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RULING
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DATE

S.M.G.,

S.A.S.(II), S.A.S. (III) and I discussed with you the establishment of a Re-habilitation Committee to cater for Western Nigerians who are being repatriated from Eastern Nigeria and the appointment of members to that Committee.

2. Please find at b.c. 3 drafts of letters and a press release submitted on your instructions. I have drafted the letter going to officials differently from that going to non-officials. It may be necessary to amend paragraph 3 of the letter going to the non-government members depending on the mode of consultation which you might wish to make before the letter is sent.

3. A tentative list of members of the Committee, which you are going to consider further, is also placed at b.c. Should it be decided to publish the Press Release before the appointment of the members I suggest that the last paragraph of the Release be amended to read:

The names of members of the Committee drawn from various walks of life in the community and who are known to be public-spirited, will be published later".

(J. O. Afolabi)

Ag. U.S.

6th/10/66.

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6th October, 1966.

SP/S.54/2

Mrs. F. M. Ighodalo,
Under-Secretary,
Ministry of Works and Transport,
Ibadan.

Madam,

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3. I shall be grateful if you will let me know as early as possible whether you are willing to serve as Chairman of the proposed committee.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

(J. O. Afolabi)
for Secretary to the Military Government.

6th October, 1966.

SP/S.54/2

Mr. E. O. Babatunde,
Office of the Military Governor,
Ibadan.

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SP/S.54/2

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Sir,
Your obedient servant,

Addressees as at p.5
excluding No 1 and
the Secretary.

(J. O. Afolabi),
for Secretary to the Military Governor.

1. Mrs. F. M. Ighodalo
Ministry of Works and Transport,
Ibadan.
 2. Mrs. T. Adeniyi-Williams,
Red Cross Headquarters,
Onireke, Ibadan.
 3. Mr. G. O. Folorunso,
Red Cross Headquarters,
Onireke, Ibadan.
 4. Mrs. Ronke Doherty,
Red Cross Headquarters,
Onireke, Ibadan.
 5. Mr. E. A. Emuleomo,
Ministry of Establishments & Training,
Ibadan.
 6. The Very Rev. J. A . A detiloye,
Immanuel College,
Ibadan.
 7. Mrs. M. O. Ogunsola,
Local Authority Secondary Modern School, Oke-Ado,
Ibadan.
 8. Chief T. L. Oyesina, M.O.N.,
Ibadan Boys' High School,
Ibadan.
 9. Rev. Father Patrick O'Neill,
Roman Catholic Mission,
Ibadan.
 10. Chief J. A. Ayorinde, M.F.R., M .B.E.,
Ministry of Agriculture and Natural Resources,
Ibadan.
 11. Prince I. A . Adebayo,
N igerian Tobacco Company,
Ibadan.
 12. Dr. A. Alakija,
Chief Health Officer,
Ministry of Health,
Ibadan.
- Secretary Mr. E. O. Babatunde,
Office of the Military Governor,
Ibadan.

SP/S. 54/6

8th October, 1966. 6

The Permanent Secretary,
Ministry of Local Government &
Chieftaincy Affairs,
Ibadan.

Resettlement & Rehabilitation of
Repatriated Western Nigerians

I am directed to forward herewith letters addressed to all Local Government Advisers and Sole Administrators of Local Government Councils in the Region and should be grateful if you would get the letters delivered with the utmost priority.



(J. O. Afolabi)
for Secretary to the Military
Government.

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Our Ref. SP/S.54/7

Office of the Military Governor,
Ibadan.

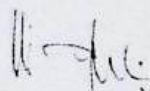
7th October, 1966.

TO: ALL LOCAL GOVERNMENT ADVISERS &
SOLE ADMINISTRATORS, WESTERN NIGERIA

RESETTLEMENT & REHABILITATION OF
REPATRIATED WESTERN NIGERIANS

I am directed to inform you that His Excellency the Military Governor of Western Nigeria, Colonel Adeyinka Adebayo, has set up a committee under the chairmanship of Mrs. F. M. Ighodalo, Under Secretary, Ministry of Works and Transport, Ibadan, to take care of, and to give every assistance to, Western Nigerians repatriated from Eastern Nigeria to enable them to travel to their places of origin or to be otherwise resettled in Western Nigeria.

2. It is likely, however, that there are some home-coming Western Nigerians who may have found their way on their own to their places of origin in Western Nigeria and who are not known to the committee to have done so. His Excellency is anxious that if any such Western Nigerians are in your area of authority you should give them every assistance within your local resources. Should this prove inadequate or impossible in certain cases you should refer such cases to the Secretary of the committee mentioned above. He is Mr. E. O. Babatunde, acting Senior Assistant Secretary, in this Office and further details about the committee can be obtained from him.
3. It is expected that you would give any cases which come to your notice the utmost priority which they deserve.


(J. O. Afolabi)
for Secretary to the Military
Government.

PRESS RELEASE

Following part of his broadcast to the people of Western Nigeria last Wednesday in which he made reference to the decision of the Military Governor for Eastern Nigeria to repatriate, for their own safety, non-Easterners resident in that Region to their Regions of origin, the Military Governor for Western Region, Colonel Adeyinka Adebayo has set up a 12-man Resettlement Committee to look after the welfare and needs of Western Nigerians being returned from the Eastern Region. The Committee is also charged with the responsibility for giving every assistance - financial and otherwise - to returning Western Nigerians to facilitate their resettlement or rehabilitation in Western Nigeria. The Chairman of the Committee is Mrs. Fola Ighodalo, Under Secretary, in the Ministry of Works & Transport and the other members are:

The Very-Rev. Abiodun Adetiloye

Chief T. L. Oyesina,

Mrs. Ronke Hoherty,

Mrs. T. C. Adeniyi-Williams

Mr. G. O. Folorunsho,

Mrs. M. O. Ogunsola,

Mr. E. A. Emuleomo,

Chief J. A. Ayorinde,

Dr. A. Alakija,

Prince I. A. Adebayo, and

Mr. E. O. Babatunde

2. Speaking to Mrs. Ighodalo, the Chairman of the Committee during an audience which he gave her in his Office, this morning, Colonel Adeyinka Adebayo emphasised the importance which his Government attaches to the work of the Committee. He expressed his personal satisfaction that the members of the Committee are experienced men and women whose background and interest in the welfare of their fellowmen eminently fitted them for the responsibility assigned to them. He assured Mrs. Ighodalo, Chairman of the Committee of the moral and

financial support of his Government.

3. His Excellency accompanied by the Commanding Officer of the Third Battalion of the Nigerian Army, Major Ariyo, Commissioner of Police, Mr. Olufunwa and the Secretary to the Military Government, Mr. P. T. Odumosu ^{latter} addressed about 80 students of Western Nigeria origin from Enugu and ^{Nsukka} ~~Nsukka~~ Campuses of the University of Nigeria, Nsukka. His Excellency informed the students that he regretted any personal inconveniences they might have suffered and pointed out that it was the duty of every Nigerian to exercise the utmost restraint in his reactions to current developments in the Country. He therefore enjoined them to avoid giving any exaggerated accounts of their experiences in Eastern Nigeria in a manner which would raise passions among their own people in Western Nigeria. He gave assurance that his Government would do everything possible to enable the students to resume their studies with the minimum delay and that necessary contacts had already been made with the authorities of the Universities of Lagos, Ibadan, and Ife, to this end. Mrs. Ighodalo, the Chairman of the Resettlement Committee was also introduced to the students.

4. The first meeting of the Resettlement Committee, set up by the Military Governor will be held in the conference room of the Ministry of Establishments & Training, Secretariat, at 5 p.m. today.

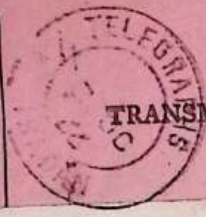
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I enclose the replies to pp. 2-4, some of which I have seen in the mail.

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Ay. U.S.

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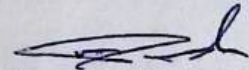
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P R I O R I T Y

Office of the Military Governor,



(P. T. Odumosu)

10/10/66

Office of the Military Govnr.
Western Region,
Ibadan.

SECRETARY TO THE MILITARY GOVERNMENT ENUGU

Ref.SP/S.54/

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C.R.

see p. 14



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SCHOOL OF HYGIENE AND
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IBADAN · WESTERN NIGERIA

Your Ref. No.....
Further communications should be
addressed to the Principal quoting
Our Ref. No. C.H.O/42

Dr. A. Alakija.

Date 7th Oct., 1966.

SP/S 54

The Secretary
to the Military Government,
Ibadan.



P.4
Sir,

With reference to your letter No. SP/S.54/2 of 6th
October, 1966, I am honoured to be a serving member of
such a committee as requested.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

10/10

Alakija
Dr. A. Alakija.

MINISTRY
OF AGRICULTURE



AND
NATURAL RESOURCES

EXTENSION SERVICES DIVISION
IBADAN · WESTERN NIGERIA

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

Our Ref. No... P.1030/Vol. III/509

Date... 7th October, 1966.

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



RESSETTLEMENT COMMITTEE.

10/10
I have the honour to acknowledge with thanks, the receipt
of your letter No. SP/S.54/2 of 6/10/66 on the above subject,
and to express my willingness to serve as a member of the
proposed committee which is a national desideratum, and an
honour to serve on.

J.A. Ayorinde
Chief J.A. Ayorinde, M.F.R., M.B.E.,



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U.S.

*Yr minute on p. 9 refers, pl see
pp. 12-13.*

*2. May I invite yr. attention to the
text of the above telegram which is meant
to be a reply to p. 11. Since p. 10 was
merely sent to us for info, as the
above telegram seems to suggest, there
wd appear to be no further action ^{on p. 10} and
you may wish to refer it to the S.M.G.
for info. only pl.
P.A. 4/10*

S.M.G.

1. I see the telegram overleaf which clarifies the position regarding the telegram at p. 10 which apparently was addressed to Lagos and intended merely to be copied to us. You had earlier sent a telegram for clarification, vide p. 11.

2. No further action seems necessary on our part on the telegrams but, should any of the employees turn up here, we should, I imagine, direct them to Lagos.

14/10
J. O. AFOLABI
Aty. U.S.

P. A.



Nigerian Tobacco Company Limited

Head Office: Western House, Broad St., Lagos. Telegrams: TOBACCO Telephone: 27381 P.O. Box 137 Lagos



P. O. Box 6,
Ibadan.

7th October, 1966.

PR/P&C/32/1

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

Sir,

Western Nigeria Rehabilitation Committee

With reference to your letter No. SP/S.54/2
dated 6th October, 1966, I have to state that I am
willing to serve as a member of the above Committee
as directed by His Excellency the Military Governor.

Many thanks.

Yours faithfully,

I. A. Adebayo
(I. A. Adebayo)

12/10



A MEMBER OF THE B.A.T GROUP

NIGERIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY

WESTERN REGION BRANCH

TELEPHONE: 23493
TELEGRAMS: NIGERCROSS
IBADAN

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IBADAN, NIGERIA.

7th October, 1966.

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President : Chief S. Ade Ojo, C.M.G., O.B.E.
Director : Lady Jibowu M.B.E.
Treasurer : E. A. O. Fashoro. Esq.



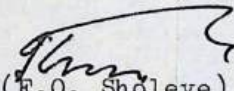
SP/S.54

The Secretary to the Military Governor,
Office of the Military Governor,
Agodi,
Ibadan.

Dear Sir,

I am directed to refer to your letter Ref. No. SP/S.54/2 dated 6th October, and to inform you that until the return to Nigeria of Lady Jibowu who is the Branch Director of the Society, Mr. Folorunso will represent the Red Cross on the Committee which His Excellency the Military Governor proposes to set up. Lady Jibowu is expected back in Ibadan next week.

Yours sincerely,


(F.O. Sholeye)
Branch Secretary.

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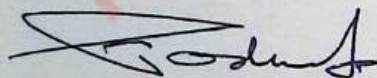
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13/11/66

Mrs. Fola Ighodalo,
Chairman of the Resettlement Committee
for Repatriated Western Nigerians,
Ministry of Works & Transport,
Ibadan.

Mr. Waniko, P.S. Federal M.E. Lagos, spoke to me this morning and inquired about the activities of your Committee in relation to the placing of Western Nigerian University students returning from Nsukka in other Universities to resume their studies. I briefly informed him of the arrangement and he stated that the Supreme Commander was anxious that Ahmadu Bello University be included among the Universities into which the displaced students can be re-admitted in the interest of the unity of the country.

2. I informed Mr. Waniko that I believe that the confinement of the selection of the members of your Sub-Committee on students to the Universities of Lagos, Ibadan and Ife must have been dictated by the fact of Geography as it would obviously not be convenient for someone to travel to and fro Zaria to attend a meeting^s of the Sub-Committee in Ibadan. As regards the placing of students in Ahmadu Bello University, I told him that while the Govt. would agree in principle that Yoruba students might be sent to Ahmadu Bello, the choice of a University would be a matter for the students and their parents and that it would be unrealistic to believe, in the present circumstances, that any Yoruba student or his parent could be easily persuaded to go to Ahmadu Bello University for a course which such a student could undertake at Ibadan, Ife, or Lagos. He was arranging for Mr. Cookey, the Federal Adviser on higher education to get in touch with you with a view to arranging for the Vice Chancellor of Ahmadu Bello University to meet you on the matter. I understand Ahmadu Bello is in dire need of students.

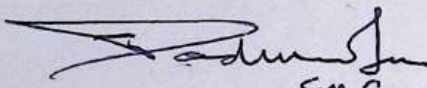


(P. T. Odumosu)
S.M.G.

13 October, 1966

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Y.E.,

I shall be glad if Y.E. will note for information my minute to Mrs. Ighodalo, Chairman of our Resettlement Committee on the placing of Yourba students in Ahmadu Bello University at p.18. I have discussed with Mrs. Ighodalo.


S.M.G. 13/12

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20/10

P.A.

S.M.G.,

Mr. G. O. Folorunso of the Red Cross Society was appointed one of the members of the Resettlement Committee. He has pointed out that his nomination was intended to stand pending the return of Lady Jibowu, the Director of the Society, from overseas. Lady Jibowu has now returned and it is proposed that she should take the place of Mr. Folorunso on the Committee.

2. The Committee is holding its next meeting tomorrow afternoon and it will be necessary to know your view on this matter as to whether Mr. Folorunso's appointment was related to the nomination of the Red Cross and if Lady Jibowu should now take over.

Ag. ²⁻¹⁰⁻⁹ S.A.S.(III).
26/10/66.

Yes pls.

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Western Nigeria Resettlement Committee,
c/o Mrs. Fola Ighodalo,
Ministry of Agriculture and
Natural Resources,
Ibadan.

Our Ref: RE.1/55

27th October, 1966.

The Secretary to the Military Government
and Head of Service,
Office of the Military Governor,
Ibadan.

Resettlement Committee: Interim Report

Pa 22-4
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Attached, in duplicate, is a report of the activities of the
Resettlement Committee for the period 14th to 26th October, 1966.

BBS'
28/10

Fola Ighodalo
(Mrs Fola Ighodalo)
Chairman

Western Nigeria Resettlement Committee

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Western Nigeria Resettlement Committee:
Report of Activities 14th - 26th October, 1966.

Two additional Sub-Committees were appointed at the meeting of 15th October, 1966. These were charged with responsibility for helping (i) the self-employed refugees to re-establish their trade or business in Western Nigeria and (ii) the wage-earning workers to be absorbed into appropriate commercial or industrial organisations in this Region. This arrangement became necessary because all the refugees have expressed a definite desire to be rehabilitated in the Region. Chief T.L. Oyesina is organising the Sub-Committee on self-employed people while Prince I. A. Adebayo is handling that for wage-earning workers. The latter has got on to a good start. As a result of the approach made to their Chairman, Mr. Akinkugbe, the Ibadan Chamber of Commerce have agreed to and have in fact formed an advisory committee to explore ways and means of absorbing this class of refugees into commercial and industrial institutions in this Region similar to those in which they were engaged in their previous places of abode.

2. An approach was made to the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Education with a request that Secondary and Primary School students returning from other parts of the country should be given facilities to resume their studies in similar institutions in the Region. To this end, circular letters have been issued to the Principals of Secondary Grammar Schools and the Principal Inspectors of Education to make necessary arrangements. The students' Allocation Sub-Committee have recommended that final-year undergraduate students whose courses are not available in either the University of Ibadan, Ife or Lagos should be sent overseas where they could complete their courses. This recommendation has been referred to the Secretary to the Military Government for consideration.

3. The University of Ife has agreed to absorb into its normal establishment eight of the twenty-one members of

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staff of the University of Nigeria, Nsukka repatriated to this Region. Discussions are in progress with the Vice-Chancellors of the Universities of Ibadan and Lagos with a view to effecting similar agreement with them. Some of the staff are also trying to make individual arrangements for themselves.

4. The Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Finance has allocated a sum of £200 (two hundred pounds) to the Committee to meet expenses in connection with emergency relief operations-feeding, accomodation etc.-of destitute refugees. The Accountant General has kindly made available one of his officers to look after the accounts of the Committee.

5. It is gratifying to note that the Federal Government has accepted responsibility for giving financial assistance to meet the cost of emergency relief and the rehabilitation of refugees. To this end, a meeting of the Permanent Secretaries of the Ministries of Finance in the Federation was held in Lagos on Thursday, 20th October, 1966. The Chairman of the Resettlement Committee accompanied Chief Dina, the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Finance in this Region to the meeting. There was a thorough discussion of the problems of refugees and what each Region had been doing to relieve and rehabilitate them. In conclusion it was agreed that the Federal Government should make a block grant to each Region to cover the following items:

(i) Education:

- (a) Fees paid by students which cannot be utilized owing to the present situation;
- (b) Cost of text books lost by Secondary and Primary School children.

(ii) General:

- (a) Red Cross expenses, directly concerned with the operations;
- (b) Cost of services provided by Ministries and

General Administration indirectly assisting the refugees;

- (c) Direct evacuation expenses by air, rail, road, and sea;
- (d) Emergency relief operations, feeding, accommodation, subsistence (based on wage rate of the area in which the refugee is residing);
- (e) Emergency relief, expenses in respect of May disturbances.

6. The Statistics Division of the Ministry of Economic Planning and Social Development has nearly completed analysing into categories the refugees who have come into the Region. The number now stands at a total of 1,946 made up of 654 male adults, 409 female adults and 883 children. The staff of the Social Welfare Development Division of the same Ministry have undertaken the interviewing of refugees to determine the extent of losses claimed by each. This is with a view to arriving at a judicious estimate of compensation and to finding suitable employment in this Region where necessary.

SAS(III)

Please see p. 20 and also pp 21-24.

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SAS (III)

I understand from the U.S. that papers on this subject are being dealt with by you. This telegram was received today and I believe you wd like to deal with it.

D 6/10/66
Ch.



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From 1—
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P.S.M.F.,

This serves to confirm our recent discussion when it was agreed that it would be better not to create any special Head or Item to provide necessary funds for meeting expenditure connected with the activities of the Resettlement Committee set up by His Excellency the Military Governor to look after the welfare and resettlement of Yorubas repatriated from other parts of the Federation. It was agreed that the best arrangement would be for any expenditure for this purpose to be met from the Contingencies Vote held by your Ministry.

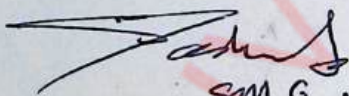
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(P. T. Odumosu)
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Western Nigeria Resettlement Committee,
c/o Mrs. Fola Ighodalo,
Ministry of Works and Transport,
Secretariat,
Ibadan.

12th October, 1966.

Our Ref. No. Re1/12

The Secretary to the Military Governor
and Head of Service,
Military Governor's Office,
Ibadan.

Resettlement Committee

I forward herewith, in duplicate, a brief interim report of the activities of the Resettlement Committee between 8th and 10th October, 1966. It is proposed to issue such report at regular intervals to keep you and His Excellency, the Military Governor informed of what is going on. Attached also is a copy of the circular and attachments which have been issued to Local Government Advisers.

Fola Ighodalo
(Mrs. Fola Ighodalo),
Chairman,

Western Nigeria Resettlement Committee.

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Western Nigeria Re-settlement Committee

Report of activities from October, 8th to 10th.

At the inaugural meeting on Friday 7th October, two sub-committees were set up.

- (i) Reception sub-committee to handle the arrangement for the reception of repatriates immediately they arrive in the Region.
- (ii) Students' sub-committee to handle the affairs of the students sent out of the University of Nigeria Nsukka and see to their absorption into similar institutions of learning in the Region.

2. In order to facilitate the reception aspect, staff of the Ministry of Health and Voluntary workers mainly from the Red-Cross have been posted to strategic points of disembarkation at Ogunpa, Molete, Agodi, Mokolu, and the Railway Station. In addition members of the Reception Sub-Committee and the Chairman have regularly visited these places. As many as possible of the repatriates were therefore, met on arrival and given medical aids like vaccination against smallpox etc. They were then required to complete forms giving inter alia their names, address, occupation, extent of their property in their previous Region of abode, name and address of their next of kin in Western Nigeria.

3. Throughout the weekend the trend was that arrivals were anxious to go to their hometown or village or join their relations here in Ibadan. Since this morning, however, the position has altered slightly. People have been arriving who need more concrete help and it has become necessary to give out immediate relief in form of money to cover transport and food. The story being told is one of non-molestation in their previous Region of abode although there has been some looting of property by hoodligans and thugs but all repatriates have spoken well of the help they have received from the Police and the Army. Here in the Western Region the Police have also rendered and continue to render useful help in protecting repatriates and workers from hoodligans who might get the situation out of control.

4. News from the rest of the Region confirms that repatriates go to their home-towns and village from where they visit the offices of Local Government Advisers for registration. Information from Oshogbo is that large numbers consisting of a mixture from the different Regions regularly arrive in the town by train. A delegation of the Re-settlement Committee has visited the town to make on-the-spot investigation of the position.

5. The Students Sub-Committee has now been properly formed and it consists of two members of the Re-settlement Committee and two representatives each of the Vice Chancellors of the Universities of Ife, Ibadan and Lagos. It will start meeting tomorrow under the chairmanship of Professor Tafunwa who was until the quit - the Eastern Region Order was a member of the staff of the University of Nigeria at Nsukka. Dr. S. A. Aluko is also a member of the Sub-Committee. The idea is that the latter two who are familiar with the students and the situation in Nsukka will be able to render incalculable help in fixing up the students as soon as possible. The Sub-Committee starts work tomorrow 11th October at 10 a.m.

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Ref. No. R.C. I/1.

Office of the Military Governor,
Ibadan.

10th October, 1966.

The Sole Administrator,
Divisional Office,
Ibadan.

The Sole Administrator,
Divisional Office,
Ilesha.

The Sole Administrator,
Divisional Office,
Oshogbo.

The Sole Administrator,
Divisional Office,
Abeokuta.

The Sole Administrator,
Divisional Office,
Ondo.

The Sole Administrator,
Divisional Office,
Ado-Ekiti.

The Sole Administrator,
Divisional Office,
Ilaro.

The Sole Administrator,
Divisional Office,
Oyo.

The Sole Administrator,
Divisional Office,
Ijebu-Ode.

The Sole Administrator,
Divisional Office,
Ikeja.

REHABILITATION OF WESTERN NIGERIANS REPATRIATED
FROM OTHER REGIONS OF NIGERIA

You are, no doubt, aware that His Excellency the Military Governor has appointed a Committee to look after the resettlement of Western Nigerians being repatriated back to this Region, particularly from the Eastern Region. The duty of

the Committee is to ensure that the affected persons are taken care of and given every comfort and assistance to travel to their places of origin or to be otherwise resettled in Western Nigeria.

2. The rehabilitation Committee has decided to carry out this function as follows:-

- (i) Each person should on arrival report and register with the nearest Sole Administrator, Local Government Adviser or Assistant Local Government Adviser. A questionnaire containing useful information on the individual and his or her family should also be completed. Specimens of the ruling for the register and of the questionnaire are attached.
- (ii) Persons affected should thereafter return to their homes or places of origin pending the time that it will be possible to take a decision on their needs, if any.
- (iii) In view of the need to fix up undergraduates in suitable institutions of higher learning it is necessary to maintain immediately a central register, and those concerned should report as soon as possible at the Military Governor's Office, Ibadan for registration. In difficult cases, the Local Government Adviser or his assistant should quickly relay their particulars to the Secretary to the Rehabilitation Committee. The required particulars are: Name, Course pursued, Duration of Course, Years Completed, Postal Address in Western Nigeria.
- (iv) Registers should be kept by the Sole Administrator Local Government Advisers and their Assistants in their respective stations, but Sole Administrators should forward completed questionnaires to the Secretary of the Committee each day.

3. As Ibadan is likely to present unique problems, a special arrangement is being made for the reception of affected persons at the various points of disembarkation in the city where representatives of the Committee will be available to complete the register and questionnaires. This arrangement is in addition to the one outlined above which will be operative in Ibadan in the case of persons who do not pass through the various reception centres in the city.
4. Your assistance in implementing the arrangements will be very much appreciated.
5. Correspondence on this subject to:

The Secretary,
Rehabilitation Committee,
Office of the Military Governor,
Secretariat, Ibadan.

(For the attention of Mr. E. O. Babatunde)

For telephone contacts the following will be useful:

Mrs. F. M. Ighodalo (Chairman),

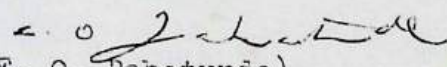
Office: 24269

Residence: 23551

Mr. E. O. Babatunde (Secretary),

Office: 21011 Ext. 331

Residence: 23610


(E. O. Babatunde)
Secretary
Rehabilitation Committee

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QUESTIONNAIRE FOR PERSONS REPATRIATED TO
WESTERN NIGERIA, 1966.

1. Name _____
(Surname) _____ (Other Names) _____

2. Addresses: (i) Previous (Outside Western Nigeria)

(ii) In Western Nigeria

3. Length of Stay in Region of Previous Abode _____

4. Date of Departure from Region of Previous Abode _____

5. Date of arrival in Western Nigeria _____

6. Particulars of Family:-

Whether married _____

Number of Wives _____

Number of Children and their Ages _____

Grade or Standard of children attending School:

Primary Classes

Secondary Classes

Others

1	2	3	4	5	6

1	2	3	4	5	6	7

7. Occupation _____

8. Property left behind:

Location

Estimated Worth

Caretaker &
Address

House

Farm

Business

Others

9. Plan for the Future _____

10. Name and Address of Next-of-Kin _____

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Serial No.

Name

Address in Place of
Departure

Address in Western
Nigeria

Occupation

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Western Nigeria Resettlement
Committee,
c/o Mrs. Fola Ighodalo,
Ministry of Works and Transport,
Secretariat,
Ibadan.

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14 October, 1966.

Our Ref. No. RE/1/58

The Secretary to the Military Government
and Head of Service,
Military Governor's Office,
Ibadan.



Resettlement Committee: Interim Report.

Further to my letter No. RE1/12 dated 12th October, 1966 I forward herewith, in duplicate, the second interim report on the activities of the Resettlement Committee. This report covers the period 11th to 13th October, 1966.

F. Ighodalo
(Mrs. Fola Ighodalo),
Chairman

Western Nigeria Resettlement Committee.

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Western Nigeria Resettlement Committee:
Interim Report for 11th - 13th October, 1966

Members of the Reception Sub-Committee and the Chairman continue to tour strategic disembarkation points in the town of Ibadan to ascertain the flow of displaced persons from Eastern Nigeria and other parts of the country.

2. The main development during these three days is that repatriates are now coming from Northern Region although not in as large a number as from Eastern Nigeria. The trend of people going straight to their home towns and villages continues. As a consequence, the number coming to Ibadan up to 6 p.m. on 12th October were approximately 250 excluding University Students. This number is, therefore, no clear indication of those who have had to flee their normal Region of residence. Reports reaching the office of the Chairman indicate that a large number of the arrivals have not gone to the Police Station nor any office to register. The trend of self-help and attempts to make one's own arrangement continues. More cases of destitutes who need immediate financial help have come forward and these have been referred to the Red Cross for attention with a view to eventual reimbursement from Government funds.

3. The first meeting of the Students' Sub-Committee was held on Tuesday 11th October at 10 a.m. in the University of Ife campus. Members consist of two representatives each from the University of Ife, Ibadan and the Resettlement Committee. The University of Lagos sent one representative. In order to facilitate the work of the Sub-Committee both the Vice Chancellor of the University of Ife and the Chairman of the Resettlement Committee agreed to ask Professor Babs Fafunwa to be the Chairman. Dr. S. A. Aluko also served on the Sub-Committee. Using the register of students already compiled by the Secretary of the Resettlement Committee the Sub-Committee went straight to allocate the students to the institutions thought best for their purpose. The different media of information were used to announce the arrangements which have been made.

The students will visit the three University campuses on Friday 14th October, 1966 for interview and it is hoped that by Monday, 17th October most of them would have settled down to their studies.

4. In order to facilitate work in regard to other refugees, the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Economic Planning and Social Development was approached and he has kindly made available for the use of the Committee the full time services of a Statistician and subordinate staff to compile and analyse the register of refugees and the questionnaire completed by each. It is hoped that when this is ready, it will be possible to ascertain in what areas each refugee or each family unit of refugees require help. The Chief information Officer has also kindly made available the services of an Information Officer to cover the publicity aspect of the Committee's work.

5. A meeting of the Vice Chancellor of the University of Ife with the Chairman of the Resettlement Committee and two members of the repatriated staff of the University of Nigeria, Nsukka was held to consider the possible re-habilitation of teachers of Western Nigeria Origin who have had to come out of that University. It was agreed that the University of Ife should absorb into its establishment as many as it can. Approach is being made to the Vice Chancellors of the Universities of Ibadan and Lagos to do likewise. It is hoped that some of those who may not find places in the three Universities would be willing to offer their services either to the Ministry of Education or similar institutions in the Region.

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Please see from p.5 two interim reports submitted by the Chairman of the Resettlement Committee. These interim reports are proposed to be made at regular intervals and a copy of each of the reports so far rendered are at cover, should H.E. wish to retain them.

Ag. S.A.S. III,
17 October, 1966.

Y.E.,

Y.E. will be interested to see the two interim reports submitted by the Western Regional Resettlement Committee at pp. ³⁰8 & ⁴⁰16 of the file. The reports are self-explanatory but Y.E. may wish to note:

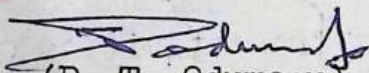
- (a) para. 5 at p. ³¹7 on the formation of the Students Sub-Committee;
- (b) the statement in the first sentence of para. 2 at p. ⁴⁰16 to the effect that some of the repatriates looked after by the committee come from Northern Region although not in as large a number as from the East;
- (c) the report of the activities of the sub-committee at para. 3 of p.16
- and (d) para.5 of p. ⁴¹17 relating to the rehabilitation of displaced

University teachers of Western Nigeria origin.

2. Mrs. Ighodalo has been in regular touch with me for advice and assistance in connection with the activities of the Committee. She and her members have approached the work with great sense of responsibility and I believe Y.E. will want me to thank them for this.

3. Y.E. will have noted the decision of the Federal Military Government to give financial assistance to regional governments in connection with the resettlement of displaced indigenes of the Region returning from other regions.

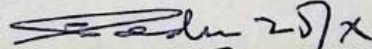
Mrs. Ighodalo is already providing Chief Dina, P.S.M.F. with necessary brief to enable the latter to participate in a meeting summoned by the Permanent Secretary, Federal Ministry of Finance for next Thursday in Lagos. ^{Evidently} ~~Eventually~~, it will not be possible to give any detailed estimates of our need at this stage, but a general idea will be given of the areas in which this Government will have to spend a lot of money in connection with the resettlement or rehabilitation of returning Western Nigerians.


(P. T. Odumosu)
S.M.G.,
18/10/66.

Thank you
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Pls. p.u. appropriate letter of thanks to the Chairman and members of the Cottes. I will sign.

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26 October, 1966.

Mrs. Fola Ighodalo,
Chairman,
Western Nigeria Resettlement Committee,
c/o Ministry of Agriculture & Natural
Resources,
Ibadan.

Resettlement Committee

Please refer to your letter No. Re1/12 of 12th October, 1966 and the subsequent one forwarding the interim reports of the Resettlement Committee. You will be pleased to note that His Excellency the Military Governor has read the reports with keen interest and has asked me to convey to yourself and other members his thanks and appreciation of the deep sense of responsibility with which the Committee has approached its work.

2. I should be glad if you would convey His Excellency's appreciation to the members of the Committee.

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

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25th October, 1966

The Secretary to the
Military Governor,
Kaduna.

The Secretary to the
Military Governor,
Enugu.

✓ The Secretary to the
Military Governor,
Ibadan.

The Secretary to the
Military Governor,
Benin-City.

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Compensation and Re-settlement of Refugees

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I am directed to refer you to a copy of the attached text of an official Press Release authorized by the Federal Military Government consequent upon the recommendations made by the officials of the Ministries of Finance of the Federation at their meeting on Thursday, 20th October, 1966. As a matter of urgency, I am to request you to submit, as soon as possible, your respective estimates of expenditure based on the agreed principles as outlined in paragraph 2 of the Release so as to enable me proceed with disbursements accordingly.

2. In order to implement effectively the decision on the payment of salaries to officers who have fled the disturbed areas, it would be necessary for a machinery to be set up which would establish the necessary contacts to keep the employer Governments informed of the alternative employment found for any of the officers in the Public Service. This, together with the procedure to be adopted for the actual payment of salaries to the officers concerned, shall be worked out and agreed to by all the Governments concerned, and I should be grateful to receive any concrete proposal from you. Suggested proposals will be discussed at a meeting of Permanent Secretaries, Ministries of Finance at Ibadan on Thursday, 10th November, 1966. In addition, the question of internal loans for the purpose of assisting Federal and Regional Military Governments, in the light of continued falling revenues, will be discussed.

(A. A. *Atta*),
Permanent Secretary,
Ministry of Finance.

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Compensation And Resettlement of Refugees

Consequent upon the instruction of the Supreme Military Council, a meeting of officials of the Ministries of Finance of the Federation was held in Lagos yesterday, Thursday, 20th October, 1966, to discuss the Federal Government proposal to give financial assistance to re-settle all the refugees, following recent disturbances. The meeting was attended by all the Permanent Secretaries except that of the Eastern Region who was unable to attend, "owing to unforeseen circumstances". The Eastern Region had however indicated a wish to be associated with the proposed scheme.

2. The Head of the Federal Military Government and the Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces accepts the following recommendations made to the Federal Military Government: that a fund be set aside by the Federal Military Government, depending on needs, to meet part of the expenses of relief operations. The qualifying items are:

- (a) fees paid by students which cannot be utilised owing to the repatriation of students from one area to another;
- (b) cost of text-books lost by Secondary and Primary school children;
- (c) Red Cross expenses directly concerned with the operations;
- (d) cost of services provided by Regional Ministries and Central Administration in assisting the refugees;
- (e) direct evacuation expenses by air, rail, road and sea;

- (f) emergency relief operations feeding, accommodation, subsistence (based on wage rate of the area in which the refugee is residing) and similar emergency relief expenses incurred in respect of May disturbances; and
- (g) a contribution to loans Revolving Funds for the purpose of assisting refugees, traders and businessmen to resettle.

Genuine refugees only shall qualify. Regional Governments are advised to submit their respective estimates of expenditure based on the foregoing agreed principles and the Federal Government would proceed to disburse appropriate sums set aside for this purpose.

3. The general question of compensation would be treated separately from the relief operations exercise and it is intended that an impartial, non-partisan Tribunal or Tribunals of Enquiry would be set up by the Federal Military Government to probe all disturbances including the May incident, assess the extent of loss of life and property and recommend award of compensation.

4. Other related matters on which agreement was reached include the payment of salaries by the employer Government to officers who have fled disturbed areas until the officer concerned has found an alternative employment, provided that no such salaries would be payable after 31st December, 1966.



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S.A. Aluko,
o/o Department of Economics,
University of Ife,
Ibadan.

28th October, 1966.

Mrs. F.M. Ighodalo,
Chairman,
Western Nigeria Rehabilitation Committee,
Ministry of Agriculture,
Ibadan.

Dear Mrs. Ighodalo,

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These 2 advance
copies of report were
given to me by Dr. Aluko.
Pls. consider on file.

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Progress Report on Refugee Staff of Western Nigeria origin
from the University of Nigeria, Nsukka.

The following Senior, Intermediate and junior staff left the University of Nigeria, Nsukka, following the order of the Military Governor of Eastern Nigeria that non-Easterners should leave the Region.

Senior Staff

Teaching Staff

1. Professor A.B. Tafunwa: M.A. Ph.D: Professor of Education
2. S.A. Aluko, M.Sc (Econ) Ph.D: (London) Senior Lecturer in Economics
3. Dr. A. Akiwowo: M.A. Ph.D: Senior Lecturer in Sociology
4. Chief I.O. Delano: Lecturer in Yoruba
5. Mr. A. Lasekan: Lecturer in Fine Art
6. Mr. F.A. Atoki: M.Sc (Springfield) Lecturer in Physical Education
7. Mr. S.A. Adejumo: M.A. (Harvard) Lecturer in Education
8. Mr. E.O. Ogunyemi: B.Sc (Lond) Diploma in Education; Assistant Lecturer in Education.
9. Mr. F.A. Ogunbamowo: M.Sc (Wisconsin): Lecturer in Business Management
10. Mr. C.O. Arowolo: LL.B. (Lond) C.I.S. Lecturer in Management Studies
11. Mrs. O.O. Arowowo: B.A. (Hons) English (Lond): Tutor in a Secondary School.
12. Mrs. J.B. Fashola: B.A. Lecturer in Languages
13. Mr. A.W. Edwards: M.Sc: Lecturer in Botany
14. Mrs. C.A. Edwards: M.Sc: Lecturer in Home Economics
15. Mr. H.O. Awoyelu: B.Sc (Econ) Nsukka: Teaching Assistant Economics
16. Mr. K.N. Ogedengbe, B.A. (Nsukka) Assistant Lecturer in History
17. Mr. A.O. Okubanjo: B.A. (Nsukka) Research Assistant in Agriculture
18. Mr. O. Ojehomon M.A.: Lecturer in Journalism

Senior Administrative Staff

19. Mr. O.O. Ogundipe M.A. A.L.A. Sub-Librarian
20. Mrs. J.A. Aluko B.Sc Hons (Econ) Ife, Diploma in Social Science (Lond): Associate of the Institute of Medical Social Workers (Lond) Administrative Officer (Students).

Intermediate Staff

21. Mrs. V.E. Akinwumi: Diploma in Catering: Assistant Catering Manager
22. Mrs. E.O. Ogunniyi: Diploma in Social Science (Lond) Tutor University School.
23. Mrs. Phebean O. Ogunbamowo: N.R.N., S.C.M., S.R.N.: Staff Nurse, General, Hospital Enugu.

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Junior Staff

24. Mr. J.O. Akinbobola: Craft Training Diploma and Office Equipment Diploma: Maintenance Supervisor of University Office Equipment £597 p.a.
25. Mr. K.A. Adebayo: Assistant Laboratory Technician, £168 p.a.
26. O.O.A. Olaoyo: Teacher of Yoruba Drums in Department of Music University Of Nigeria: £260 p.a.

I was charged with the task of exploring the possibility of getting the above named staff absorbed into positions at Ife, Ibadan and Lagos Universities.

In my endeavour two issues have arisen. First, some of the staff can be employed in existing vacancies in the three Universities, while some others can be employed only if supplementary budget is made available to the Universities. Secondly, some of the staff cannot be readily absorbed into University posts because their departments in Nsukka do not exist at Ife, Ibadan or Lagos. The following is the break-down.

- (A) The following can be employed in the existing vacancies.

University of Ife

1. Professor A.B. Fafunwa: Professor of Education
2. Dr. S.A. Aluko: Senior Lecturer in Economics
3. Chief I.O. Delano: Lecturer in Yoruba
4. Mr. F.A. Atoki: Director of Sports
5. Mrs. B. Fashola: Lecturer in Languages

University of Ibadan

6. Mr. E.O. Ogunyemi: Assistant Lecturer in Education (subject to confirmation)
7. Mr. S.A. Adejumo: Lecturer in Education (subject to confirmation)

University of Lagos

8. Mr. A.W. Edwards: Lecturer in Botany.

- (B) The following can be employed for the 1966-67 Session if Supplementary budget is available to the Universities.

University of Ife

<u>Name of Staff</u>	<u>Proposed Post</u>	<u>Average Estimated Budget 1966-67</u>
		£
9. Dr. A.A. Akiwowo	Senior Research Fellow Institute of African Studies. (Lagos is also interested in him)	3,900
10. Mr. A. Lasikan	Lecturer in Fine Art Institute of African Studies.	2,700
11. Mr. O.O. Ogundipe	Sub-Librarian	2,800

<u>Name of Staff</u>	<u>Proposed Post</u>	<u>Average</u>
		<u>Estimated Budget</u> 1966-67 £
12. Mrs. J.A. Aluko	Administrative Officer Grade I (Ibadan University is also interested in her)	2,000
13. Mr. O. Ojehomon	Senior Research Fellow Institute of African Studies (Lagos is also interested)	3,500
14. Mr. A.O. Okubango	Research Assistant Faculty of Agriculture	2,000
15. Mr. J.O. Akinbobola	Maintenance: Office Equipment	800
16. Mr. K.A. Adebayo	Assistant Laboratory Technician	200
17. Mrs. V.E. Akinwumi	Assistant Catering Manager	1,700
Total Supplementary Budget Required		<u>£19,600</u>

University of Ibadan

18. Mr. H.O. Awoyelu	Junior Research Fellow N.I.S.E.R.	1,500
19. Mr. K.N. Ogedengbe	Assistant Lecturer in History	2,000
20. Mr. S.A. Adejumbi	Lecturer in Education (if expected vacancy does not occur)	2,500
21. Mr. O.O. Olaoye	Drummer, Department of drama	500
		<u>£6,500</u>

University of Lagos

22. Mrs. C. Edwards	Lecturer in Nutrition (N.I.S.E.R. also interested in her)	2,000
23* Mr. P.O. Ogunbamowo	Lecturer in Business Administration (if possible)	2,500
		<u>£4,500</u>

Total supplementary Budget required by the three Universities £30,600

The estimated budget includes
(a) Salaries (b) University contribution to Pensions: (c) housing subsidy (d) Office furniture and equipment (e) Transport and basic allowances and (f) Miscellaneous.

(C) Those who can be absorbed by the Ministry
Technical College, Ibadan Commerce Department

24. Mr. C.O. Arowolo

* Mr. P.O. Ogunbamowo or Advanced Teacher Training or University of Lagos

25. Mrs. P.O. Ogunbamowo: Staff Nurse
Ministry of Health
26. Mrs. O.O. Arowolo Ministry of Education or Secondary Grammar School.
27. Mrs. E.O. Ogunniyi: Department of Social Welfare and Community Development.
28. Mr. T.O. Oyesile Executive Officer, Ministry of Education.

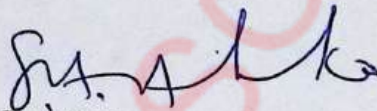
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Recommendations

1. As some of the Universities have signified their intention to appoint staff into the existing vacancies as soon as possible, it is recommended that such appointment should take effect as from 1st of November, irrespective of statements from Eastern Nigeria. It will be frustrating for staff to roam joblessly around Western Nigeria.
2. The Government of Western Nigeria should make £30,600 available to the Universities of Ife, Ibadan and Lagos, as stated earlier in this memo, for the purpose of employing the staff for whom supplementary budget is required for the 1966-67 session, in the first instance. It is likely that many of such staff will fill regular vacancies during the 1967-68 Session. It is necessary that the staff be attached to Universities so that their careers will not be unnecessarily disrupted. In some cases they could be required to perform some research and other duties for the Government of Western Nigeria, under arrangements with respective Universities. This was the arrangement which the Eastern Nigeria Government entered into with the University of Nigeria when many Easterners left the University of Lagos in 1964-65 Session and also now that many more are leaving the other Universities for Nsukka. It is urgent and necessary that this be done so that staff will not be unduly frustrated and so that their research and or teaching programmes be not disturbed. The Government need not be committed to this arrangement for longer than 1966-67 during which time the staff concerned should be able to get more permanent jobs.
3. Messrs Ogunbamowo and Arowolo should be appointed as Lecturer/or Senior Lecturers in the College of Technology, Ibadan as soon as possible. There are two vacancies in the Commerce Department there. I have discussed with the Principal of the College, the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Education and the Permanent Secretary, Establishment, to ensure that the civil service procedure does not keep them waiting for long. It has been suggested that temporary appointments should be given them immediately.
4. Mrs. Ogunbamowo should be absorbed into the Nursing staff of Adeoyo or U.C.H. Mrs. E.O. Ogunniyi's case is already being handled by Mr. Akinwale, Principal Community Development Officer and the Public Service Commission, but a temporary appointment should be considered while Mr. Ogunniyi's papers are being processed. Mrs. O.O. Arowolo should be absorbed by the Ministry of Education.
5. I was at Enugu early this week and saw both the East Military Governor and the Vice Chancellor of Nsukka University. My impression is that the Region and the University are not in a position to pay any non-Eastern Staff after October 1966, in

view of the gigantic problem which the Region and the University face with the refugee people, staff and students. It will be vain hope to expect that the staff named above can be left unabsorbed in the belief that East will continue to pay them. The refugee problem which Western Nigeria faces is chicken feed compared with the elephantine problems faced by Eastern Nigeria. It is therefore desirable that Government takes quick decision to resettle these staff immediately and honourably as suggested above.

Yours faithfully,



Sam Aluko

Member of Sub-Committee of Rehabilitation Committee.

cc: Secretary,
Military Government and Head of Civil Service
Registrar University of Ife
Registrar University of Ibadan
Registrar University of Lagos.

SA/EAF:

U.S.

May I respectfully invite yr attention to the SMG's minute addressed to you at top

pp. ~~24~~ 48

2. You may also wish to see pp. ⁴⁵⁻⁴⁷ ~~21-23~~ which seem to require urgent attention.

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TO SECRETARY TO THE MILITARY GOVERNMENT IBADAN =

PG/0836/1/ X GRATEFUL CONFIRM YOUR GOVERNMENTS ACCEPTANCE
OF DECISION REACHED AT PERSECS FINANCE MEETING HELD
LAGOS 28TH OCTOBER 1966 AND YOUR GOVERNMENTS WILLINGSNESS
TO PAY SALARIES TO OFFICERS WHO HAVE FLED YOUR
REGIONAS AS RESULT OF RECENT DISTURBANCES UNTIL 31ST
DECEMBER

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U.S.

Pl see p. 52 and also the above
telegram which relates to pp. 45-47.

11/11/66

CR. SAS III

Pl deal with pp. 45-47 and above
urgently. It will be necessary to liaise
with P.S. M.F.

see p. 107

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S. M. G.,

Via U.S.,

Please see pp.45-47 from the P.S., Federal Ministry of Finance which raises the following issues on compensation and re-settlement of Refugees in respect of recent disturbances in this country:

- (i) Cost of relief operations;
- (ii) General question of compensation for loss of life and property;
- (iii) Payment of Salaries by employer Governments to officers who had fled disturbed areas, and
- (iv) Internal loans for the purpose of assisting Governments in the light of falling revenues.

2. Following the recommendations of the Permanent Secretaries of Ministries of Finance, H.E. the Supreme Commander and Head of the Federal Military Government has accepted that a fund be set aside by the Federal Military Government to meet part of the expenses on relief operations. The qualifying items are listed in para. 2 of p.46-47. Regional Governments are invited to submit their estimates of expenditure. The W. N. Resettlement Committee is already preparing estimates for submission to the P.S.M.F. The decision that the general question of compensation as distinct from relief operations be handled separately and submitted to impartial Tribunal or Tribunals of Enquiry followed the recommendations of the meeting of Permanent Secretaries, Ministries of Finance at which this Region's P.S., Ministry of Finance was present.

3. It is also agreed that employer Governments should continue to pay the salaries of their officers who fled disturbed areas until alternative employment is found for them and in any case salaries are not to be paid beyond 31/12/66. The P. S. Federal Ministry of Finance now invites concrete proposals for an effective machinery for the procedure for payment of

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salaries and contacts between Military Governments. Proposals are to be discussed at another meeting of Permanent Secretaries of Finance to be held in Ibadan on Thursday, 10/11/66. The question of internal loans to assist Federal and Regional Military Governments to meet falling revenue will be discussed at this meeting.

4. Except for expressing agreement or otherwise in principle on the decision so far made on the question of relief operations and payment of salaries to fleeing officers in the public services, the issues raised in this letter are for the Ministry of Finance. The telegram on p.53 is already asking whether or not Regional Military Governments accept the decision on the payment of salaries of officers in the public services. As far as this Region is concerned the Military Government had consistently appealed to non-Westerners to remain at their jobs. There had been no cause for officers to flee the Region and the acceptance of this decision at this stage is likely to encourage officers to flee their posts on mere pretext. Although it would appear on the face of it that no officers had fled the Region, it might still be necessary to invite the Ministry of Establishments and Training to confirm or rebut this position.

5. I would suggest that:

- (i) pp.45-47 be endorsed to the P.S. Ministry of Finance for necessary action asking that you be informed of his estimates and other proposals for the meeting to be held on 10/11/66;
- (ii) the P.S., Min. of Est. & Training be asked to confirm whether or not any officers of the public service had fled their posts since the disturbances. Should the answer be positive, I consider that any decision to pay salaries as recommended is acceptable only on the ground of achieving uniformity throughout the Federation.

(E.O. Babatunde)
S.A.S. (III).
November, 1966.

S.M.G.,

Please see the minute of S.A.S.(III) at pp.54-55.

I agree with him that the issues raised in the correspondence at pp.45-47 are essentially for the M.F. and I support his recommendation that the papers be sent to the P.S.M.F. who is already liaising with the Resettlement Committee on this matter, so that the required information may be obtained and transmitted to Lagos as requested.

2. I also agree that the P.S.M.E. & T. should be asked to let us know how many officers of non-Western Nigeria origin, if any, have fled from the service of the govt. of this Region. This should, however, be for our information and possible use in the future and not with a view to confirming the terms of the telegram at p.53 from Enugu which does not seem to me to require any confirmation in view of para.4 of the statement at p.47. In any case, I think that the number that will be involved in this Region will be relatively small.

3. On the return of the file, I will deal with the papers at pp.48-52.

It is
P.S.C. &
not
P.S.M.E.T.
who
will
know.
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(J. O. Afolabi)
Ag. U.S.,
3rd November, 1966.

U.S.

I agree with yr. para. 1. There is no need for the action suggested in yr. para. 2. You shd. reply to p. 53 (after ascertaining verbally from S.P.S.C.) that no officers of this Govt. have fled from this Region as a result of recent disturbances.

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Pl see verleaf: The Secy P.S.C. is
unable to confirm para 2 of S.M.G. is
minute verleaf immediately.

Pl therefore take action as in para.
1 of my minute verleaf and return
the file to me early v-f-a.

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Ag. U.S.

SP/S.54/58.

8th November, 1966.

Permanent Secretary,
Ministry of Finance,
Ibadan.

Compensation and Resettlement of Refugees

I am directed to refer to our discussion (Coker/
Babatunde) of this morning and to forward the attached copy
of letter No. F.12280/16 of 25th October, 1966 from
Permanent Secretary, Federal Ministry of Finance and its
attachment for the favour of your action. It is understood
that liaison has been established between your Ministry and
the Resettlement Committee and that the latter is submitting
estimates to you.

(E. O. Babatunde)
for Secretary to the
Military Government

Despatched
H/O
8/11

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U.S.,

Re your minute on p. 57. Action has been taken as at p. 58 after discussing the matter with Mr. N. F. Coker of the Ministry of Finance. The meeting of 10th of November, is now scheduled to be held in Benin and not in Ibadan and P.S., Ministry of Finance is arranging to attend accordingly.

2. File is re-submitted for further action please.

S.A.S. III,
8 /11/66.

Note

Mr. Adisa of the P.S.C. who is standing in for the Secy, Mr. Degun, who is on leave, has confirmed to me verbally that no officers have fled from this Region as a result of recent disturbances in the country.

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By. U.S.

Office of the Military Governor
Ibadan.

8/11/66

J. O. Afolabi for Secmilgov

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SP/S. 54/60

YOUR TEL PG/0836/1/ OF 29/10/66 X NO OFFICERS OF THIS

GOVT HAVE FLED FROM THIS REGION AS A RESULT OF RECENT DISTURBANCES

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IFL 135/20 X REFERENCE YOUR TELEGRAM OF 17TH OCTOBER X THIRTY
REFUGEES ALREADY REGISTERED X QUESTIONNAIRES BEING SENT TODAY
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SOLE ADMINISTRATOR ILESHA +

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Above is sub'd li. fl.

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Western Nigeria Resettlement Committee,
c/o Mrs. Fola Ighodalo,
Ministry of Works and Transport,
Secretariat,
Ibadan.

18 October, 1966.

Our Ref. No. RE.1/61

The Permanent Secretary,
Ministry of Finance,
Secretariat,
Ibadan.

(For the attention of Chief I.O.Dina.)

Rehabilitation of Displaced Persons
of Western Nigeria origin.

With reference to the telephone conversation
(Chief Dina/Mrs. Ighodalo) of 16th October, 1966 I forward
herewith a short brief on the possible financial requirements
for the resettlement of displaced persons of Western Nigeria
origin. As pointed out in our discussion, it has not, for
the reasons stated in the brief, been possible at this stage
to put forward clear-cut estimates of these requirements.

(Mrs. Fola. Ighodalo),
Chairman
Western Nigeria Resettlement Committee.

SP/S-54
Ref. No. RE.1/61A
Western Nigeria Resettlement
Committee,
c/o Mrs. Fola Ighodalo,
Ministry of Works and Transport,
Secretariat,
Ibadan.

Copy to:-

The Secretary to the Military Government
and Head of Service,
Military Governor's Office,
Ibadan.

Above for information, please. A copy of the
brief is attached.



Fola Ighodalo
(Mrs. Fola. Ighodalo),
Chairman.
Western Nigeria Resettlement Committee.

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Rehabilitation of Displaced Persons of
Western Nigeria Origin.

Fields in which financial help is needed.

It is at the moment very difficult to state categorically the fields in which financial help will be needed for the refugees coming to the Region. The chief reason for this is that many repatriates have adopted the habit of going straight to their home towns and villages and not registering in the centres provided for them. Only those who are in paid employment or needing any special help have come forward to register.

2. The number of this as at the week-end was about 300 excluding students. The number of University Undergraduates who have registered is also about 300. From the facts available to the Resettlement Committee at the moment it is thought that financial help will be required in the following fields.

- (1) First term School Fees for the Students
repatriated from the University of Nigeria
Nsukka.

Since these students have already paid their first term's School fees it will be necessary for funds to be made available for them to meet their financial commitment in the new institutions into which they are resettled. Estimated cost for about 300 Students at £60 per head will be £18000.

- (11) Secondary Schools:- The number of this is not known but it is estimated that they will be about 200. Many of them would also have paid the first term's fees in their previous region of abode. Estimated cost will, therefore, be for 200 students at £40 per head = £8000.

- (iii) Primary School Students:- Again the number of this is not known and since primary school education is free in this region the parents would not have to pay fees but they would need money to buy books etc. which from stores reaching the Resettlement Committee have been looted.
- (iv) Different categories of workers may need some allowances to start them off in the region. Although every effort is being made to see that these workers are helped to secure gainful employment there is no guarantee that all will be settled early enough for them not to require financial help initially.
- (v) Reports of looting of property have also reached the Committee. Since it is at the moment very difficult to ascertain the facts of these reports it is not yet possible to make any estimates at all.
- (vi) Self-employed people have reported losing their capital through their inability to collect money owed them from their debtors. It may be necessary to make some money available to these people to re-start their trade.
- (vii) Petty traders: These too have complained of losing their tools of trade and the money they have. It is not possible to establish the facts of these cases. When investigation has been completed it will be necessary to make some money available to some of them to re-start their petty trading.

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(viii) Destitute refugees:- Cases of people who have in the affray, either in the East or in the Northern Region, lost both or either parents, or husband or wife have been coming in and some of them are really destitute. Their case is most urgent and the arrangement at the moment is that the Red Cross should look after as many as possible until Government policy on this is established. These will need to be housed, clothed, fed and be provided with means of earning income in the future. Work is in progress to ascertain the number of such destitute people and the extent of their needs.

(ix) Financial help will be needed for some of the people in the different categories listed above to obtain accommodation at least for the first few months of their arrival in the region until they themselves start gainful employment.

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From p 61 sub'ted fi. pl.

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Western Nigeria Resettlement Committee,
c/o Mrs. Fola Ighodalo,
Ministry of Works and Transport,
Secretariat,
Ibadan.

Our ref. No. RE1/72

SP/S JK

19th October, 1966.

The Secretary to the Military Government
and Head of the Service,
Military Governor's Office,
Ibadan.



Resettlement of repatriated Western Nigeria
Undergraduates of the University of Nigeria, Nsukka.

Since the commencement of the repatriation of non-Eastern Nigeria undergraduates from the University of Nigeria, Nsukka, 254 undergraduates of Western Nigeria origin have registered with the resettlement Committee. This number is confirmed by Western Nigeria lecturers repatriated from the University as representing the approximate population of Western Nigeria undergraduates in the University. However, the possibility of a few more undergraduates turning up to register cannot be ruled out.

2. Most of the registered undergraduates have been allocated to the Universities of Ife, Ibadan and Lagos mainly on the principle of availability of courses in the respective institutions. The three Universities have been very cooperative in this respect by making available their representatives on the sub-committee which undertook the allocation. The allocated students are now in the process of absorption. The major problem which is likely to arise is that of payment of fees. Some students had paid the whole or part of their fees for the Session to the University of Nigeria, and when the necessary data have been assembled, I propose to take this matter up with you separately. Meanwhile I have asked the Universities to concentrate on admitting the students into suitable faculties in their institutions and leave the issue of finance until later.

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3. One problem has however, made it imperative for me to address you on this subject right now. This concerns those students whose courses are not available in any of the three Universities and who are either in their final year or mid-way in their course that the students' allocation sub-committee have thought it inadvisable to ask them to make any drastic adjustments. Students whose courses are not available locally and who are in their first or second year have been persuaded to change to suitable ones. The case of the sixteen students listed in the attached schedule, however, requires special treatment. The students' allocation sub-committee have strongly advised that they be given facilities to complete their courses in suitable institutions overseas preferably in the United Kingdom. It is likely that these students will have to spend two academic sessions as the Overseas Universities may not waive the compulsory two-year residential condition. The allocation sub-committee has agreed to assist in their placing which should be completed as soon as possible and in any case not later than December, 1966. I support this recommendation and commend it for Government consideration.

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4. After due consultation with the staff of the Ministry of Education, I have prepared an estimate of cost of the recommendations in paragraph 3 above as shown on the schedule. The total estimated cost is £18,195 from which if cost of the two Federal Scholars is subtracted, the balance will be £15,833. Estimate of cost is based on placing 15 students in Britain and one in Ghana as follows:-

	<u>Britain</u>	<u>Ghana</u>
Subsistence Allowance for 2 years	£860	All Inclusive
Tuition - 2 years ..	£100	£180 for first year
Return Fare	£144	£150 for possible 2nd year.
Warm Clothing. ..	£47	
Exam fees, local transport and baggage allowances ..	£40	
T o t a l:	£1,191 =====	£330 =====

5. It is important that a decision should be taken immediately on the future of these students as any delay will result in the loss of precious time. Moreover, if the students are left hanging around when their colleagues have settled down to their studies this may have some serious psychological effect on them and on the community in which they live. This is the reason why I have considered it necessary to submit their case separately and before investigations are completed on other problems connected with the resettlement exercise.

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Fola Ighodalo
(Mrs. Fola Ighodalo)
Chairman,

Western Nigeria Resettlement Committee.

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NAMES	COURSES OF STUDY	TOTAL COST	REMARKS
1. M. A. Omibiyi (Miss)	Music	£1,191	Final Year Student (Western Nigeria Scholar)
2. J. B. Doreges	Music	£1,191	Final Year Student (Federal Government Scholar)
3. A. O. Vidal (Mrs.)	Music	£1,191	Final Year Student (Federal Government Scholar)
4. B. A. Adeoye	Physical Education	£1,191	Final Year Student
5. A. O. Fabunmi	Physical Education	£1,191	Final Year Student
6. E. O. Oladapo	Physical Education	£1,191	Final Year Student
7. M. A. Oseni	Journalism	£1,191	Final Year Student
8. F. Olomolaiye	Psychology	£1,191	Final Year Student
9. T. A. A. Odubiyi	Psychology	£1,191	Final Year Student
10. Olu Agboola	Surveying	£1,191	Final Year Student
11. A. A. Balogun	Surveying	£1,191	Final Year Student
12. E. O. Onakanmi	Estate Management	£1,191	Final Year Student
13. F. A. Aminu	Architecture	£1,191	Midstream Student (2 years more)
14. B. A. Oloyede	Estate Management	£1,191	Midstream Student (2 years more)
15. A. Ogunbi	Fine Arts	£1,191	Midstream Student (2 years more)
16. M. A. Hassan	Fine Arts	£330	Diploma Course in Ghana (1 year in Ghana)
TOTAL:		£18,195	

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Western Nigeria Resettlement Committee,
c/o Mrs. Fola Ighodalo,
Ministry of Works and Transport,
Ibadan.

19 October, 1966.

Our Ref. No. RE1/77

The Permanent Secretary,
Ministry of Finance,
Ibadan.



For the attention of Mr. T. A. Akinyele

Destitute Refugees

With reference to the discussion (Chief Dina/ Mrs. Ighodalo) of even date, I should be grateful if an allocation of £200 (two hundred pounds) could immediately be made available for the use of the Resettlement Committee. This amount is needed to meet the expenses in connection with destitute refugees.

2. Among people of Western Nigeria origin arriving mainly from the Eastern and the Northern Regions are those who have had their property looted and as a result have not been able to pay their fare back to this Region. Some of them had depended on free lift or on the promise that they would pay their fare when they arrived in this Region. They also need among other things, money for food immediately on arrival. Among these are children of Yoruba parents who themselves were born in their previous Region of abode and as a consequence have lost touch with their Western Nigeria next-of-kin. This category of refugees are now coming into the Region in increasing number and up till now I have succeeded in asking the Red Cross Society to look after them from its meagre relief fund. This has now been seriously depleted and the work of giving immediate relief to destitute refugees will be greatly hampered unless the required financial provision is immediately made available.

3. I suggest that this allocation should be made to the Red Cross Society, Ibadan branch who will later submit a full statement of expenditure to Government. I guarantee that all expenses will be subject to my personal approval.

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(Mrs. Fola Ighodalo),
Chairman,
Western Nigeria Resettlement Committee.

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Ref. No. RE1/78
Ibadan 19th October, 1966.

Copy to:-

The Secretary to the Military Government
and Head of Service,
Military Governor's Office,
Ibadan.

Above for information, please.

Fola Ighodalo
(Mrs. Fola Ighodalo),
Chairman,
Western Nigeria Resettlement Committee.

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SAS (III)

Pl see from p61 of this file
and most especially pp67-69 which
appear to be urgent.

CR.

VS.

I would like to submit papers from p.62
onwards, most of which are for information except
pp66-68 which require urgent attention. Actually, I am
one of the authors of these papers and I do not
consider that my comments are necessary.
The file was discovered on my desk last night.
Having been preoccupied with the conference matters

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2. I would suggest that to allow
for dispatch papers on the Resettlement
Committee should be submitted - and to
you.

2/10/66

Western Nigeria Resettlement Committee.
Chairman.
(Mrs. Bola Ige)

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and must be especially
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I would like to submit papers from 10-2
concerning the file for information
PP-2-3 which require urgent attention. I am
one of the authors of these papers and I am
convinced that my comments are necessary
the file was checked on my desk and
I am sure for everyone will be happy to

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S.M.G.,

Please see at p.66 the correspondence from the Chairman of the Resettlement Committee in which she forwards a recommendation that government should consider assisting in placing 16 repatriated students, whose courses of study are not available locally and who are either in their final year or midway in their courses of study, as soon as possible and in any case not later than December, 1966. The total estimated cost is given as £18,195 as spelt out at p.8.68

2. One aspect of this problem which has apparently not been considered and which seems to me to be pertinent is the fact that the majority of these students are not government scholars. The present proposals seem to have given them automatic scholarships so that they are at a much greater advantage than the others in the same category who are in their first or second year and who have been persuaded to change their courses into suitable ones. They would even have an edge over other private students who are not affected by this present situation.

3. I do not know whether it is the intention of the govt. to give all repatriated students automatic scholarships - which is what the present proposal is tantamount to - but I think that the intention of the govt. is to create a position for the students which will be no less favourable than the one they were in before they were repatriated. If these students had continued their courses undisturbed they would have made all necessary financial provisions for themselves whilst they compete with other students to gain scholarships purely on the basis of merit. Unless students obtain scholarships on merit they are likely to be a perennial source of trouble to the government.

4. Any rehabilitation which seeks to finance the students in entirety does not appear to me fully justified. It seems to me a better policy to give the students limited assistance in the light of the points raised above and that govt. should, in the present instance, arrange to place the students in the U.K. and make provision for their return fare and their tuition and subsistence allowance for not more than one year. It should be possible within this one year

of government assistance for the students to recover from the shock of their ejection from Nsukka and then continue to provide for themselves as before or, alternatively, apply for and obtain government scholarships along with other eligible students. I believe that this course of action will provoke less agitation from other students and would not only make government assistance realistic in the circumstances but will also cut down govt. expenses to the barest minimum.

5. I consider also that in reaching a fair and equitable decision it will be necessary to know the number of the other students who have been persuaded to change their courses as indicated in the letter. An idea should also be given of how many of them have agreed to the change and how many still wish to pursue their courses abroad so that consideration could be given to whether or not the offer of a limited assistance as I have suggested above can be made applicable to them. This will in part depend on the number involved.

6. The case of the 3 students who are government scholars is, however, quite different and government, the Federal govt. in the case of 2 of them, should bear all the expenses connected with finding them suitable institutions abroad.

7. In conclusion, I recommend :

(a) that, in the present instance, except for govt. scholars on whom govt. should bear all expenses in placing them in suitable institutions abroad, the other students should be given only limited assistance as follows:-

- (i) government sponsorship with a view to their being placed in suitable institutions abroad;
- (ii) provision of return fare;
- and (iii) tuition and subsistence allowance for not more than a year.

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- (b) that this policy be made applicable to all the other students;
- and (c) that Govt. should make known to the students in no uncertain terms the limit of Govt's liability in this regard.

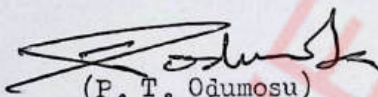
8. You may now wish to consider my suggestions with a view to a decision being taken as early as possible so that the students could be placed before the end of the year.


(J. O. Afolabi),
Ag. U.S.
October, 1966
25th.

P.S.M.E.,

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Please see pp. 6-8 and preceding minute. I shall be glad if you will let me have your comments on this ~~matter~~ as a matter of utmost urgency.


(P. T. Odumosu)
S.M.G.
27 October, 1966

S.M.G.

While I agree that in the present prevailing circumstances Government should give some measure of assistance to the students under consideration, I think it would be fundamentally objectionable for Government to accept full financial responsibility for the remaining period of the students training. It would amount to awarding them scholarships on grounds which are totally alien to the principles and criteria laid down for award of scholarships. This

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observation applies to private students among the lot. As for Government scholars Government can continue to sponsor them in overseas institutions.

2. In respect of the private students I recommend that Government should give the following assistance:-

- (a) pay return fare;
- (b) For this year only, pay the difference between the fees chargeable in Nigerian Universities and overseas institutions. In other words the students will be expected to find an amount equivalent to what they should normally have paid were ^{they} ~~be~~ still in ~~the~~ Universities in Nigeria.

3. It should be made clear to the private students that the recommended measure of financial assistance is for only this academic session to enable them to find their feet and settle down. They should be prepared to maintain themselves for whatever period of their training may still be outstanding at the end of this academic year. Fortunately, all of them except three are entering into their final year and it may therefore not be necessary for them to cast about for financial resources at the end of this session. For those of them who may have to continue after this session it should of course be explained to them that they are at liberty to apply for Government scholarship at any stage and their papers will be duly considered ^{like} ~~as~~ those of other candidates.

4. If the recommendation in paragraph 2 above is accepted the cost to Government for assisting a student in the manner proposed will only be about £590 instead of the estimated £1,191 shown at pp. ⁶⁷ 7 and ⁶⁸ 8 of this file. In all, therefore, Government may not require to find more than £10,000 to settle both the private students as well as the Government scholars. In view of the fact that Government has this year

awarded far more scholarships than anticipated when the scholarship estimates were prepared, it is not possible to find this additional sum within the existing scholarship funds. It will therefore be necessary for an approach to be made to the Ministry of Finance for a release of an additional sum of £10,000 to accommodate expenditure in respect of the cases discussed in this file.

A. O. Adebayo

A. O. Adebayo,
Permanent Secretary,
Ministry of Education.

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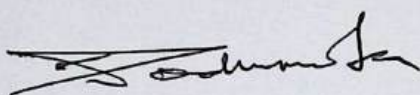
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Y.E.,

I shall be grateful if Y.E. will see the letter from the Chairman of our Resettlement Committee at pp.⁶⁶⁻⁶⁸~~6-8~~. The letter deals specifically with Western Nigeria repatriated undergraduates from the University of Nigeria, Nsukka. The recommendation of the Committee is that these students whose courses are not available in any of the other Universities in Nigeria, be sponsored by Govt. to complete their courses oversea. The cost of doing this has been worked out at about £15,833 (since two of the scholars concerned are Federal Government scholars) as shown in para.4 of p.7.

2. I have asked P.S.M.E. to comment on the recommendation, and he has done so in his minute addressed to me at pp.⁷⁴⁻⁷⁶~~14-16~~ of this file. I fully endorse P.S.M.E.'s recommendation in para.2 of his minute and commend it for Y.E.'s approval. The Fed. Govt. will be asked to bear the cost of oversea training of two of the undergraduates who are Fed. Govt. scholars.

3. As regards the financial arrangement raised in para.4 of P.S.M.E.'s minute, I have already reached an agreement with P.S.M.F. that the cost of implementing the recommendations of our Resettlement Committee should be charged against the contingency vote controlled by the Ministry of Finance. There is also the prospect that it might

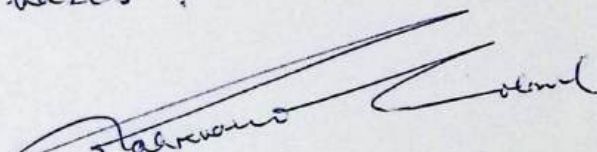
be possible for us to receive some reimbursement from the Fed. Govt. for this and other expenditure incurred in connection with the resettlement of Western Nigerians returning to the Region as a result of recent disturbances.



(P. T. Odumosu),
S.M.G.,

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~~The Govt~~ ^{was} The Govt. should pay the whole lot but half of it should be on loan basis.


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Pls. proceed to implement as decided by H.E.

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Mrs. Fola Ighodale,
Chairman,
Resettlement Committee,
Western Nigeria,
c/o Ministry of Agric. & Nat. Res.,
Ibadan.

Resettlement of Repatriated
Western Nigeria Undergraduates
of the University of Nigeria, Nsukka.

With reference to your letter No. RE1/72 of 19th October, 1966, His Excellency the Military Governor has decided that Government should bear the cost of training overseas those of the displaced undergraduates who cannot be placed in any of the Nigerian Universities, and that the payment should cover the whole of the period of their training overseas; half of the total cost will, however, be treated as loan to the students concerned. The two undergraduates who are Federal Government scholars should continue to be treated as scholars and the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Education should make an approach to the Federal Government to continue to accept responsibility for the cost of their overseas training.

2. I shall be grateful if you will submit particulars of the students concerned to the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Education who will give effect to the above direction. The Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Finance is being requested to make available to the Ministry of Education the additional funds required to make possible the implementation of the above decision.

3. Copies of this letter are being forwarded to the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Education and Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Finance for necessary action.

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

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Copy to:

Ref. No. SP/S.54/T/20
Ibadan, 3rd November, 1966.

The Permanent Secretary,
Ministry of Education,
Ibadan.

The Permanent Secretary,
Ministry of Finance,
Ibadan.

For information and necessary action.

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Secretary to the Military
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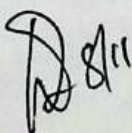
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T2 ^{with mff} idc and resubmit. A meeting
is holding on Thursday in the Ministry
of finance to consider the financial
implications of this matter.



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See p. 26.



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Western Nigeria Resettlement Committee,
c/o Mrs. Fola Ighodalo,
Ministry of Agriculture & Nat. Resources,
Ibadan.

Our Ref: RE.1/69

3rd November, 1966.

The Permanent Secretary,
Ministry of Finance,
Ibadan.

(For the attention of Mr. N. F. Colker)

Resettlement of Displaced Persons: Financial Requirement

With reference to your endorsement Ref. No. F.255/S.2/53 of 1st November, 1966, I forward, herewith, in duplicate, Estimates of financial requirement for the work of refugees being carried out in this Region. As stated in paragraph 2 of the memorandum, the estimates are based on the conclusion reached at the meeting of Permanent Secretaries of Finance held on 20th October, 1966. They, therefore, do not include cost of compensation and rehabilitation of a long term nature.

2. In view of Government policy which has encouraged people from different parts of the country to stay on in their jobs, etc. in this Region, there are generally no openings into which workers of Western Nigeria origin who have had to flee their previous places of work could be put. Also most repatriates have strongly expressed the wish to resettle in Western Nigeria as opposed to returning to their previous Regions of abode when normalcy returns. My Committee is, therefore, seriously considering putting up proposals for the establishment of economic projects in which the displaced persons could be gainfully employed. Estimates about this will be prepared separately when the details are worked out.

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(Mrs. Fola Ighodalo)
Chairman

Western Nigeria Resettlement Committee.

Ref No. RE.1/70

Ibadan. 3rd November, 1966.

Copy to:-

The Secretary to the Military Government
and Head of Service,
Office of the Military Governor,
Ibadan.

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

Above for information, please. Copy of the Estimates
is attached.

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(Mrs Fola Ighodalo)
Chairman

Western Nigeria Resettlement Committee

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ESTIMATES OF FINANCIAL REQUIREMENT FOR THE RESETTLEMENT
OF REPATRIATED WESTERN NIGERIANS

These estimates are based on the conclusions reached at the meeting of Permanent Secretaries of Ministries of Finance of the Federation at which relief measures to the victims of recent disturbances were discussed.

2. At the meeting, it was agreed that relief should cover the following items:

(i) Education:

- (a) Fees paid by students which cannot be utilised owing to the present situation;
- (b) Cost of text books lost by Secondary and Primary School Children.

(ii) General:

- (a) Red Cross expenses, directly concerned with the operations;
- (b) Cost of services provided by Ministries and General Administration indirectly assisting the refugees;
- (c) Direct evacuation expenses by air, rail, road and sea;
- (d) Emergency relief operations, feeding, accommodation, subsistence (based on wage rate of the area in which the refugee is residing);
- (e) Emergency relief, expenses in respect of May disturbances;
- (f) Loan revolving fund for Traders and Business-men.

3. It should be pointed out that there exist at this stage a number of difficulties. Registration of repatriates are taking place in various centres all over the Region. Although returns are expected to be rendered to the Secretariat of the Resettlement Committee daily, returns from the field are still outstanding. With the sudden influx of repatriates and the consequent heavy registration, it has not been possible to process data to a stage that essential analytical facts can be available. For example, it will be necessary to know the number of single repatriates, married ones, and number of children, whether of school age or not. In the circumstances, any estimates at this stage is bound to be subject to possible alterations whenever precise data are finally ready.

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telephone and clerical services. But a good deal of stationery is used and the cost cannot be met from the meagre provisions of Ministries. Medical services are provided by the Ministry of Health. The Ministry of Economic Planning and Social Development has made available the services of its staff for the analysis of register of refugees and for social welfare and development work among them. The Ministry of Finance (Accounts Division) has attached one of its officers to undertake the accounting work of the Committee. Publicity services and advertisements are covered by the Ministry of Home Affairs and Information. The staff of the Federal Ministry of Labour are handling the labour problems of the repatriates. The use of a car is regularly made available to the Committee. From experience, the cost of fuel per month is about £25. Allowing for its use for about six months will bring estimated cost to £150, and regular wage and overtime pay for driver to £200. Estimated total cost of services provided by Ministries, etc. will, therefore, be:-

Stationery	£
Secretarial and clerical services	200
Statistical	500
Social Welfare	400
Accounting	1,000
Medical	100
Labour (Federal)	400
Publicity and advertisement	1,000
Transport & travelling	400
	350
Total	£4,350

10. Subsistence Allowance: The total number of non-student repatriates at present is 2,000 of whom about 700 are male adults, 420 female adults and the rest children. Based upon the present rate of registration, it is expected that a total of 4,000 repatriates will register. At the ratio of 11 adults to 9 children, the total anticipated number of adults is 2,200. Subsistence allowance based on minimum wage rate of 6s. 3d. per day for this Region for 2,200 adults

i.e. approximately £10 per month = £22,000 per month

For 6 months = £132,000

11. Loan revolving fund for traders, etc.: Estimated number of traders and businessmen is 500. Suggested loan per head is £100. Amount required is £50,000.

SUMMARY OF ESTIMATES

12. The estimates of cost of relief is summarised as follows:

	£
Fees for Undergraduates placed in Nigerian Universities	42,500
Books for Undergraduates	17,500
Students to be placed overseas	18,200
Fees for Grammar School Students	12,600
Books " " " " " "	5,600
Books for Primary School Students	500
Red Cross & Emergency Operations	1,000
Costs of Services provided by Ministries	4,350
Subsistence	132,000
Loan for traders, etc.	50,000
Total	284,250

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EDUCATION

4. University Undergraduates: So far a total number of 266 undergraduates have registered out of which it is expected that 250 will be placed in Universities in Nigeria. The total amount of fees already paid and lost to their former Universities is not yet available and relief cannot yet be directly related to fees actually paid. The Committee is advised that most students must have paid substantial, if not, the whole of their fees for the first term before they were registered and allowed to stay in campus. There is also the possibility of some students having paid fees for the whole session. In arriving at the maximum amount of £42,500 compensation for fees, it is safe to base estimates on the fees expected from students for the whole of the session. The University of Ife which charges the following average fees is chosen as a working basis:

Fees other than Books	..	..	£166 - £186
Books	..	..	£70

For 250 students, estimates of total fees per session are:

Tuition and Boarding Fees	..	£42,500
Books	..	£17,500
Total		£60,000

5. As regards the remaining 16 students whose courses are not available in or cannot be adjusted to fit into the curricula of Universities in Nigeria, the Committee has recommended for the consideration of the Military Government that they be found admission in Universities in U.K. and Ghana. Based upon scholarship rates the cost of placement to complete their courses is as follows per student:

	<u>Britain</u>	<u>Ghana</u>
	£	
Subsistence Allowance		
for 2 years	860	All inclusive
Tuition - 2 years	100	£180 for first year
Return Fare	144	£150 for possible second year
Warm Clothing	47	
Exam. fees, local transport and baggage allowances ..	40	
	£1,191	£330

The total estimated cost for the 16 students is £18,200.

6. The summary of relief to the undergraduates is:

	<u>Fees</u> £	<u>Books</u> £	<u>Total</u> £
Students placed in Nigeria	42,500	17,500	60,000
Students placed overseas	-	-	18,200
	<u>42,500</u>	<u>17,500</u>	<u>78,200</u>

7. Grammar School Students: The number of children registered so far is about 1,000; and it should be expected that registration will reach at least 2,000. It is estimated that one-third of these will be Secondary Grammar School students. The maximum tuition and boarding fees approved by the Ministry of Education stand at £52 per annum and about £8 for books. The estimated maximum possible relief for the one term, i.e. the third term of the calendar year 1966 is therefore:

Fees: £18 x 700	12,600
Books: £8 x 700	5,600
Books for Primary School students (estimated) ..	500
Total	<u>18,700</u>

GENERAL

8. Red Cross Expenses and Emergency Operations: The Red Cross Society is charged with the reception and registration of repatriates. The Society also provides accommodation, subsistence, etc. for deserving and proved cases. Heavy commitment has been avoided in respect of accommodation and subsistence and cases in which relief has been provided have been reduced to the minimum. As should be expected, the greater part of the expenses is on transportation, both for their staff and destitute repatriates of this and other Regions passing through Western Nigeria. About £500 has up till the present been spent on this. It is, therefore, estimated that a total of £1,000 will be needed by the Society for its operations.

9. Cost of Services provided by Ministries: A reasonable portion of expenses in this category is not estimatable and in any case are met in the same way as other Government services are met. Examples are postal,

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All communications on this matter
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Our Ref. No...F.255/S.2/70....

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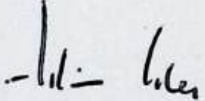
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Military Governor,
Military Governor's Office,
Ibadan.

For the attention of Mr. E. O. Babatunde

Compensation and Resettlement of Refugees

P. 58
With reference to your letter No. SP/S.54/58 of 8th November, and subsequent discussion (Babatunde/Coker) of today, I should be glad of confirmation that no officer of this Public Service has been reported as having left his post to seek alternative employment in other parts of the Federation as a result of recent disturbances.

2. This means that the exercise for payment of salaries of fugitive officers contemplated in paragraph 2 of the Circular Letter of the Federal Ministry of Finance No. F. 12280/16 of the 25th October, 1966 does not affect this Region.


(Folarin Coker)

for Permanent Secretary,
Ministry of Finance.

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SP/S.54/88.

9th November, 1966.

The Permanent Secretary,
Ministry of Finance,
Ibadan.

Compensation and Resettlement of Refugees

I am directed to refer to your letter No. F.255/S.2/70 of 8th November, 1966 and to confirm that no officer of the Western Nigeria Public Service has been reported as having left his post to seek employment in other parts of the Federation as a result of recent disturbances

(E. O. Babatunde)
for Secretary to the Military
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Western Nigeria Resettlement Committee,
c/o Mrs Fola Ighodalo,
Ministry of Agriculture & Natural Resources,
Ibadan.

Ref No. RE.1/88

7th November, 1966.

The Permanent Secretary,
Ministry of Finance,
Ibadan.

For the attention of Mr. N. F. Coker

Resettlement of Repatriates: Estimated Cost
of Relief Operations

With reference to my letter No. RE.1/69 of 3rd November, 1966,
it has become necessary to amend the estimates of costs of relief operations
in view of the latest registration figure. By last Saturday registration
had risen to 5,000 necessitating the revision of figures in paragraphs
7, 10, 11 and 12 of the Estimates forwarded with my above-quoted letter.

2. Copies of pages 3, 4, and 5 which are affected by this revision
are forwarded herewith.

(Mrs Fola Ighodalo)
Chairman

Western Nigeria Resettlement Committee



Ref No. RE.1/88A
Ibadan. 7th November, 1966.

Copy to:-

The Secretary to the Military Government
and Head of Service,
Office of the Military Governor,
Ibadan.

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

Above for information, please. Copy of the revised Estimates is
attached.

(Mrs Fola Ighodalo)
Chairman

Western Nigeria Resettlement Committee

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The total estimated cost for the 16 students is \$18,200.

6. The summary of relief to the undergraduates is:

	<u>Fees</u>	<u>Books</u>	<u>Total</u>
	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>
Students placed in Nigeria ...	42,500	17,500	60,000
Students placed overseas ...	--	--	18,200
	42,500	17,500	78,200

7. Grammar School Students: The number of children registered so far is about 3,000; and it should be expected that registration will reach 4,500. It is estimated that one-third of these will be Secondary Grammar School students. The maximum tuition and boarding fees approved by the Ministry of Education stand at \$52 per annum and about \$8 for books. The estimated maximum possible relief for the one term, i.e. the third term of the calendar year 1966 is therefore:

	1,500				
Fees: \$48 x 750 ...	...	...	...	\$27,000	
Books: \$8 x 750 ...	...	...	...	12,000	
Books for Primary School students (estimated) ...	...	...	...	1,000	
			Total	\$40,000	

GENERAL

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Stationery	...	...	...	...	£ 200
Secretarial and clerical					
services	...	...	...	...	500
Statistical		...	...	...	400
Social Welfare	...	...	...	...	1,000
Accounting	...	...	...	...	100
Medical	...	...	...	...	400
Labour (Federal)		...	...		1,000
Publicity and advertisement					400
Transport & travelling			...		350
Total					£4,350

10. Subsistence Allowance: The total number of non-student repatriates at present is 5,000 of whom about 1,750 are male adults, 1,050 female adults and the rest children. Based upon the present rate of registration, it is expected that a total

of 10,000 repatriates will register. At the ratio of 11 adults to 9 children, the total anticipated number of adults is 5,500. Subsistence allowance based on minimum wage rate of 6s. 3d. per day for this Region for 2,200 adults

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SUMMARY OF ESTIMATES

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Books for Undergraduates	...	...	...	...	...	17,500
Students to be placed overseas	...	...	...	...	...	18,200
Fees for Grammar School Students	...	...	...	...	...	27,000
Books " " " "	...	...	...	...	...	12,000
Books for Primary School Students	...	...	...	...	...	1,000
Red Cross & Emergency Operations	...	...	...	...	...	1,000
Costs of Services provided by						
Ministries	...	...	...	...	...	4,350
Subsistence	...	...	...	...	...	330,000
Loan for traders, etc.	...	...	...	...	...	300,000
Total						£753,000

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Pl see pp. 89-92 which we have just received on the question raised at pp. 81-88.

2. You require this file for the meeting tomorrow - p. 80 refers pl.

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Western Nigeria Resettlement Committee,
c/o Mrs. Fola Ighodalo,
Ministry of Agriculture & Nat. Resources,
Ibadan.

Our Ref: RE.1/64

31st October, 1966.

The Secretary to the Military Government
and Head of Service,
Office of the Military Governor,
Ibadan.



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

Resettlement of Displaced Persons

I wish to bring to your immediate notice for the attention of His Excellency, the Military Governor the following areas of difficulties in the work of the Resettlement Committee:

- (i) the fate of a few of the undergraduates displaced from the University of Nigeria, Nsukka whose courses are not available in any of the three Universities of Lagos, Ibadan or Ife and who, because they are in their final year or midstream their courses, cannot now change and have been recommended to go to institutions overseas to finish. This case was submitted to you in my letter Ref. No. RE.1/72 of 19th October, 1966 and I should be grateful if Government's decision on the matter could now be made available. The students concerned are becoming really restless and constitute a potential source of danger;
- (ii) more serious is the difficulty of placing displaced workers. In view of Government policy which has encouraged people from the different parts of the country to stay on in their jobs, etc. in this Region, there are generally no openings into which workers of Western Nigeria origin who have had to flee their previous places of work could be put. Although the Ibadan Chamber of Commerce have set up an Advisory Committee to see what they can do to help, the lack of such vacancies as have been created by fleeing workers in the Northern and Eastern Regions coupled with the already existing high level of unemployment in this Region is a great handicap to achieving any measure of success. I have, of course, pleaded with the members of the Chamber to employ administrative machinery to carry out the changes necessary; and their Chairman, Mr. Akinkugbe, is doing all he can to see that the organisations represented give the maximum co-operation. This problem was discussed exhaustively at the meeting of the Resettlement Committee on 27th October, 1966 and members were of the unanimous view that if the representatives of the Chamber could meet His Excellency, the Military Governor for an exchange of ideas confidentially on this subject, it will be a great help. There are certain things which business-men will not like to put into writing. Could you, therefore, please make arrangement for

the representatives of the Chamber to meet His Excellency, the Military Governor before he proceeds on his overseas tour in a few days.

The displaced workers are becoming most impatient and unless they see something concrete being done to secure them jobs they may become really troublesome. They have in fact started comparing the rate at which refugees in the Eastern Region are being found gainful employment with what they call their own frustration here.

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Fola Ighodalo
(Mrs. Fola Ighodalo)
Chairman

Western Nigeria Resettlement Committee

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3 November, 1966.

His Excellency
Lieutenant-Colonel Yakubu Gowon,
Head of the Federal Military Government
and Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces,
Supreme Headquarters,
Lagos.

Your Excellency

Resettlement of Displaced
Western Nigerians

I have to bring to the notice of Your Excellency a situation which has arisen over the placing of indigenes of Western Nigeria who have had to return to the Region because of disturbances in Eastern and Northern Nigeria. Your Excellency will recall that when recently the Military Governor of the East decided that non-Easterners should leave the Region, I took the view that it would not be helping the situation in the country generally if I were to decide that Easterners living in Western Nigeria should similarly be returned to the East. I therefore adopted an arrangement - which I must say was most reluctantly accepted by quite a number of people in Western Nigeria - whereby Easterners living and working in the West were allowed to continue to do so even though Westerners living in the Eastern Region have had to return to Western Nigeria.

2. The situation that has developed is that there are now in Western Nigeria a large number of Western Nigerian staff and employees of Federal Government Statutory Corporations and mercantile establishments who have been repatriated to Western Nigeria from the North and the East as a result of recent disturbances but whose placing in the branches of these Corporations and mercantile establishments situated in the West has been made impossible because of the large number of Easterners employed in the posts to which the Westerners would have been

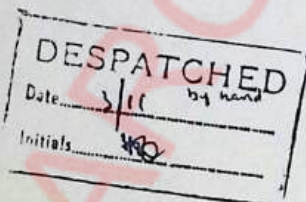
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transferred. An example in this connection is the case of the E.C.N. in the West. The policy of the Corporation as communicated to the local head of its branch in Western Nigeria, is that all unestablished Western Nigerian employees of the Corporation returning to the West from the North and the East who cannot be absorbed because there are no vacancies on establishment, should have their appointments terminated. In the case of pensionable staff, the instruction is that the Western Nigerian repatriates should be held surplus to establishment until further notice. The fact of the situation, however, is that if all the Easterners holding non-pensionable and pensionable appointments in the E.C.N. in the West are sent to the East (at least to fill the vacancies left by the Westerners who have been driven out of the East) it should be possible to absorb in the E.C.N. in the West all the Western Nigerian staff and employees of the Corporation repatriated from the East and the North.

3. Unless something is done to change the policy not only in the case of the E.C.N. but in the cases of other Federal Government Establishments in a manner which will make it possible for displaced Westerners returning to the West to be employed in their own Region, we may have an explosive situation on our hand, as I am sure that Western Nigerians would not take kindly to a situation in which they are deprived of opportunities for employment in their own Region by indigenes of a Region from which they have been forcibly repatriated for no other reason except that they are not indigenes of such a Region.



(R. A. Adebayo - Colonel),
Military Governor.

Y. E.

Letter a.b.c. based on Y.E.'s verbal direction of today following discussion with Mr. Olu Fayina of E.C.N. and myself, submitted p. 2. Extra copy of letter is also a.b.c. as requested by Y.E.
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8 November, 1966.

Mr. Olu Payne,
Area Manager,
E.C.N.,
Ibadan.

Employment of Staff/Employees of E.C.N. repatriated to
Western Nigeria from other Regions

With reference to the discussion which the Military Governor held with you and myself at his office last Wednesday concerning the fate of staff and employees of your Corporation who are indigenes of this Region but who have been repatriated from Eastern and Northern Regions as a result of recent disturbances, His Excellency has already made representations to the Supreme Commander concerning the awkward situation which is bound to arise if you attempt to implement the policy of your Corporation to lay off the repatriated Western Nigerian employees who are surplus to your Establishment or hold those on permanent Establishment surplus to Establishment - all because the posts which these persons should have filled on your Establishment are occupied by Eastern Nigerians. The Supreme Commander is examining the matter with a view to finding a suitable solution.

2. I shall be glad therefore if you will in the meantime refrain from laying off any Yoruba staff on your Corporation on the above ground pending the intervention of the Head of the Military Government and Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces with the Headquarters on your Corporation.


(P. T. Odumosu)

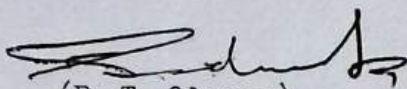
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The Chairman,
Resettlement Committee.

Ref. our recent discussion, you may be interested to see the
secret letter addressed by H.E. to the Supreme Commander at pp. ~~34~~⁹⁵⁻⁹⁷ for
your own information please.



(P. T. Odumosu)

S.M.G.

7 November, 1966

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Thank you.

Fola Ogundade

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K.I.V. p. 3-95

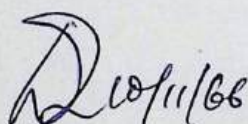
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Your p. 92: the meeting is now being held
at Benin and P.S.M.F. is representing this
Govt. It therefore K.I.V. for a definite
reply to p. 58.



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Prel submit in file.

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27th October,

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Mr. T. O. Ishola,
P. O. Box 9,
Buguma,
via Pharcourt.

Dear Sir,

Your letter dated 19th October, 1966 addressed to this Corporation has been passed to:

The Resettlement Committee,
c/o Mrs. F.M. Ighodalo,
(Chairman)
Ministry of Works and Transport,
Ibadan, who is being advised to get in touch with you.



Yours faithfully,

I. O. Osinowo
(I. O. Osinowo)
for Secretary

cc: The Chairman,
Rehabilitation Committee,
c/o Ministry of Works and Transport,
Ibadan.

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Above referred for your early attention. The original letter from Mr. Ishola is enclosed.

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Dr Babatunde
W.N.R.C

Pt. deal with other

I. O. Osinowo
(I. O. Osinowo)
for Secretary
Western Nigeria Government
Broadcasting Corporation

I think that we should solicit help from the Police to get these people to W.N. *Ighodalo*
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W. N. B. &
Western Nigeria
Broadcasting Corporation
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MR. T. O. Ishola
P. O. Box 9, Buguma
via Port-Harcourt
19. October 1966

I have to Inform you that
Mr. Ishola came to work in Eastern Region
Buguma Kalabari Area. So by that we had
that Eastern Region Governor. Said that
every body must back to there regions

I tells the people whose have the
work to give me some amount of money
for transport fee but they revius. to do so.

The number of ours we are seven
peoples I explain to the people to let me and
my workers go when every thing cool down
we must come back for the work. and they
revius that we cant go to anywere. I went
to Port-Harcourt told all the Police man and
the military Government but the military Government
said that it is the work of Police man and
the Comditional of Police revius for our going I
told him to give me book as witness he
revius I told him to remember that the Gov- of
Eastern was the person whose said that
every body should go to there Regions.

P. T. O.

Now they have stoped me and my people and there is no way for me to come home with the people that is why I write this letter to help me to aply for the Government of Easter Region to let me an my people come back to Our Region now

This is Our Names

- MR. Tiamiyu. O. Ishola
- MR. Nofiu. Aremu. Alimi
- MR. Woliyi. Adisa. Ekundayo
- MR. Tairu. Babatunde
- MR. Eburn - Okunfajiyimi
- MR. Adeniyi - Williams
- MR. Michel - Olaywola

We want help from western Region Government the plase is Buguma kalabari Rivers Province I am still aplying for the help our Corment for help. But when I was at P.H all the C.I.D. were asking me that why I still Stay when thay have told we people to go what are we waiting for IF Ibo people kill anoy body they are less consing about any body that is all

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A/S: M. acknowledge M.R. T. O. Ishola receipt & send his letter to Refugee committee.
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I now re-submit ~~pp~~ ~~3~~ ~~cas~~
Yr directives on p. 99.

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Western Nigeria Resettlement Committee,
c/o Mrs. Fola Ighodalo,
Ministry of Agriculture & Nat. Resources,
Ibadan.

Our Ref: RE.4/72
The Permanent Secretary,
Ministry of Education,
Ibadan.

4 November, 1966.

(For the attention of Mr. A. O. Adebayo)

Resettlement of Western Nigeria Undergraduates
from the University of Nigeria, Nsukka

With reference to the letter Ref. No. SP/S.54/T/19 of 3rd November, 1966 addressed to me by the Secretary to the Military Government and Head of Service, copy of which was forwarded to you, I attach a schedule containing the particulars of the students concerned. As you will see from the schedule three of the students are enjoying Government scholarship - Miss M.A. Omibiyi, Western Nigeria; Mr J.B. Duveagus and Mrs A.O. Vidal, Federal Government - and I hope that in this exercise they will continue to be so treated.

2. Dr. S. A. Aluko of the University of Ife, a member of the Students' Allocation Sub-Committee of my Committee, has already contacted suitable institutions in the United Kingdom and elsewhere for the placement of these students. I am forwarding him a copy of this letter so that he could liaise with the appropriate officer of your Ministry who will be handling this subject.

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(Mrs. Fola Ighodalo)
Chairman
Western Nigeria Resettlement Committee

Ref. No. RE.4/72A
Ibadan. 4 November, 1966.

Copy to:-

Dr. S. A. Aluko,
Department of Economics
University of Ife,
Ibadan Branch,
Ibadan.

Above for your information, please, reference our discussion (Dr. Aluko/Mrs Ighodalo) of 3rd November, 1966, A copy of the schedule mentioned in the body of this letter is attached. I should be grateful if you would expedite action for placing the students in suitable institutions overseas.

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(Mrs. Fola Ighodalo)
Chairman
Western Nigeria Resettlement Committee

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NAME	COURSE	DURATION OF COURSE	YEARS COMPLETED.	ADDRESS IN WESTERN NIGERIA	REMARKS
1. M.A. Omibiyi (Miss)	B.A. Music	4 years	3	P.O. Box 706, Ibadan	W.Nig. Govt. Scholar
2. J.B. Duvoogus	Diploma in Music	3 "	2	c/o Mr. A.O. Vidal, 4 Isale Agbade St., Lagos	Fed. Govt. Scholar
3. A.O. Vidal	B.A. Music	4 "	2	4 Isale Agbade St., Lagos	Fed. Govt. Scholar
4. B.A. Adeoye	Health & Physical Education	3 "	2	c/o The Post Office, Okemesi via Ilesha	
5. A.O. Fabunmi	B.Sc. Physical Education	4 "	3	c/o Postmaster, Efon Alaye via Ilesha	
6. E.O. Oladapo	B.Sc. Physical Education	5 "	4	c/o Baptist College, Iwo	
7. M.A. Oseni	Degree in Journalism	3 "	2	Mr. Jide Sende, Total Oil Product, P.O.Box 868, Ibadan	
8. F.A. Olomolaiye	B.Sc. Psychology	3 "	2	3.104M, Oke-Oye St. Ilesha	
9. F.A.A. Odubiyi	B.Sc. Psychology	3 "	2	c/o Mr. I.O. Olaniran British-American Insurance Co. Ibadan	
10. Olu Agboola	B.Sc. Surveying	5 "	4	c/o Miss Titi Agboola, Ministry of Finance, Ibadan	
11. A.A. Balogun	B.Sc. Surveying	5 "	4	c/o Dr. E.O. Jaiyebo, University of Ife, Ibadan.	
12. E.O. Onakanni	B.Sc. Estate Management	4 "	3	10 Mabo Street, Surulere, Lagos	
13. F.A. Aminu	B.Sc. Architecture	5 "	3	22 Herbert Macaulay St., Ikate Surulere.	
14. B.A. Oloyede	B.Sc. Estate Management	4 "	2	P.O. Box 28, Benin City	
15. A. Ogunbi	B.A. Fine Arts	4 "	2	17 Matthew St., Ado-Ekiti	
16. M.A. Hassan	B.A. Fine Arts	4 "	1	14 Egbe Street, Lagos.	

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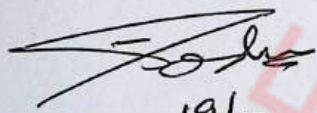
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