Town Plan, Scale 1/12,500, showing
Ward Boundaries.

Ag. Director of Surveys,
Western Region.

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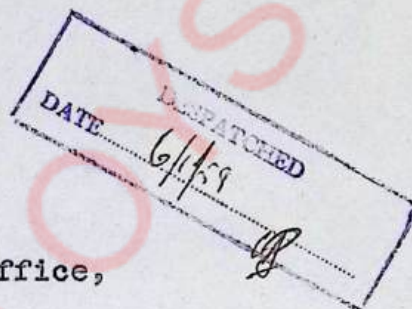
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6th Jan., 1958.

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The Secretary,
Delimitation Commission,
c/o Governor-General's Office,
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Delimitation Commission

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P 2 With reference to my letter No. 250/2
of 18th December, 1957, I forward you the map
prepared by the Survey Department as requested.

(Sgt.) J. F. Hayley.
Electoral Commissioner,
Western Region.

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oneDelimitation Commission,
at JOS.

7th January, 1958.

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The Electoral Commissioner,
Western Region,
IBADAN.

Delimitation Commission

I am directed by the Chairman of the Delimitation Commission to thank you for your letter No. 250/2 of the 18th of December, 1957 giving further details for Ibadan Division.

2. During Lord Merthyr's absence in the United Kingdom the remaining Commissioners have been checking all the facts and figures collected from the three Regions, and in respect of the Western Region the queries listed below have arisen. It is hoped that you will not mind doing some further research into the Census and the various Western Regional Council Instruments and supplying the answers to these queries:-

- (i) Can you supply copies of the Instruments establishing the following Councils:-

✓ Egba-Odeda District Council

✓ Egba-Owede " "

✓ Egba-Ifo " "

✓ Shaki " "

✓ Ijesha Divisional Council

✓ Ondo " "

✓ Akure " "

- (ii) Will you please confirm that in Okitipupa Division the Ikale-Idapometa District Council is still in existence. We were given a copy of W.R.L.N. 263 of 1955 but the name does not appear on the large sheet of paper showing the "family tree" of Local Government Councils in the Region.

- (iii) Ife Division: You will recall that one of the suggested constituencies was Ife District Council Area (Pop. 110,790). However, on comparing the Wards listed in paragraph 9 of W.R.L.N. 252 of 1955 with the Census (page 1, bulletin No. 4) it is noted that the villages of Ogudu (2,393) and Omifunfum (7,417) appearing under the sub-title "Ife Villages" fall in the Ife District Council Area. As the other names of the Ife Villages do not appear in the Instruments for the Ipetumodu, Ifetedo and Edunabon-Moro Local Councils it is probable that the whole of the Ife Villages (44,472) fall within the Ife District Council Area. If so, this would make a constituency of 155,252, which the Commission considers at present to be too large to be accepted. Could you please split the Ife Villages into their respective Council Areas.

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- AB. Census
- (iv) Egba Division: Transfer of Villages Ayede and Eleiyele from --- ? --- District Council to Egba-Ifo. Will you please confirm that Eleiyele (306) (page 8, bulletin No. 8) is under its correct Census District, Itori. Can you also say if Ayiede (322) (page 4, bulletin No. 8) is to be moved from Ifo District into Itori District.
- (v) Egbado Division: The Instruments setting up the five District Councils are Public Notices (138, 139, 140, 141 and 142 of 1953) made under the Western Regional Local Government Law, 1952. It is thought possible that these Public Notices have now been superseded because of a new or amending Law and I have to ask you to confirm that it is in order for them to be quoted in the Commission's Report.
- (vi) Oshun Division: The Commission has not yet received any notes, figures and diagrams to enable the District Council Areas of Iwo, Ogbomosho and Oshogbo to be split into two constituencies each, and for each constituency to be accurately defined. Can you please supply these details.

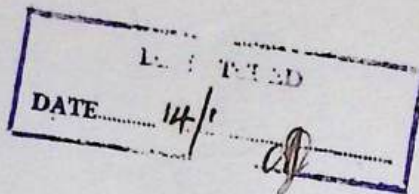
3. You may be interested to know that Lord Merthyr has recently been elected to be Chairman of Committees in the House of Lords. This means that he may have to return to England earlier than expected and it is hoped therefore that you will be able to deal with the above queries as early as possible. The Commission will be returning to Lagos on the 16th of January.

W. Hodgson

Secretary
Delimitation Commission

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14th January, 8.

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The Secretary,
Delimitation Commission,
c/o Governor-General's Office,
L a g o s .

Delimitation Commission

Thank you for your letter No.GG.1601/S.15/18 of 7th January, 1958.

2. The following are the answers to the points raised in your paragraph 2:-

- (i) The seven Instruments have been forwarded to you under separate cover;
- (ii) I confirm;
- (iii) I have now been informed by the Local Government Adviser, Ife Division, that the proper population figure for the Ife District Council Area is 155,252 since that Area in fact includes all the "Ife Villages".
- (iv) As you will see from the respective Instruments of the Egba-Ifo and the Egba-Owode District Councils, the Villages of Aiyedere and Eleiyele are excluded from the area of the latter and included in that of the former. regret I have been unable to find answers to your two queries in this connection but, since both the Ife and the Itori Native Court Areas are part of the area of authority of the Egba-Ifo District Council, perhaps the Commission will feel that it is of no great importance whether these villages belong to the Ife or to the Itori District?
- (v) I confirm; the five Public Notices have not been superseded.
- (vi) The existing Regional constituencies into which the Ogbomosho and Oshogbo District Council Areas have been split are accurately defined by wards in the schedule to Western Region Legal Notice 266 of 1955 (of which you have a copy?). It is, I regret, impossible to produce any population statistics in respect either of these four constituencies or of their component wards other than the nearest approximations based on either Tax or Voters' rolls. Should the Commission feel that such figures would have a value, I will do my best to produce them as soon as possible. Similar observations apply, of course, to the case of Iwo. In this connection, however, I attach a schedule showing which of the Wards enumerated in the Iwo District Council Instrument fall to the East and which to the West of the main Ibadan-Iwo-Ejigbo Road.

3. One further point mentioned, if I recollect correctly, during the Commission's visit to Ibadan - The Idanre District Council is not represented on either the Ondo or the Akure Divisional Councils.

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4. I shall shortly be handing over my present duties prior to proceeding on leave; if a final visit to Lagos would be of any material assistance to the Commission, I will gladly so arrange.

Electoral Commissioner,
Western Region.

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Wards East of Road

1. Isale - Oba Iwo I - VIII
2. Molete Iwo I - VI
3. Gidigbo Iwo I - III
4. Olupoma, Laniye and Alaya I - V
5. Ile - Igbo I - VI
6. Kuta I - III
7. Ogbagba I - II
8. Telemu and Ashamu I - II
9. Kuta/Ile - Igbo Station
10. Iwo Station
11. Ikire - Ile

Wards West of Road

12. Oke - Adan Iwo I - VI
13. Gidigbo - Iwo IV - VI
14. Agbenze
15. Fesu
16. Ile - Ogo and Iwo - Oke
17. Bode - Osi, Ajagba, Asa and Ajagbe

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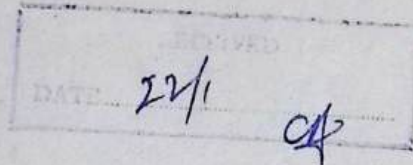
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No. GG.1601/S.15/24
Delimitation Commission,
GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S OFFICE,

LAGOS, NIGERIA



20 January, 1958.

The Electoral Commissioner,
Western Region,
IBADAN.

Delimitation Commission

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Thank you for your letter No. 250/9 of the 14th January which has just this minute arrived and has not yet been digested. We shall no doubt have further queries in respect of the allocation of the seats to Ife Division and we shall be writing you on these lines in the near future.

2. One further query has now arisen in Ilesha Division. You will recall that the proposed constituencies were to be "Ilesha Urban" (72,029) ^{consisting} comprised of the Ilesha Urban District Council Area (W.R.L.N.114 of 1954) and "Ilesha Rural" (116,055) ^{and} comprised of the remaining twenty Local Council Areas in the Division.

3. The figure of 72,029 is obtained from page two of the Oyo Census bulletin (71,758 plus 271, unspecified), but it is possible that this figure applies only to what the Census Officer called Ilesha Town and not to the Urban District Council Area. This area was, in 1953, a circle of 1½ miles radius from the Town Hall and in 1956 was changed to a circle of radius 3 miles. The population of the Urban District Council Area would certainly increase in 1956 and it is doubtful if the population of the present Urban District Council Area is now 72,029. Can you please give any better figure even if it has to be an estimated one.

4. We thank you for your offer to come to Lagos and will write you on this subject in the near future.

Secretary
Delimitation Commission

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H.M.J. - your minute of 18th Jan, below.

The Oni of Ife is correct; the Secretary of the Delimitation Commission had asked me to try to check the figures (the Census is very misleading) and the Local Government Adviser, Ife, has recently confirmed that the population of Ife District Council Area is 155,262. Thus the figure for the remainder of the Division is 61,289.

2. The following agreed proposals were submitted to the Commission

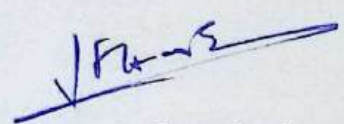
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	Total	<u>105,761</u>

I suggest that the proposed two Constituencies should now be re-defined as follows :-

IFE i.	Ife Town (as shown in the Census)	110,790
IFE ii.	The remaining area of Ife Division	105,761

3. This would mean that a part of Ife District Council Area would be grouped in a separate Constituency but in the circumstances there does not appear to be any other reasonable solution.

4. I attach a draft letter to the Secretary of the Commission for consideration.


Electoral Commissioner.

20.1.58.

E. C.

Draft Letter approved

FLW
22/1/58

DRAFT.

The Secretary,
Delimitation Commission,
c/o Governor-General's Office,
Lagos.

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Delimitation Commission.

With reference to paragraph 2 (iii) of my letter No. 250/9 of 14th January, I am directed by the Honourable Minister of Justice to suggest that the proposed two Constituencies for the Ife Division should be redefined as follows :-

IFE 1.	Ife Town, as shown in the Census	110,790
Ife 2.	The remaining area of Ife Division	105,761.

2. It is appreciated that this suggestion involves splitting the area of the Ife District Council but the Minister does not consider this to be a serious objection and indeed feels that, in the interests of approximate parity of population, there is no other reasonable solution in the special circumstances which obtain in the Ife Division.

J. F. H.

Electoral Commissioner,
Western Region.

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Mr. Hayley

Wants it be asking too much
for you to answer this?

Pls s/r

See P 16 (105)

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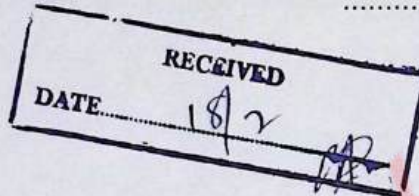


EASTERN REGIONAL ELECTORAL OFFICE
ENUGU
NIGERIA

No. 25/10

7 February, 1959

Dear ~~Mr~~ Henry,



Regional Delimitation Commission

Would you kindly let me know what has been decided or is proposed in your Region to implement the decision of the resumed Nigeria Constitution Conference to appoint Regional Delimitation Commissions in each Region ?

2. I have been asked to find out to assist in framing our own policy.

Yours sincerely

J. Ibe
for M'Player

S.J. Henry Esq.,
Chief Federal Electoral Officer (West),
IBADAN.

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No.250/19.

Copy:

Ibadan, 19 February, 1959.

His Honour,
The Deputy Governor,
Governor's Office,
Ibadan.

For information and any details you feel able to release.

2. As a result of our conversation on the 10th February, I have already informed Mr.Floyer that His Excellency, after consultation with the Premier, is arranging for an approach to be made to a potential chairman of the Delimitation Commission, and that names are under consideration for the appointment of about four other persons of independent standing and repute as members of the Commission.

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Chief Federal Electoral Officer,
(West).

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HAVE NO MORE INFORMATION AVAILABLE ADDITIONAL
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S.77/6/90

17th July, 1959.

The Secretary,
Federal Electoral Commission,
House of Representatives,
Lagos.

Regional Constituency Delimitation.

I am directed to inform you that in the course of the preparation of the material which the Government of the Western Region wished to place before the Delimitation Commission, which is now engaged on the task of delimiting Constituencies in this Region in accordance with paragraph 74(b) of the 1958 Constitutional Conference Report, it was suggested that a number of organisational and administrative difficulties connected with future Regional Elections would be avoided if the Federal Electoral Commission were to see fit to adopt a form of electoral register on lines suggested to them by the Chief Federal Electoral Officer (West), that is, a register containing a blank space in which the name of the Regional Constituency and the name of the Council may be inserted. I shall be grateful if the Federal Electoral Commission will consider this suggestion and if you will let me have their reactions to it as soon as possible.

(Sgd.) J.E. Imoukhuede.

for Secretary to the Premier
and Executive Council.

No. S77/6/91 A A

Ibadan. 17th July, 1959.

Copy to:

The Chief Federal Electoral Officer (West),
Ibadan.

For information with reference to my letter No. S.77/6/79
of the 10th of June addressed to Mr. S. J. Henry.

(Sgd.) J.E. Imoukhuede
for Secretary to the Premier
and Executive Council.

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Electoral Commission
House of Representatives,
Lagos.

23rd July, 1959.

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

I thank you for your letter S.77/6/90 of the 17th July with regard to the form of the final Register of Electors.

2. I would inform you that I discussed the matter with the Chief Federal Electoral Officer (West) some time ago and, as result of that discussion, the Register has been prepared in a form which I think will meet your requirements. The name of the District Council appears at the head of each page of the Register in addition to the name of the Federal Constituency and the Registration area and there is a blank space in which the name of the Regional Constituency can be inserted by a rubber stamp. The Register is moreover bound up in Council areas.

3. I trust that the measures I have adopted will be of assistance in the conduct of future Regional Elections.

(Sgd) ? ? ?
Secretary
Electoral Commission.

No. S.77/6/93 A
Ibadan. 27th July, 1959.

Copy to:

The Chief Federal Electoral Officer (West),
Ibadan.

For information with reference to my endorsement No.S.77/6/91 of the 17th July, 1959. Please confirm that the Register as now prepared is satisfactory.

(Sgd.) J. E. Imoukhuede
for Secretary to the Premier
and Executive Council.

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S.77/6/93

30th July, 1959.

The Secretary to the Premier
and Executive Council,
Ibadan.

Regional Constituency Delimitation

In reply to your endorsement of 27th July, I
confirm that the Federal Register as now prepared will
be satisfactory for use both for the forthcoming Federal
Elections and also for the future Parliamentary and Local
Government Elections.

(Sgd.) G. K. Monro

Ag: Electoral Commissioner,
Western Region.

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S.7/90.

17 February,

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The Government Printer,
Government Press,
Lagos.

Report of the Constituencies Delimitation
Commission - 1958
(819/458/2160)

I am directed to request if you will be good enough to supply, as soon as possible, 12 copies of the Report of the Constituencies Delimitation Commission, 1958, otherwise known as "Merthy's Report", for use in this Commission.

2. The cost will be settled on receipt of your bill.


(A. A. Ladimeji)
Chief Federal Electoral Officer,
(West)

see p. 116



S.7/115

28th Feb. 64.

The Government Printer,
Government Press,
Lagos.

Report of the
Federal Constituencies Delimitation Commission:
1957/58
(819/458/2160)

With reference to my letter No.S.7/90 dated *P.114*
17th February, 1964, when may a reply be expected,
please?

[Signature]
(A.A. Ladimeji)
Chief Federal Electoral Officer,
(West).

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Federal Ministry of Information,
(Printing Division),
Broad Street,
Lagos.

Date:..... 2/4 / 1964

Dear Sir,

I am directed to refer to your letter/Order No. S. 7/90 P. 114
dated..... 17 - 2 - 64..... and to inform you that the publications
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Chief Federal Electoral Officer,
Private Mail Bag No 5049,
Agodi - Ibadan.

Yours faithfully,

La Oshadeinde
(Printing Division)
for Permanent Secretary.

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Chief Federal Electoral Officer (West)
P.M.B. 5049,
Agodi - Ibadan.

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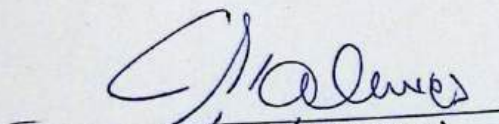
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Dear Sir,

I am directed to refer to your letter/order No. P.7/115 P115
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Yours faithfully,


(Printing Division)
for Permanent Secretary.

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14th July, 1965.

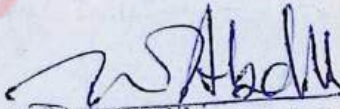
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The Director of Printing,
Federal Ministry of Information,
Broad Street,
Lagos.

Delimitation Report, 1964.

It appears, as though we have not addressed to you, a correspondence from this office requesting you to delay the distribution of some copies of the above Report to the Chief Federal Electoral Officers for sale to the general public pending possible further amendments by the Commission.

2. The Commission has now taken a decision that there cannot be any further amendment to this Report and so, it would be appreciated if you could forward 100 copies to each Chief Federal Electoral Officer in the regions for sale to the general public. This letter is being copied to each Chief Federal Electoral Officer for his information.

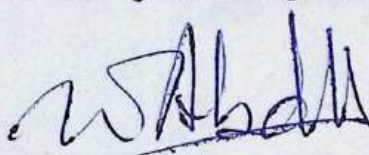

(Mallam Waziri Abdu)
Secretary,
Federal Electoral Commission.

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Lagos. 14th July, 1965.

Copy to:-

- The Chief Federal Electoral Officer (North)
- The Chief Federal Electoral Officer (East)
- The Chief Federal Electoral Officer (West) ✓
- The Chief Federal Electoral Officer (Mid-West)

Please see above for your information.


(Mallam Waziri Abdu)
Secretary,
Federal Electoral Commission.

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Above submitted pls.

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