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Your Ref. No.....

All communications on this matter
should be addressed to the Permanent
Secretary quoting

Our Ref. No. F.255/S.2/85.

SP/S24

Date. 29th November, 1966.

The Secretary to the
Military Governor,
Military Governor's Office,
Ibadan.

For the attention of Mr. E.O. Babatunde

Compensation and Resettlement of Refugees

With reference to previous discussions (Babatunde/
Coker) and our subsequent discussion (Babatunde/Opadiran)
of today on the above-named subject, I should be grateful
if you would please forward, as a matter of urgency,
a copy of ^{the} letter addressed to Lagos on the subject to
this Ministry.

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file as soon as it is available.
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S. O. O. Opadiran,
for Permanent Secretary.

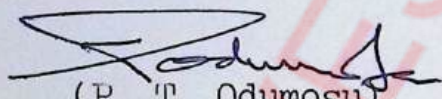
SECRET

Y.E.,

Y.E. will be meeting tomorrow afternoon members of the Ibadan Chamber of Commerce and other employers in order to solicit their support in connection with the placing in employment of Western Nigerians repatriated to the Region as a result of disturbances in certain parts of the country. The meeting is being arranged at the instance of our Resettlement Committee.

2. In my discussion with the Chairman of the Committee, Mrs. Fola Ighodalo, it was agreed that Y.E. should not read a formal address at the meeting but that Y.E. should make the points with the aid of a brief provided by Mrs. Ighodalo.

/ I attach herewith the brief which Y.E. may want to read and inform yourself on the various points.

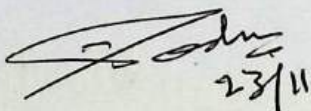

(P. T. Odumosu),
S.M.G.,

22/11/1966.

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Displaced Persons

Number on register as at 17th November, 1966 is 6,800
out of whom 3,138 are working adults; of these about
1,500 are workers in industrial and commercial undertakings.

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Meeting of His Excellency with industrialists and
businessmen on 23rd November, 1966

The purpose of the meeting is to solicit the help and co-operation of industrialists and businessmen in absorbing displaced workers of Western Nigeria origin into suitable institutions in the Region.

The main problem is the lack of openings similar to those created by fleeing officers in the Northern and Eastern Regions. In view of Government policy which encourages people from other parts of the country to continue living and working in Western Nigeria positions are at the moment being held by people who are not natives of this Region while the appointments of Western Nigerians even with 25 to 30 years of service have been terminated by the same Establishment. The workers cannot understand this and all attempts to negotiate with the firms concerned have proved abortive. The workers are asking questions on why is it that they are to be without work in their own Region while people from other Regions, especially from Eastern Nigeria from where they have been driven out, are still firmly entrenched and working in the same Establishment. The workers have in fact threatened to demonstrate and lead a delegation to His Excellency himself. Up to the moment various members of the Resettlement Committee have co-operated fully with the Chairman to prevent this feeling of frustration and unrest among the displaced persons from coming into the open. The position is, however, becoming uncontrollable as scores of workers continue to stream everyday into the offices and even homes of the Chairman and other members of the Committee, demanding to know what is Government solution to the problem.

The Committee has given very serious consideration to this problem and are of the view that ways and means should be found very quickly to solve it. To this end, all efforts are being exerted to seek employment opportunities in other industrial and commercial establishments for the displaced persons. While it could not be said that these have met with no measure of success their impact has, due chiefly to the already existing

high level of unemployment in the Region before the arrival of the repatriates, not been effective. Work is also in progress on proposals for crash agricultural, industrial and commercial projects in which the repatriates could be employed. These of course will need planning which will necessarily involve some delay.

It is rather difficult to convince a man with family responsibilities and who has been in the service of a firm for upward of 25 years to accept with equanimity a state of unemployment brought about by political circumstances beyond his personal control. It is for this reason that the Resettlement Committee have thought that it will help if His Excellency could appeal to industrialists and businessmen operating in Western Nigeria especially those whose firms have branches in other parts of the country to accept an arrangement by which workers of Western Nigeria origin in the Establishment could be exchanged with their counterparts in other Regions i.e. that employees of Western Nigeria origin should be given posts here while their colleagues are transferred to their own region of origin to occupy the posts vacated by the Westerners before they were ordered to leave that Region. It is the view of the Committee that such an arrangement is really not opposed to the Government policy of welcoming everybody in the Region. Everybody who could be gainfully occupied without displacing natives of the Region should be most welcome. It, however, appears an indefensible position for people of this Region who have served the same firm for many years to have their appointments terminated while the posts they could conveniently fill are being occupied by people from the Region which they have had to flee.

--- Attached, as samples, are copies of letters of termination of appointments of people of Western Nigeria origin by firms which have country-wide interest and could have quite easily made the type of arrangement recommended above.



Kingsway Chemists of Nigeria Limited

LAGOS, IBADAN, KANO, JOS, ONITSHA, ABA, BENIN

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TELEGRAMS & CABLES : KINCHEMIST

Commercial Manager's Office,
P.O. Box 964,
LAGOS.

Our Ref: 55/5943/PDAP/BCE.

11th October, 1966.

Mr G.A. Adewale,
P.O. Box 1262,
IBADAN.

Dear Sir,

We fully appreciate the circumstances which have now made it impossible for you to continue to remain at your post and carry out your normal duties and where possible we have assisted in getting you back to your home. You will be anxious to know about your work with the Company. Under the prevailing conditions, we shall need some time to assess the situation and reach decisions but meanwhile you have been granted six weeks leave for 1965/66 for which you have received all entitlements.

You may be assured that every effort will be made to help you but you will no doubt realise that we are unlikely to be able to find alternative employment within the Company for every displaced employee. We have, therefore, recorded your name for redeployment either within the Company or with an Associated Company but if our efforts to find you another job within this Company or any of our Associated Companies are unsuccessful you will be advised accordingly at the earliest possible date. In the meanwhile, you should keep in touch with the nearest U.A.C. Unit so that they know your whereabouts.

Yours faithfully,
for: KINGSWAY CHEMISTS OF NIGERIA LIMITED


P.D.A. FALLER
Commercial Manager.

cc: Branch Manager, KCNL/Ibadan.
cc: Accountant, KCNL/Lagos.
cc: Personnel Dept., KCNL/Lagos.

Recd 17/10/66



Kingsway Chemists of Nigeria Limited

LAGOS, IBADAN, KANO, JOS, ONITSHA, ABA, BENIN

TELEGRAMS & CABLES: KINCHEMIST

General Manager's Office,
P.O. Box 964,
LAGOS.

Our Ref: 55/6333/PSE/BCE.

3rd November, 1966.

Mr G.A. Adewale,
P.O. Box 1262,
IBADAN.

cc: Commercial Manager, KCNL/Lagos.
cc: Branch Manager, KCNL/Ibadan.
cc: Northern Area Manager, KCNL/Kaduna.
cc: Accountant, KCNL/Lagos.
cc: N.Prop.S.M., KCNL/Lagos.

Dear Sir,

Further to the Commercial Manager's letter 55/5943 of 11th October, 1966, we have to advise that it would seem you are not likely to return to your post at the expiration of your leave.

You will appreciate that we cannot keep your post open indefinitely and as we have been unsuccessful in our efforts to find an alternative position for which you can be considered in our own or any of our Associated Companies, we regret to have to inform you that your service with this Company will terminate on the 15th November, 1966.

On presentation of this letter to the Branch Manager, Kingsway Chemists of Nigeria Limited, Ibadan, you will be paid the sum of £54/10/0d which represents your wages up to and including the 15th November, plus a month's salary in lieu of notice, less November mid-month pay of £19 which you received along with other entitlements at Kano.

The Administrator of the Unico Pension Fund is being informed of your cessation from the Fund, and we will advise you of your dues when we hear from him.

Certificate of Employment covering the period of your service with the Company is enclosed for your retention.

If it is your wish to be considered for re-engagement when there are suitable vacancies, then you must keep in touch with us from time to time.

Yours faithfully,
for: KINGSWAY CHEMISTS OF NIGERIA LIMITED

J.M. GARSTEN
Acting General Manager.

Enc.

Directors: Geoffrey William Griffiths, Ph.C., M.P.S.; Gordon Henry Wilson; Christopher Efofi, B.Sc., Ph.C., M.P.S.; John Michael Garsten B.Sc.; Rufus Udungwo Obi, B.Sc., B. Pharm M.P.S.; Justus Olujokotade Paul, Ph.C. M.P.S.; William Osborne Tomsett F.P.S.



Kingsway Chemists of Nigeria Limited

LAGOS, IBADAN, KANO, JOS, ONITSHA, ABA, BENIN

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TELEGRAMS & CABLES : KINCHEMIST

CERTIFICATE OF EMPLOYMENT

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT

Name **MR GANIYU ADEYANJU ADEWALE**
has been employed by this Company as follows:
Date of engagement **19TH FEBRUARY 1964**
Date of leaving Company's employ **15TH NOVEMBER 1966**
Nature of employment **SENIOR SALES REPRESENTATIVE**
Last place of employment **KINGSWAY CHEMISTS OF NIGERIA LIMITED**
..... **KANO BRANCH**

This is the only form of Certificate issued by
Kingsway Chemists of Nigeria Limited.

for: KINGSWAY CHEMISTS OF NIGERIA LIMITED

PERSONNEL MANAGER.

(copy)

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THE UNITED AFRICA COMPANY LIMITED

P.O. BOX No. 1 UNITED AFRICA HOUSE
BLACKFRIARS ROAD, LONDON, S.E. 1.
TELEPHONE WATERLOO 2070

G.A. Adewale, Esq.,
Kingsway Chemists of Nigeria Limited.

Dear Mr. Adewale,

We are glad that we are now able to give you the Long Service Award to which you became entitled on the completion of twenty-five years' service, and on behalf of the Board of The United Africa Company Limited I wish to convey to you our sincere thanks for the long and loyal service you have given.

It gives us great satisfaction to be able to congratulate you on this record and to mark our appreciation by the presentation of this award.

In conclusion, we send you our best wishes for many years of happiness and prosperity.

Yours sincerely,

A.E. Smith

A.E. Smith.
Chairman.

COPY

KINGSWAY STORES OF NIGERIA LIMITED

Headquarters Group,
P.O. Box 1471,
Lagos.

Ref: KFC.86/6298.

8th November, 1966.

Mr. S.A. Olasheni,
Administrative Department,
Kingsway Stores of Nigeria Ltd.,
IBADAN.

Dear Sir,

It is now over four weeks since you have been away from your permanent place of work in our Company and it does not seem likely that you will be able to report back for duty in the foreseeable future.

At the time of reporting to us in your new home area you were informed that while the Company would do everything possible to try to find alternative permanent employment for you in the area of your choice, it was not likely that this would be possible for everyone. We are now sorry to have to tell you that in your case no new vacancy exists and we are therefore unable to offer you an official transfer to a new station. As your former post cannot be held open indefinitely we regret to have to inform you that your services with this Company will terminate on the 15th November, 1966.

Normally you should have received wages only up to the day you last reported for duty but on this occasion the Company has decided to pay you up to and including 15th November and in addition you will receive one month's salary in lieu of notice.

If you desire it the Company will give you every possible consideration for any vacancies either permanent or temporary which may arise at any time in the future and we invite you to leave with us your home address so that we can contact you.

A detailed statement of the amount due to you will be given to you separately by the Administrative Department concerned.

Yours faithfully,
for: KINGSWAY STORES OF NIGERIA LIMITED,

(Sgd.) A.R. LAWRENCE,
GENERAL MANAGER.

E. Fela. Showunji,
110, Patey Street,
Ebute-metta,

8th November, 1966.

To,
Head of the Federal Military Government,
Deodan Barrack,
Ikoyi-Lagos.

Dear Sir,

With due respect and humble submission I beg to forward this petition for your kind perusal and prompt action.

EMPLOYMENT

10 years ago, I was employed as an Assistant Store Keeper by Allen Hamburys Nigeria Limited, later changed to Glaxo Allenburys Nigeria Limited, 41 Creek Road, Apapa. In the year 1956, I was transferred to Aba in the Eastern Region. I became their Store Keeper some years ago.

Suddenly, at the beginning of October 1966, there was an order from Lt. Col. Odumegwu Ojukwu, the Military Governor of the Eastern Region that all non-easterners should leave the Region immediately. Second day, I approached the branch Manager, Mr. J. A. Ahazi about the Military Governor's order and begged him to inform Mr. E. N. Chesters the General Manager of the Company in Lagos. After a day or two, the branch manager told me that he got Mr. Chesters on the telephone and the reply was that I should try to comport myself among the easterners. In literary meaning, the word "comport" used by the said General Manager has no bearing whatsoever with the present issue.

But between 6th and 7th of October, 1966, the easterners started to threaten my life for ignoring the Military Governor's order. The I informed the Manager about the threat. Mr. Ahazi pitied my condition and loaned me the sum of £10 to travel to Lagos with my family. I reached Lagos on the 10th of October 1966. Surprisingly the General Manager Mr. E. N. Chesters refused to see me, but asked his Lady Secretary to interview me and I related to her the circumstances surrounding my coming down to Lagos. Few minutes later, she pronounced that I should go on leave starting from 11th to 31st October 1966. On the 1st of November 1966, I went to the office for the purpose of resuming duty, but wonderfully enough I was not allowed to resume duty nor to see the general Manager. Only the Company's accountant approached and told me that my appointment with the company has been terminated. The letter of termination was presented to me for signature which I did, a copy of which is attached hereto. Whereas my annual leave started on the 11th of October 1966 and expired on the 31st October 1966 which was the date the termination paper and the leave allowance from 11th - 31st October was duly paid and neither my salary nor a month in lieu of notice was paid me.

I fervently appeal to the authorities concerned to rescue me from the hands of Mr. Chesters.

N.B. After 10 years of meritorious service under the Company, if my services are no longer required the correct thing to do is to declare me redundant.

I do not know whose order Mr. Chesters wants me to obey - whether his own or that of the Military Governor, the Lt. Col. Odumegwu Ojukwu who is wholly and solly responsible for the Region.

Yours faithfully,

E. Fela. Showunji
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P. T. O.

CC.

1. Lt. Col. Odumegwu Ojukwu - East Military Governor.
2. Major Mabolaji Johnson - Lagos Administrator.
3. Col. Adeyinka Adebayo - West Military Governor.
4. Lt. Col. David Ejor - Mid-West Military Governor.
5. Lt. Col. Hassan Katsina North - Military Governor.
6. Major Rotime Army Headquarters Marina Lagos.
7. Chief Labour Officer, Ministry of Labour Lagos.
8. Mrs. (Dr.) Ighodaro - Chairman West Rehabilitation Committee.

GLAXO- ALLENBURYS (NIGERIA) LIMITED.

Telephone:

APAPA: 55618, 55868; 53252
ABA : 2658

PRIVATE MAIL BAG 1120
41, Creek Road,
APAPA

CABLES and Telegrams: SALPRONOTE,
APAPA

Also at:
P. O. Box 543, ABA

Ref JRC/2/71549.

Apapa,
31st October, 1966.

Mr. F. E. Sowunmi,
110, Patey Street,
EBUTE-METTA.

Dear Sir,

Following the abandonment of your employment with this Company full and final discharge of our financial obligation to you is effected as follows:-

Salary to 11th October 1966	14.	6.	11
Overtime	2.	13.	4
Leave allowance	7.	10.	-
	24.	10.	3
<u>Less:</u> P.A.Y.E.	1	+	7. 6
N.P.F.	-	.	14. 3
I.O.U.	10.	-	-
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Our Cheque No. 175/108257 is enclosed.

Please acknowledge receipt by signing the attached copy of this letter.

Yours faithfully,
FOR: GLAXO-ALLENBURYS (NIGERIA) LTD.

E. N. CHESTERS,
GENERAL MANAGER.

Encl:
SN/GNU.

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SEMILGOV

GOVERNMENT OF EASTERN NIGERIA

Military Governor,

Telegrams: XXXXXX

OFFICE OF THE ~~PREMIER~~

(POLITICAL AND ADMINISTRATION DIVISION)

Telephone:

P.M.B. 1060

ENUGU

Your ref. ~~PG/0193/6.~~

Our ref. ~~PG/0193/6.~~

(All replies to be addressed to the Chief Secretary to the Premier.)



5th December, 1966

SP/S.54

P. T. Odumosu, Esq.,
Secretary to the Military Government
and Head of Service,
Office of the Military Governor,
Ibadan.



Dear Peter,

Your letter reference: SP/S.54/T/13 dated 30th November, 1966, has just come to hand and before I start my investigations, I hurry to say what I consider must have happened. It would appear that Mr. Obafemi was granted leave before our Military Governor's order, of which you are well aware, was given about the repatriation of non-Easterners.

2. You will have heard that there have been several attempts by people trying to vitiate that order, and unpleasant as it is to us, this cannot be allowed until the order is rescinded, and we all fervently pray that conditions may soon return for that to come about. I feel certain that Mr. Obafemi must have been taken as one of those who are trying to flout the Military Governor's order, hence the reported action against him.

3. I very much regret the inconvenience that must have been caused to Mr. Obafemi and the embarrassment that the reported incident might have caused you and your Government. It is precisely because I feel so sorry about it that I have hurried to reply to this letter after perusal.

4. I am going to Port Harcourt tomorrow and shall personally find out about this incident. If such an inquiry reveals any new information to give you, I shall write again on my return.

5. I hope you will explain this position to Mr. Obafemi and assure him that I, personally, regret the incident, and if the Police had been rude to him I shall draw the attention of the Commissioner of Police to it.

6. Meanwhile, could he, as others, regard himself as on indefinite paid leave until the order is rescinded.

Very sincerely yours,

N. U. Akpan
Secretary to the Military Government
and
Head of the Civil Service.

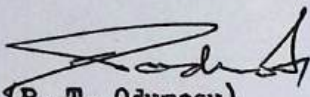
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Chairman,
Resettlement Committee,

at p 31
Please see ~~a~~ letter ~~overleaf~~ addressed to me by S.M.G. & H.S., East,
in reply to my letter at p.13 of the same file, regarding the case of
Mr. Obafemi. I have informed Mr. Akpan that the information in para.6
of his letter should be formally communicated to Mr. Obafemi by his
Head of Department. If Mr. Obafemi comes your way, you may inform him
accordingly.


(P. T. Odumosu)
S.M.G.
19 December, 1966

SMG & HS,

Seen. Thank you.

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Telephone:



WESTERN NIGERIA RESETTLEMENT COMMITTEE

c/o P.M.B. 5049

IBADAN . WESTERN NIGERIA

Your Ref. No.....

RE.1/334

Our Ref. No.....

SP/S-54

Date... 11 January, 1967

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

Loan for displaced Persons: Agreement

I forwarded to you under cover of my minute dated 10th January, 1967 certain proposals for the resettlement of displaced persons. One of the proposals was that Government should make loans available to individual traders or co-operative business bodies and people who need to pay security to obtain employment.

2. I have already approached the Law Officers with a request for the drafting of an appropriate Agreement which will be signed by those who will receive such loans. I am advised that since the Resettlement Committee is a temporary Body such Agreement will be better made with you representing the Government of Western Nigeria. In the hope that the proposal to grant loans to deserving displaced persons will be approved, may I ask that
x | you now please initiate action to request the Law Officers to draft the necessary agreement.

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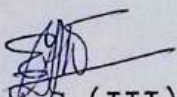
Fola Ighodalo
(Mrs Fola Ighodalo)
Chairman

Pls. proceed with Western Nigeria Resettlement Committee
action as at x above early.

14/1/67

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S.M.G.,

Letter has been faired and is submitted for
your signature in this temporary file as I understand
from the Confidential Registry that the main file
SP/S.54 is under action with you.


S.A.S.(III).
16/1/67.

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16^d January, 1967.

Mr. E. M. Ajala,
Branch Manager,
Nigerian Tobacco Company Ltd.,
P.O. Box 6,
Ibadan.

Dear Mr. Ajala,

I am directed by His Excellency, Colonel R. A. Adebayo, Military Governor of Western Nigeria, to express his personal gratitude for the donation by your Company of the sum of £500 towards the fund of the Western Nigeria Resettlement Committee. His Excellency is aware of the other aids which your Company is giving to the displaced persons concerned by offering them work under your establishment, and he is also grateful for this. At this time of great crisis, it is very encouraging to find a Company of such high repute like yours coming to the aid of the needy and distressed and it would have been His Excellency's wish to make the Nigerian public aware of your Company's kind gesture but for your wish that no publicity should be given to your donation.

2. His Excellency wishes your Company success in all your ventures and prays that the time may speedily come when peace, happiness and prosperity will return again to our dear country.

Yours sincerely,



Secretary to the Military Government
and Head of Service.

Despatch,
B.B.
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For disposal

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C.R.
P.A.

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c/o P.M.B. 5049

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16 January, 1967

Mr. T. A. Iwajomo,
Secretary,
Regional Economic Advisory Council,
c/o Ministry of Economic Planning
and Social Development,
Ibadan.

Dear

Problems of resettling Western Nigeria Repatriates

With reference to your letter No. PD.68/14 of 10th January, 1967 I forward, herewith, a short re-su-me of the problems of resettling displaced persons of Western Nigerian origin.

It will give me pleasure to meet with the Regional Economic Advisory Council to discuss these problems at their meeting of 18th January, 1967.

Yours

sp/55x
(Mrs Fola Ighodalo)
Chairman
Western Nigeria Resettlement Committee

Ref. No. RE.1/335A
Ibadan, 16th January, 1967

Copy to:-

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



Above for your information, please. A copy of the re-su-me is attached.

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

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Resettlement of Western Nigerian Repatriates.

The number of displaced Western Nigerians on the register of the Resettlement Committee now stands at about 10,000 in the ratio of 50 : 50 between adults and children. About 300 of the adults are staff and students from the University of Nigeria, Nsukka. Luckily, undergraduates have been helped to secure places in appropriate institutions in Western Nigeria, Lagos and overseas. The estimated cost of resettling the undergraduates is about £80,000. This is made up of

- (i) fees which the undergraduates might have paid to the University of Nigeria, Nsukka which may not be refunded. It is felt that Government should bear this loss.
- (ii) Books which from reports were looted and are now lost to the undergraduates.
- (iii) Cost of placing about 16 of the students for whom alternative arrangements could not be made in Nigeria but in overseas institutions.
- (iv) It is estimated that one third of the children will be Grammar School students and it is felt that the fees which they might have paid in their previous regions of abode in respect of the third term of 1966 and which might have been lost should be refunded by Government.
- (v) Books lost to Grammar School students.

Most of the University Staff have secured alternative posts chiefly in the University of Ife. At the beginning of the operation there were quite a number of destitute cases which needed immediate attention. The expenditure for emergency operations is estimated at £1,000.

2. Of the 5,000 adults about 1,500 claimed to be engaged in industry and commerce. In view of the open-door policy of the Western Nigeria Government, there are no openings in the Region similar to those created by fleeing officers in the Northern and Eastern Regions. It has, therefore, in spite of the

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efforts, not been possible to place most of these people in gainful employment in the existing business establishments. The fact that the level of unemployment in this Region was quite high prior to the crisis has made it absolutely impossible for much success to be recorded in this field. Another source of difficulty is that many of the repatriates have been found not to be qualified in the trades they claim. Investigation has also shown that quite a number of those who claimed to have been working in different organisations in their previous Regions of abode were in fact not employed at all. In order to relieve the position, arrangements were made for the younger ones among the repatriates to work as labourers in different projects under the Ministry of Agriculture and Natural Resources. The attitude of the repatriates has been one of non-cooperation. It was appreciated that many of them were not experienced in working on the land and it was agreed to make allowance for this. The attitude of the people has, however, been most disheartening. They seem to prefer being given subsistence allowance ad infinitum to doing any work at all. Reports from the different agricultural and forestry stations and from other prospective employers have shown that many of them are quite averse to doing any work that requires the slightest physical exertion. Their preference is for 'white collar' jobs.

3. About 2,500 repatriates claim to be self-employed as traders, contractors, pool promoters, gold smiths, mechanics, electricians, etc. Investigations show that many of these were either very petty traders, hawkers or apprentices in their previous Regions of abode. One suggested form of resettlement is that the petty traders who are anxious to continue in their trade should, wherever possible, form themselves into co-operative societies to enable them enjoy adequate supervision and, where necessary, Government loan. Since competition in this type of trade is keener in Western Nigeria than in their previous places of abode, it seems that this is the only way in which this class of repatriates could survive. As for the hawkers and apprentices,

felt that they should try as much as possible to find
engagements for themselves in this Region or alternatively
work in some of the projects now available under the Ministry
of Agriculture and Natural Resources and later on in industrial
associations, which is proposed to set up. Those businessmen
show proof of being responsible, experienced and capable
of carrying on their trade on their own are encouraged to do so.
It is felt that they should also, where necessary, enjoy Govern-
ment loan.

In order to provide employment opportunities the
Resettlement Committee has thought it necessary to recommend
the establishment of rural industries in suitable centres of
repatriate population in the Region. To this end, investigation
into the possibility of resuscitating the processing of palm
oil by the use of Pioneer Oil Mills is actively in progress.
It is understood that many of these mills are lying idle due
to lack of maintenance and supervision in many parts of the
Region while the palm nuts rot away and the supply of oil
dwindles. Similar investigation into the processing of gari
is also in progress.

5. The main problems of resettling Western Nigeria repatriates
can therefore be summarised as follows:

- (1) Lack of openings similar to those created in the
Eastern and Northern Regions by fleeing personnel
and others.
- (2) The high level of unemployment already existing
in the Region prior to the crisis. This has made
the exercise of placing a mere 5,000 odd displaced
persons in gainful employment in the Region rather
~~than~~ a formidable exercise. It has also added to
the difficulties by making it possible for the
unemployed and erstwhile political thugs to take
the advantage of the situation by posing to be
displaced people themselves or encouraging the
displaced persons to behave irresponsibly.

- (3) Antipathy of the displaced persons to ~~mental~~ ^{manual} work.

If the younger ones among the repatriates have shown enough inclination to work on the land as an emergency measure, the situation in which many of them besiege the Resettlement Office day in day out would not have arisen. There is in fact enough work in the different projects under the Ministry of Agriculture and Natural Resources to give employment to over 1,000 repatriates provided the money for wages could be made available from the resettlement fund. This is definitely a better alternative to just paying subsistence allowance ad infinitum to displaced persons..Moreover, there is no money to make the payment of the allowance feasible.

- (4) The lack of adequate qualification by a reasonable number of the displaced persons has made it difficult for them to secure employment even in Establishments wishing to employ them.

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17th January, 1967.

The Solicitor-General,
Ministry of Justice,
Ibadan.

Loan for displaced Persons: Agreement

I am directed to inform you that information has been received from the Chairman of the Western Nigeria Resettlement Committee that an approach has already been made to you with a request for the drafting of an appropriate Agreement which will be executed by those repatriates who will receive loans from the Government for various purposes.

2. I should be grateful if you would draft the necessary Agreement as early as possible. It should be made with the Secretary to the Military Government as representing the Government of Western Nigeria.



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

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c/o Ayodele Agbebi,
Kuti Hall,
University of Ibadan,
Ibadan.
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The Chairman,
Resettlement Committee,
Secretariat,
Ibadan.

Sir,
Application for Extension of Scholarships

We, the students named below, are among the recently displaced students from the University of Nigeria, Nsukka. Over there we were on some forms of scholarships which were non-Governmental and therefore could not be transferred to our new University.

The authorities of our new University - University of Ibadan - seem not to fully appreciate our plight and we are now being worried about the payment of our fees for this session. These worries have had some adverse effects on our studies, more especially when it is realised that two of us are in their final year hoping to graduate in June this year and the third is facing his Part II examination also in June.

In the light of this, we appeal for an extension of our scholarships. In case no urgent action can be taken as early as we would wish, we urge you to contact the authorities of the University of Ibadan not to eject us from the Campus. And we would also wish to get a kind of assurance from you that our worries will soon be alleviated to allow us to continue our studies undisturbed.

Below are the details of the three affected students:

1. Ayodele Agbebi who is in his final year in the Dept. Of Agriculture. He was using The Faculty of Agriculture along with Fernando Po Government, joint scholarship.
2. V.O. Ojutalayo who is also in his final year in the Dept of Agric. He was using the Nnamdi Azikiwe Foundation Scholarship while he was at the University of Nigeria, Nsukka.
3. J.O. Awofisayo who is a second year student in the Dept. Of Geology. He was using University of Nigeria Foundation Scholarship.

Yours faithfully,

1. *Ayodele Agbebi*
2. *Victor Ojutalayo*
3. *J.O. Awofisayo*

cc
a. Military Governor.
b. Perm. Sec. Ministry of Education.

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Above is sub'd for only pt.

2. One hopes that the Chairman, R.C.,

would, if necessary, make a submission to the S.M.G. on this i.d.c. *Noted.*

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c/o Mr. A.O. Ayode
Public Service Commission
Ibadan.
16th January 1967.

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H.E. the Military Governor
Western Nigeria
Ibadan.

Your Excellency,

Please permit me to address this humble
appeal to you amidst your many important State duties.

More than 3 months ago I was (along with
others almost all of whom are now fixed) repatriated from the
University of Nigeria Nsukka where I was a Lecturer in
Business Law.

Since my return to this Region, I have made
several fruitless attempts to get ~~xxx~~ absorbed into the
University of Ibadan or Ife or the Civil Service or into any
of the Government Corporations. The Chairman of the Resettlement
Committee has been helpful in rendering some assistance towards
this end but it does not appear to me that other officials
connected have been co-operative enough.

I will appreciate whatever action Your Excellency
may deem fit to take to end my present state of frustration
and depression forthwith.

I am, Sir, *(Signature)*
C.O. ARONWOLO (LL.B., A.C.C.S., BL.)

✓ Copy to:

The Secretary to the Military Governor & Head of Service
Western Nigeria, Ibadan.

The Chairman,
Western Nigeria Resettlement Committee
Ibadan.



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WESTERN NIGERIA ASSOCIATION OF DISPLACED PERSONS



From the Office of the General Secretary:

c/o SW8/597, Ijebu Bye Pass,
Molete, Private Mail Bag 5350,
Ibadan,
January 17, 1967.

The Military Governor of the West,
Military Governor's Office,
Ibadan.

His Excellency,

Minutes of the Meeting of His
Excellency, the Military Governor of
the West, with the Executive Council
of the Western Nigeria Association of
Displaced Persons, on Saturday, the
7th January, 1967.

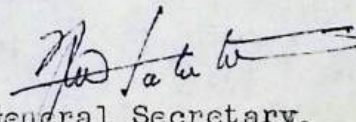
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Owing to certain inaccuracies in the Official Minutes of
our meeting held with His Excellency, I was directed by my
Association at their meeting of Saturday, the 14th January,
1967, to forward a copy of our own Minutes for the information
of His Excellency.

I am,

His Excellency,

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for:  General Secretary.

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Minutes of the Meeting of His Excellency,
the Military Governor of the West, with
the Executive Council of the Western Nigeria
Association of Displaced Persons, on
Saturday, the 7th January, 1967.

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HIS EXCELLENCY THE MILITARY GOVERNOR

&

REPRESENTING THE ASSOCIATION -

1. Chief M. Owolabi Ojo	..	President
2. Mr. Y. B. Idowu	..	Vice President
3. Mr. Olu. Adeyemi	..	General Secretary
4. Mr. Y. Olu. Bakare	..	Treasurer
5. Mr. Y. O. Ojalatan	..	Finance Secretary
6. Mr. O. Obayomi	..	Publicity Secretary
7. Mr. B. A. Ojo	..	Executive Member
8. Mrs. G. O. Oni	..	" "

I N A T T E N D A N C E :

Mr. P. T. Odumosu, Secretary to the Military Government and
Head of Service.

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

1. The Military Governor welcomed the delegation very warmly. He invited us to speak on the memorandum we had already submitted to him. In this connection, the President of the Association introduced the General Secretary as the spokesman.

2. The General Secretary thanked His Excellency for granting us such an opportunity to expatiate further on our memorandum.

3. The Secretary then explained that our case would be three-fold, but fortunately, events had overtaken some of the points raised in our memorandum, as follows -

- (i) Attitude of the Chairman, Resettlement Committee to the Displaced Persons generally.
- (ii) Proposals for Resettlement of Displaced Persons.
- (iii) Our experiences in the East.

4. The Secretary regretted very vehemently the attitude of the Chairman Resettlement Committee, which was quite unhumanitarian, unsympathetic and snobbish. He asserted further that she had no feelings for the unfortunate displaced persons, and when she had no feelings how could she had sympathy, he exclaimed! She had stopped the subsistence allowance paid to some needy ones among us, without any notice. He said on a number of occasions, his Association had endeavoured to present recommendations to the Committee on ways and means of resettling us, but unfortunately, these had been rejected by the Chairman.

He explained further that the very moment the Association was inaugurated the Chairman became more hostile particularly to the Executive Members of the Association, and accused us of attempting to usurp the functions of her Committee. The Secretary implored His Excellency to advise the Chairman to co-operate with us and to let us know as often as possible the Government programme as it relates to our resettlement.

5. On proposals for resettlement, the Secretary asserted that it was the view of his Association that at present, any long time programme (cottage industries) in this connection, could not solve the problems of the displaced persons. He suggested that what should be done right immediately would be a flexible policy or programme so as to cope with the problems posed by the present situation. In this connection, he suggested that subsistence allowance should be paid to all registered displaced persons who were in need, until they were resettled somehow. In the case of self-employed persons which had been a terrible source of embarrassment to the Government, the Committee should work out an accepted basis of paying a lump sum of grant to each of them, the Government would then assume to have resettled that person. It should not be the concern of the Government as to whether that "resettled" displaced person spent the money for the purpose or not. He emphasized that at present, cottage industries for the displaced persons of Western Origin could not succeed with them, considering the mode of life of an average Yoruba man. He cited as an example that a Yoruba gold-smith, with a very small income of about £60. a year preferred to enjoy his independence than to be a labourer with about £120. a year. He therefore implored the government to look into that.

6. On our experiences in the East, the Secretary explained that they had earlier implored the Government to the same reciprocal treatment, but, fortunately, events had overtaken our such request. He only implored the Military Governor to continue to exert his magnanimity whereby very soon it might be possible for any of us, who wished, to go back to the East. At this juncture, His Excellency wanted to know whether as true Yorubas, we had like the mature way the West had been dabbling into the affairs of the country generally. We replied yes.

In reply to our points His Excellency, has the following to say:

- (i) He was happy to note that we had reconsidered our earlier call of repatriating particularly the Easterners to their own Region of origin.
- (ii) He emphasized his earlier question that events had now proved the mature way the West had dabbling into the affairs of the country.
- (iii) On the attitude of the Chairman of the Resettlement Committee, His Excellency attributed it to misunderstanding and promised that efforts would be made to remove such misunderstanding in the future.

He explained that such an attitude might as well be due to the behaviour of some irresponsible elements among the displaced persons. He explained further that at one time he had an occasion to interview one or two of the displaced persons (who happened to come from his area) but the exhibition of their irresponsibility before him nearly made him to lose his temper. One could then understand if occasionally the Chairman lost her temper. He cited as another instance, reports of certain prospective employers on the behaviour of some displaced persons sent to them for work. The adverse reports made him so unhappy.

- (iv) On the question of offer of proposals with regards to the resettlement, His Excellency, explained that the proposals or suggestions would not be of any help to the Committee, not until there was an availability of fund to meet up with such proposals. He explained further that the Government was exploring every avenue to get the money and as soon as there was success, we would be informed so that we could bring forward our such proposals.
- (v) With regards to the subsistence allowance, His Excellency disagreed with us that it had been stopped. In this connection, the Secretary wanted to show His Excellency, an evidence that it had been stopped by the Chairman. In short, His Excellency instructed that subsistence allowance should continue to be paid to the needy ones.
- (vi) On the representation of the Association on the Resettlement Committee, His Excellency granted the request, and explained why that was not done in the past; because at the time of setting up the Committee we had not formed into an Association, but now that we had formed into an Association there would be every need. He then implored us to go round the Region and see that other associations in the Region, if any, had true representation on the Committee through us. In this connection, the Secretary explained that our Association was for the whole Western Region and the two similar organisations in Ijebu and Ikeja had affiliations with us.
- (vii) On our experiences in the East, His Excellency was happy that in view of certain improvement in the country we would no longer talk of that. He explained that the people of the East had suffered a lot, and one could understand the attitude of the East Military Governor in asking non-Easterners to leave his Region. In this connection, he said, he had accepted the explanation given by the East Military Governor in asking non-Easterners to go. In conclusion, he promised that situation in the country would soon become normal for any of us who wished to go back to the East to do so.

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....S..I..G..N..E..D.....
GENERAL SECRETARY.

Dated this 10th day of January, 1967.



WESTERN NIGERIA RESETTLEMENT COMMITTEE

c/o P.M.B. 5049

IBADAN . WESTERN NIGERIA

Your Ref. No.....

Our Ref. No. RE.1/354

Date. 20th January, 1967

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

Resettlement of Western Nigerian Repatriates

I append below extracts from the minutes of the meeting
of the Resettlement Committee of 6th January, 1967:

"(a) Report on the resettlement of repatriates:

Mr. F. Ola. Thomas, the Federal Labour Officer, submitted a report which showed that, apart from University Lecturers and some Civil Servants who have found places, a total of 110 repatriates have been found employment.

It was observed that unless Government modified its open door policy, it would be extremely difficult for the Resettlement Committee to achieve much in resettling the repatriates. The Report was accepted by the Committee.

- (b) A member mentioned that there were rumours that the Railway Corporation was serving notices of termination of appointment on members of their staff who were of Western Nigeria origin and who were serving in the North. The Chairman promised to investigate the allegation."

2. I like to bring to your notice once again and for the attention of His Excellency the Military Governor the insurmountable difficulty being created by lack of openings in businesses into which Yorubas displaced from other Regions could be placed. Apart from the agony of being unemployed and having no means to meet one's commitment these displaced people suffer from the psychological embarrassment of seeing people from other Regions occupying positions which they think they should occupy. This situation has in no small measure contributed to the attitude of the displaced persons to other alternative employment on the land, etc. They do not see the reason why they should be subjected to work as labourers when people belonging to the Region from where they have been forcibly driven out are comfortably occupying positions which they think they could occupy. The Resettlement Committee is particularly disturbed and greatly discouraged by this situation.

3. Why it is not being asked that Government should change its open door policy, it is strongly felt that the proposal to exchange civil servants of Eastern Nigeria origin in the Public Service of this Region with Westerners in Eastern Nigeria should be executed forthwith. It is the view of the Committee that such action in itself is capable of affecting

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the private sector in a way that will make them co-operate in giving employment to displaced Western Nigerians. If, however, employers in the private sector refuse to take their cue from such an action by Government His Excellency should take a firm stand and insist as the Military Governor of Eastern Nigeria is doing at the moment that displaced Westerners should be given jobs.

4. A new development, however, is that returning Easterners have engaged in the game of taunting displaced Westerners by saying that they have been invited back by the Government of this Region in order to prevent our economy from collapsing. This type of dangerous talk could lead to a lot of unrest and the Resettlement Committee is of the opinion that His Excellency should come out with a categorical statement on this issue to the effect that he still welcomes people from other parts of the country to this Region but that those returning should avoid doing or saying things that may lead to inciting the people. Elementary courtesy demands that guests should respect the feelings of their hosts.

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5. The position by which the Railway Corporation has now started to give notices of termination of appointment to their employees who are natives of this Region has raised yet another problem. Attached are copies of such letters of termination of appointment. I think that immediate action should be taken at higher level to investigate this and get the letters of termination withdrawn. There are few people of Western Nigeria origin in the Railway Corporation and if Easterners posted to the Western Nigeria offices of the Corporation are transferred to the East there will be no necessity to terminate the appointment of these people.

6. It is very sad to see that the ordinary Yoruba man is the one to face this raw deal. Unless these problems are solved realistically no substantial progress can be made in the work of resettling displaced persons in this Region.

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M. Ighodalo
(Mrs Fola Ighodalo)
Chairman

Western Nigeria Resettlement Committee

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NIGERIAN RAILWAY CORPORATION

General Manager's Staff Office,
Ebute Metta.

Ref. No:
EG10.6/6/S5/6781

28th December, 1966

Mr. E.O. Dada,
Guard D.D.
Thro' CS. EB.

TERMINATION OF APPOINTMENT

Owing to the recent disturbances in the country, it has not been possible for you to report for your normal duties at the station to which you were posted. I therefore regret to inform you that you cannot be absorbed into the establishment at the station to which you have now reported. In view of this, you are hereby given two months' notice of termination of your appointment with effect from 1st January, 1967. You will finally leave the service on 1st March, 1967.

2. If before the expiration of this notice, a suitable vacancy becomes available, the notice may be withdrawn or cancelled as necessary.

3. Arrangements are being made to pay any retiring benefits to which you may be entitled by length of service. Will you please complete the attached Form RB.2A/1A.

4. Will you please surrender all Railway property in your possession to your DS not later than 28th February, 1967. Failure to do this may result in delay to the payment of your benefits or final salary.

5. Will you please arrange to forward through District Superintendent as soon as possible 3 copies of your passport size photographs to complete your identity cards for pensioners.

(Sgd.) F. M. Alade
for Ag. Gen. Manager

(Sgd) A. Akanni Eko
for Ag. Chief Superintendent.

Encls. as above

Mr. E. O. Dada.
Forwarded
(Sgd.) ???

NIGERIAN RAILWAY CORPORATION

CONFIDENTIAL

G.M's Staff Office,
Ebute Metta.

Ref. No. C.353/350

29 December, 1966

Name: Mr M. O. Fadeyi

Designation: Senior Stores Clerk

Thro' & Copy: DSO EBJ. (Initialled) ? ? ?
30/12/66

Termination of Appointment

Owing to the recent disturbances in the country, it has not been possible for you to report for your normal duties at the station to which you were posted.

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(Sgd.) ???
for: ACTING GENERAL MANAGER

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FROM SECRETARY WESTERN MILITARY GOVERNMENT, IBADAN 201525/1
TO SECRETARY FEDERAL MILITARY GOVERNMENT LAGOS
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CASES REPORTED THAT NIGERIAN RAILWAY CORPORATION SERVING
TERMINATION NOTICES ON STAFF OF WESTERN ORIGIN WHO LEFT THEIR
STATIONS DUE RECENT DISTURBANCES X ACTION CONTRARY TO ABURI
AGREEMENT THAT ALL DISPLACED STAFF OF GOVERNMENT AND CORPO-
RATIONS BE PAID FULL SALARY UP TO MARCH ENDING X RAILWAY CORPORATI-
ONS ACTION PROVOCATIVE X GRATEFUL SUPREME COMMANDER INTERVENE XX

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M. attach the Conf. file on transfers of officers
to E. Nigeria. The file contains a list of officers
of non-Western origin. I handled it a few days
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FROM SUPREME COMMANDER DTG.231200/1

TO MILITARY GOVERNOR, EAST.

REPEATED TO MILITARY GOVERNORS, NORTH, WEST AND MID-WEST.

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MEETING OF FINANCE PERMANENT SECRETARIES IS TO DISCUSS FUNDS FOR URGENT REHABILITATION NOT REPEAT NOT FISCAL ARRANGEMENT WHICH IS A CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUE AND FOR WHICH INTERNATIONAL EXPERTS HAVE ALWAYS BEEN INVITED IN THIS COUNTRY. MEETING MUST THEREFORE EXCLUDE FISCAL ARRANGEMENT AND CONCENTRATE ON FUNDS FOR REHABILITATION WHICH IS THE REASON FOR THE SUGGESTION THAT REPRESENTATIVES OF REGIONAL REHABILITATION COMMITTEES SHOULD ALSO ATTEND MEETING XX

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I shall be glad if you will note above and return telegram for filing. *24/1*

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Sen. T. y. I have made a copy for the information of
other members of the delegation to the Berlin meeting.

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FROM MILGOV. NORTH DTO.191600/1
TO SUPREME COMMANDER AND HEAD OF FEDMILGOVT. LAGOS
REPEATED TO MILGOVS. EAST, WEST, MIDWEST.
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PM.224 X A TELEGRAM TO ME FROM MILGOV. EAST SUGGESTS THAT
AT OUR ACCRA MEETING QUESTION OF FISCAL ARRANGEMENTS AROSE IN
COURSE OF OUR DISCUSSION ON REHABILITATION X NEITHER MY
RECOLLECTION NOR THE OFFICAL MINUTES OF THE MEETING LEND SUPPORT
TO THIS VIEW X MY RECOLLECTION CONFIRMED BY OFFICIAL MINUTES IS THAT
ONLY REHABILITATION WAS DISCUSSED AND FINANCE EXPERTS WERE DIRECTED
TO MEET SOON TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS ON IT X MY UNDERSTANDING IS
THAT THE PRESENT PROBLEMS OF REHABILITATION THOUGH SERIOUS AND ACUTE
CAN BE DEALT WITH BY EMERGENCY MEASURES WITHIN THE EXISTING FISCAL
ARRANGEMENTS AND THIS IS WHAT FINANCE EXPERTES ARE TO MAKE
RECOMMENDATION ON X IF HOWEVER ALL GOVERNMENTS ARE AGREED ON THE
NEED FOR A REVIEW OF FISCAL ARRANGEMENTS IT MUST BE STATED WHAT
ASPECTS OF THEM REQUIRE REVISION AND SUFFICIENT TIME MUST BE
GIVEN FOR CAREFUL STUDY BEFORE A MEETING AND IN ANY CASE NO
DECISION CAN BE REACHED BEFORE THE FORTHCOMING BUDGETS ARE
PASSED X IF ~~ALSO~~ THERE IS TO BE A REVIEW OF FISCAL ARRANGEMENTS
WE MUST FOLLOW PAST PRECEDENT BY APPOINTING AN INDEPENDENT
COMMISSION RATHER THAN OUR FINANCIAL EXPERTS XX

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Sen. T. J.

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SP/c. 91 VOR. I & II att'd.

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Note =

No. of Easterners in Service :	369
✓ & applicants for transfer	147
✓ & transfers approved	41

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S.M.G. & H.S.,

I attach six copies of a memorandum containing proposals for the resettlement of displaced persons. These proposals have been exhaustively discussed by the Resettlement Committee which have recommended them for His Excellency's consideration and acceptance.

2. I have already carried out preliminary discussions with the officials of the different Ministries whose help may be required for the implementation of many of the proposals. I should therefore be grateful for an early consideration and decision, in principle, by His Excellency the Military Governor. Action will thereafter proceed immediately to implement recommendations in para. 7(3), (6), (7), (8), (9), and (10). The implementation of recommendations 7(2), (4), and (5) will require further and more detailed preliminary work to arrive at the actual costing, etc.

3. Although recommendation 7(1) appears to have been overtaken by events, ~~the~~ Resettlement Committee still feel that a number of the difficulties being experienced at the moment in the attitude of many of the displaced persons to alternative work might be got over if we could find a few openings in industries and commerce in which a number of them could be employed. Records show that up to date only 26 out of about 1,500 repatriates who appear to be eligible for work in industry and commerce have so far been placed. This number, of course, is in addition to those repatriates who are employees of firms having branches in this Region and/or in Lagos into which they have been absorbed. The details of repatriates placed in new positions in industry and commerce are as follows:

Nigeria Tobacco Company	..	..	10	persons
W.K. Thomas & Co. and				
Trans Arab Coy	..	..	6	"
Ikeja Industrial Estates	..	..	3	"
Chellarams	..	..	3	"
Plastics Factory	..	..	2	"
Caxton Press	..	..	1	Person
Oxford House	..	..	1	"
Total			26 persons	

4. It could, therefore, be seen that the progress being made in this field is extremely slow. In addition the reports coming from agricultural and forestry stations where some of the repatriates have been sent to work as labourer are most discouraging (please see copies of the report from Olokemeji attached hereto). It will therefore help my Committee very much if some of the proposals now put forward are approved. Their immediate implementation would be seen by the repatriates and the public as a sincere attempt on the part of Government to bring effective solutions to their problems.

Mrs. Fola Ighodalo
(Mrs. Fola Ighodalo)
Chairman
Western Nigeria Resettlement Committee.
10th January, 1967.

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MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES.
FORESTRY DIVISION.

Private Mail Bag No.8.
Abeokuta.

My Ref: No.21/457

30th December, 1966.

The Chief Conservator of Forests,
I b a d a n.

Repatriates.

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I forward herewith copy of a report from the Forest Superintendent, Abeokuta in respect of the Repatriates working at Olokemeji Forest Reserve.

2. The men have not carried out the amount of work which they are expected to do each day and for which they could qualify for a daily wage of 6/3d. It is reported that each of them takes at least four days to complete a day's work. Since the repatriates have started to work on the 13th December, 1966, they have not completed more than 5 acres of brushing up till this date, whereas value of their pay for daily attendance at work (including the attached paysheets) is about £190. If these men were Forestry Labourers, the 5 acres already brushed would cost Government only about £7 10. An expenditure of £190 would brush about 126 acres at the current rate of 30/- per acre.

3. I have seen these men myself and I am inclined to think that they do not intend to work for the money they are being paid. They demand rights to which they are not entitled and appear to constitute themselves into a privileged class. There are bad eggs among them who discourage the others from working. They even threaten violence against the Staff and some of their well-behaved members.

4. I am putting these reports down on record in case there is violence in Olokemeji Forest Reserve as a result of the bad behaviour of some of these repatriates. Your attention is drawn particularly to paragraph 3 and 4 of the Forest Superintendent's letter attached.

(Sgd.): - A. Adekunle
Principal Forest Officer,
Abeokuta/Ijebu/Colony Circle.

Forest Office,
Abeokuta.

29th December, 1966.

The Principal Forest Officer.

Thro' The Asst. Cons. Forests, (Sgd.) S.O. Dadi.
Abeokuta.

Repatriates.

Reference the Chief Conservator of Forests' letter No.WP.1821/449 of the 12th December, 1966, the paysheet for the first 10 men sent to Olokemeji has been submitted and paid. A second paysheet has been submitted by the Senior Forest Assistant Olokemeji to the value of £167. 3. 3d. Paragraph 3 of the letter under reference asked for careful and sympathetic handling of these repatriates.

2. On the 20th December, the Conservator of Forests with the Principal Forest Officer, Ibadan and Mr. Bobson visited Olokemeji and instructed that the men be given a task work of $\frac{1}{2}$ chain by 4 chains per day. I did this on the 21st and I started them on the task. Up till this present time, none of them has done more than $\frac{1}{2}$ chain by 1 chain.

3. I therefore consider it that they do not deserve this money on the paysheet. I am therefore sending the paysheet to you for discussion with the Chief Conservator of Forests perhaps he may decide to pay them considering the paragraph 3 of the letter under reference.

4. I would want a senior official to come to Olokemeji to speak to these repatriates about their rights. They ask for all sorts of things which I know are impossible. They want a free transport to take them to Ibadan for week ends for example. They consider the money as their right whether they work well or not, and so their out-put is very low.

(Sgd.) S. A. Adeyemo,
Forest Superintendent,
Abeokuta.

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Proposals for the Resettlement of Displaced Persons

Recommendations for the resettlement of displaced civil servants and staff of statutory corporations and universities have already been submitted in a previous memorandum. The proposals outlined below concern mainly workers in industry and allied business and self-employed people.

2. A number of industrialists and businessmen have heeded the appeal of His Excellency the Military Governor to provide places in their establishments for displaced workers. A sizeable number have, however, not shown the same co-operation. There are, for instance, commercial workers who have not yet been placed in spite of the fact that their employing organisations have branches in this Region and/or in Lagos. It has now been decided to take up the case of these people individually with the different firms where possible. In the case of workers whose employing organisations have no branches in this Region a quick way of placing them will be for them to occupy positions that may be vacated by some Easterners now with us if these could be transferred to their own Region. Efforts at finding alternative employment for this category of people have however revealed that a sizeable number of those who claimed to be skilled are really not quite qualified in their trade. Arrangement is, therefore, being made to request the Federal Ministry of Labour to organise for them trade testing. This will make it possible for those who are qualified to be ascertained. Those who are not qualified will then be advised to go for further training or seek employment as general labour hand. Also many of those who claimed to be apprentices and/or industrial workers are in fact only good for general labour. To alleviate the difficulty being experienced by this category of people work has been found for them in various projects under the Ministry of Agriculture and Natural Resources. Unfortunately, they have shown great reluctance at accepting this type of work; instead they have insisted on being paid subsistence allowance ad infinitum. Such request has been rejected in many cases except

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where it is really deserving, e.g. in cases of old and sick people. An alternative way of providing immediate employment is to put on ground some public works under the Ministry of Works and Transport.

3. To facilitate the resettlement of these people it is proposed that small scale industries should be established in the different areas of Western Nigeria where displaced persons can be found in reasonable number. Such areas are Ibadan, Ijebu, Ilesha-Ife, Akure-Ondo-Ekiti. Suggested projects are:-

- (i) Gari Production: In the short term, machinery for processing gari can be erected in areas where it is established that enough cassava tuber will be available. This work is suitable mainly for women who should themselves look for the cassava tuber, and when this is grated by machinery they should also be ready to do the frying. This is a project which has already been investigated and declared viable by the Industries Division of the Ministry of Trade and Industry. Mr. George Taylor, the Chief Industrial Officer of the Ministry is looking into this and he is working out details of financial and other requirements. In the long run a cassava plantation cum processing factory will be established in suitable areas. Details of these to be worked out with the co-operation of the staff of the Ministry of Agriculture and Natural Resources and Ministry of Trade and Industry.
- (ii) Palm Oil Production: It is understood that there are a number of oil mills scattered and lying idle in some parts of the Region. These mills were purchased in the past with government funds. One of the repatriates who claimed to be qualified and had participated in the erection of these mills has come forward with a suggestion that he and a few others would bind themselves together to operate such mills if they could obtain loan. Investigation into financial and other requirements of this scheme is at the moment being carried out with the co-operation of the Industries Division of the Ministry of Trade and Industry.
- (iii) At the moment, the sources for domestic staff for private and official use are mainly from among people of Eastern Nigerian origin. It is felt that this is a rich field for providing employment opportunities in the future. Since Yorubas are generally averse to this type of work it will be necessary for a realistic training programme to be organised. The Ministry of Economic Planning and Social Development could organise such training programme as part of its community development activities. The Women Community Training Centre along Oyo Road here in Ibadan is admirably suited for such training and after training the women could usefully be employed as nannies, cooks and house maids. Young men and boys interested in this type of work could also be given the training. For anybody to be successful in this type of work however his attitude is very important. It is, therefore, suggested that

recruits should first of all be sent to Shasha for some orientation course which should be so designed as to generate self-discipline and readiness to work hard. Only those who successfully complete the orientation course should be given the opportunity to undertake the main training.

4. Self-employed Adults: Meetings with this class of displaced persons have shown that they could be divided into three categories, viz:

- (i) Those who are already well advanced and experienced in their trade and all they need to restart are loan and shop facilities. Each of such cases should be treated on its merit and where it is confirmed that the trade proposed is viable and that the person is capable of carrying it out successfully an interest free loan repayable over a reasonably short period should be made available to him or her.
- (ii) Middle-sized traders i.e. those who on their own will find it difficult to succeed in the face of keener competition in Western Nigeria. Suggestions have been made that these should attempt to organise themselves into co-operative groups. If they succeed in doing this and are able to submit viable projects which are recommended by the Co-operative Officer who is already working on this programme, an interest free loan repayable over a reasonably short period should also be granted to the group found suitable.
- (iii) The younger ones among this class of displaced persons who are mainly hawkers and apprentices should be prepared to work in some of the schemes proposed in paragraph 3 above or find for themselves positions where they can continue their hawking or apprenticeship.

5. The Old People and the Infirm: The main problem with this category of people is social security. Whereas in their previous Region of abode they belonged to a unit of the Yoruba Union or Association in that area which accepted responsibility for looking after them should it become necessary, back here in Western Nigeria this social union has disappeared. So efforts at resettling should concentrate on finding a family unit for such destitute and infirm people. The Social Welfare Division of the Ministry of Economic Planning and Social Development should continue to handle the cases of such people most of whom claim not to know their next of kin. The possibility of a voluntary organisation setting up an Old People's Home where these people could be accommodated and cared for is being explored should efforts at resettling them among their kith and kin fail. Any Voluntary Organisation which agrees to undertake this responsibility

should enjoy Government financial grant.

6. Miscellaneous: There are a few scattered here and there who cannot be classified into the general groups

- (a) Among these are pool promoters, patent medicine sellers and hawkers, etc. Those in this class holding valid permit from their previous Regions of abode should be granted free of charge licences for operating in Western Nigeria for one year.
- (b) There are also those who have been promised employment mostly as store-keepers and cashiers on the payment of security. Since the repatriates are unable to provide such security on their own it is proposed that an interest free loan should be made available for them to pay the security. Such loan should be repaid by monthly deductions from the salaries at base of the borrowers until the loan is liquidated. The period of liquidation should not exceed twenty-four months.
- (c) Many repatriates have expressed anxiety about payment of Tax. Since most of them are still unsettled and unemployed it is recommended that all who are proved to be genuinely displaced persons should be exempted from the payment of Tax during their first year of return to this Region.

7. Summary of Recommendations:

- (1) Present efforts at getting some Easterners working in industrial and commercial concerns in this Region transferred to their own Region so as to make openings for returning Westerners should be implemented immediately.
- (2) Some public works under the Ministry of Works and Transport should now be put on ground to provide alternative employment facilities to work on the farm.
- (3) Approach should be made to the Federal Ministry of Labour to conduct emergency trade tests for repatriates who claim to be skilled.

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- (4) Small scale industries for the production of gari and palm oil should be established in suitable centres of repatriate population.
- (5) Training courses for domestic staff to be organised by the Social Development Division of the Ministry of Economic Planning and Social Development.
- (6) Loan should be made to experienced and proved individual traders; also to co-operative trading and business groups on the advice of the Co-operative Officer. (Max. £500)
- (7) The old and infirm should be settled among their kith and kin where possible. If it becomes necessary to get a Voluntary Organisation to establish an Old People's Home for this purpose, government grant should be paid for its running.
- (8) Pool promoters, patent medicine sellers and hawkers, etc. holding valid permits from their previous places of abode should be issued free of charge licences to operate for one year in Western Nigeria.
- (9) Loans should be made to those who need to pay security to obtain employment. (Max. £200).
- (10) All displaced persons should be exempted from payment of Tax in their first year of return to the Region.

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S.M.G.,

Your minute at p.2 refers. The proposals deal mainly with workers in industry and allied business and self-employed repatriates. For ease of reference the summary of recommendations made as contained in para.7 of the Report are as follows:-

- (1) Presents efforts at getting some Easterners working in industrial and commercial concerns in this Region transferred to their own Region so as to make openings for returning Westerners should be implemented immediately.
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- (9) Loans should be made to those who need to pay security to obtain employment.
- (10) All displaced persons should be exempted from payment of Tax in their first year of return to the Region.

2. Recommendation (1) seems to me to strike at the root of the problem. If a bold step can be taken to effect this recommendation, half of the problem of resettlement would be solved. What is needed in this regard is more than a mere 'appeal' to industrialists and businessmen. The matter, however, requires very delicate handling in view of the present Government policy which encourages Easterners and people from the other Regions to stay on in Western Nigeria. Apart from this question of policy, there is also the question of finding positions for the repatriates in Western Nigeria comparable to those they left in the East.

3. In this connection, the Resettlement Committee has noted the fact that "a sizeable number of those who claimed to be skilled are really not quite qualified in their trade". This position will be largely true of the self-employed but, in the case of those known to have been employed in industries and allied business with branches in the West, there would surely be similar positions in the West which some, if not all, can occupy, even if these be only in the general labour grade. The need for a bolder and more vigorous policy in

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this regard cannot be over-stressed. It is essential, therefore, that this aspect be also taken up with the Government of Eastern Nigeria in the first instance on the same basis as the case of the public servants was taken up. When this has been cleared at the governmental level the way would then be clear for a successful approach to be made to the commercial and industrial undertakings.

4. The Resettlement Committee has recommended that Government should put on ground some public works under the Ministry of Works and Transport and that small scale industries should be established in the different areas of Western Nigeria "in suitable centres of repatriate population", vide Recommendations (2) and (4). All these works and industries are desirable in their own right even without consideration of the resettlement question; but this at once raises the question of funds. There is also the fact that the same reason given by the Committee, i.e. the difficulty of placing the repatriates for want of requisite qualification, will create a situation that, notwithstanding the establishment of these works and industries, many of the repatriates might find it difficult to be absorbed in them. Besides, many and various are the factors which determine the siting of industries, e.g. suitability of soil or climate, supply of raw materials, etc. The recommendation that these industries be established "in suitable centres of repatriate population" does not appear to have taken cognisance of this fact. These therefore require further thought and consideration.

5. The Committee has also raised the question of loan in Recommendation (6). This does not seem to me a feasible proposition as recommended. One of the conditions for granting a loan is proved ability to repay the loan - a thing which cannot be said to exist in the case of the repatriates.

Besides, the Committee seems to be asking for a blank cheque in this recommendation since no details of the operations of such a loan's scheme have been indicated nor how it is proposed to implement it. It does not appear sufficient simply to say that, if approved in principle, action will proceed immediately to implement it.

6. Recommendation (8) regarding the ~~grant~~^{issue} of free of charge licences for one year to pool promoters, patent medicine sellers and hawkers holding valid permits from their Regions requires the advice of the P.S.M.F. The effect for example, on revenue and on the existing trades and how far the society can sustain the additional promotion require examination. Similarly, the question of exemption from payment of tax, Recommendation (10), requires examination and advice from P.S.M.F. because even unemployed taxable non-repatriate Western Nigerians are liable to the payment of tax.

7. Recommendation (3) on trade tests does not, in my view, require any formal approval.

8. Recommendation (5) on training courses for would-be domestic staff seems to me unprofitable. Government money can be more usefully employed for other pressing and rewarding purposes than for running such training courses the results of which, apart from being negligible, would not make any impact on the resettlement question.

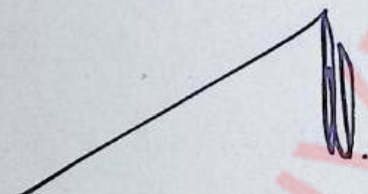
9. The first part of recommendation (7) does not require any specific approval. The second part is a mere supposition for which a Government grant is being requested. More details would be required before one can ask for a Government grant.

10. To sum up, I recommend:

- (a) that recommendations (1) and (9) should be accepted and vigorous action taken to implement them.

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- (b) that recommendation (5) be not accepted;
 - (c) that the views of the P.S.M.F. should be sought in the first instance on recommendations (8) and (10);
 - (d) that the Committee be asked to take up recommendations (2), (4) and (6) with the Ministries of Works and Transport and Trade and Industry respectively before submitting concrete proposals to H.E.;
 - and (e) that the Committee be told that recommendation (3) and the first part of recommendation (7) do not require any specific approval and that the second part of recommendation (7) requires further work by the Committee and concrete recommendations on the question of Government grant.

11. You may wish to give further consideration to this matter.



(J. O. Afolabi),
Ag. U.S.,

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Y.E.,

Please see proposals submitted by the Chairman of the Resettlement Committee at pp. 1 - 9 of this file. The final recommendations of the Committee are summarised in para.7 at pp.8/9.

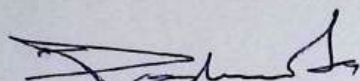
2. I have discussed these recommendations with the Chairman of the Resettlement Committee and pointed out to her that most of the so-called recommendations are either not recommendations at all (e.g., items (1), (3)), or ^{are} ~~her~~ proposals which she ought to have pursued further with the other Ministries or Departments concerned so that the recommendations to be presented to Y.E. will contain all the relevant facts; examples of these are items (2), (4), (5), (8) and (10). Mrs. Ighodalo has agreed to pursue the other recommendations in the manner I suggested to her.

3. Of the recommendations under para.7 of the report, only two deserve Y.E.'s immediate attention, and these are items (6) and (9). On item (6), I have requested Mrs. Ighodalo to indicate the maximum amount of loan recommended by her Committee and she has indicated £500 as the ceiling. On item (9), she has proposed a ceiling of £200 per person. I commend these two recommendations to Y.E. subject

- (a) to the ceiling indicated in each case;
- and (b) to a proper written agreement being entered into between the persons taking the loan and the representatives of the

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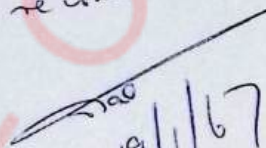
Government (the Solicitor-General is being requested to prepare necessary draft agreement for the purpose).


(P. T. Odumosu),

S.M.G.,

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Agreed to your two
recommendations


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20 January, 1967.

The Chairman,
Resettlement Committee,
Ibadan,
c/o Ministry of Agriculture &
Natural Resources,
Ibadan.

Resettlement of Displaced Persons

With reference to the proposals of your Committee for the resettlement of displaced persons, His Excellency has approved recommendations (6) and (9) contained in paragraph 7 of the summary of your proposals subject to a ceiling of £500 and £200 respectively. You have agreed in discussion to pursue the other recommendations summarized in paragraph 7 with the Ministries and others concerned.

2. The Solicitor General has been asked to take in hand the preparation of the necessary agreement forms and you may contact him to expedite action on this.

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

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Telegram to be sent through Police Signals

20th January, 1967.

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TO: Secretary Federal Military Government, Lagos.

CASES REPORTED THAT NIGERIAN RAILWAY CORPORATION
SERVING TERMINATION NOTICES ON STAFF OF WESTERN
ORIGIN WHO LEFT THEIR STATIONS DUE RECENT
DISTURBANCES X ACTION CONTRARY TO ABURI
AGREEMENT THAT ALL DISPLACED STAFF OF GOVERNMENT
AND CORPORATIONS BE PAID FULL SALARY UP TO MARCH
ENDING X RAILWAY CORPORATIONS ACTION PROVOCATIVE X
GRATEFUL SUPREME COMMANDER INTERVENE X

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IBADAN.

Certified:


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

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c/o Mr. A.O. Ayode
Public Service Commission
Ibadan.
16th January 1967.

H.E. the Military Governor
Western Nigeria
Ibadan.

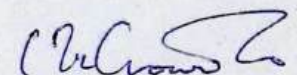
Your Excellency,

Please permit me to address this humble appeal to you amidst your many important State duties.

More than 3 months ago I was (along with others almost all of whom are now fixed) repatriated from the University of Nigeria Nsukka where I was a Lecturer in Business Law.

Since my return to this Region, I have made several fruitless attempts to get ~~xxxx~~ absorbed into the University of Ibadan or Ife or the Civil Service or into any of the Government Corporations. The Chairman of the Resettlement Committee has been helpful in rendering some assistance towards this end but it does not appear to me that other officials connected have been co-operative enough.

I will appreciate whatever action Your Excellency may deem fit to take to end my present state of frustration and depression forthwith.

I am, Sir, 
C.O. AROWOLO (LL.B., A.C.C.S., BL.)

Copy to:

The Secretary to the Military Governor & Head of Service
Western Nigeria, Ibadan.

The Chairman,
Western Nigeria Resettlement Committee
Ibadan.

SP/S.54/T.1/20

25th January, 1967.

Mr. C. O. Arowolo, LL.B., A.C.C.S., DL.,
c/o Mr. A. O. Ayode,
Public Service Commission,
Ibadan.

Sir,

I am directed by His Excellency the Military Governor to refer to your letter of 16th January, 1967, and the interview you had on the 24th January with both His Excellency and the undersigned, when the Chairman of the Resettlement Committee, Mrs. Ighodalo was present.

His Excellency has directed me to inform you that he has caused your case to be investigated and it has been established that the Resettlement Committee endeavoured to obtain for you an academic appointment with the Universities of Ibadan, Ife or Lagos, similar to the academic appointment you last held at the University of Nigeria, Nsukka. None of the three Universities referred to above is in a position to offer you an academic appointment because you do not possess the minimum academic qualification for appointment as a Lecturer or Assistant Lecturer. The Resettlement Committee then arranged for you to be interviewed by the Solicitor-General for the post of State Counsel, by the Ministry of Education for the post of Lecturer at the Technical College, Ibadan, and by the Western Nigeria Water Corporation for appointment as Legal Secretary. The results of all these interviews were unfavourable as you do not possess all the requirements for any of the posts.

In the above circumstances, you may wish to consider going into private practice as a Lawyer since you are qualified in this profession. In the meantime, however, the Resettlement Committee is being requested to continue their efforts to find you an appointment for which your qualifications and experience may be suitable.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,



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

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Copy to:

Ref. No. SP/S.54/T.1/29
Ibadan, 25 January, 1967.

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

Copy for information.



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

Y.E.

Y.E. brought Mr. Arowolo
to me yesterday. I submit
at p. 20 for Y.E.'s information
copy of letter at p. 20 issued
to Mr. Arowolo.

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I can't understand why we can't
get him a job.

Please speak.

Chairman,
Resettlement Ctee.

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Pls. see H.E.'s remarks and intensify
your efforts to get Mr. Arowolo a job.

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c/o Mr. A. O. Ayode,
Public Service Commission,
I b a d a n.
26th January, 1967

The Secretary to the Military Government,
Western Nigeria,
I b a d a n.



Dear Sir /

I refer to your letter ref. SP/S.54/T.1/26 of 25th January, 1967.

It is true that none of the Universities of Ibadan, Ife or Lagos could give me academic appointment similar to the one I held at Nsukka. This is not because I haven't the minimum academic qualification for such appointment by their own standard but because the type of courses I am so qualified to lecture are not existing in these Universities. However, these very Universities are keen on taking me into their Administration in which I am equally interested.

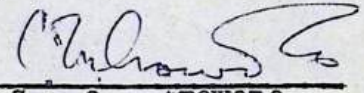
Also, it cannot be said that I do not possess all the requirements for appointment as a Pupil State Counsel in the Ministry of Justice. People with less qualifications are being so appointed.

Finally, I do not see any need for anyone to remind me that I am a qualified Lawyer and could go into private practice. This should be my own private decision which of course I had made all along while still endeavouring to get a paid employment.

You may however wish to note that I had again been to complain my dissatisfaction of my interview with you to His Excellency who yesterday directed the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Establishment to explore the possibility of giving me something in the meantime before an interview for Pupil State Counsel appointment.

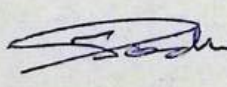
My conclusion is that some officials are just too indifferent to the plight of displaced persons as mine is just one of so many cases unkindly handled. In the interest of our dear Region in which we all have a right to make a decent living, I believe there must be a change of heart by some highly placed officials. Thank you.

I am, Sir,


C. O. AROWOLO

Chairman,
Resettlement Committee,

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SMG,

seen & noted. Thank you. P.A.
Hyd 26 27/1/67

Please see
Min. of Justice's
letter to PSC on
this subject



WESTERN NIGERIA RESETTLEMENT COMMITTEE

c/o P.M.B. 5049

IBADAN . WESTERN NIGERIA

Your Ref. No.....

Our Ref. No..... R.112/14

Date. 27th January, 1967

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

Mr. C. O. Arowolo

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I forward, herewith for your information, copies of the
letters I have forwarded to the Universities of Lagos, Ibadan and
Ife, the Permanent Secretaries, Ministries of Education and Works &
Transport, and the Solicitor-General and Permanent Secretary, Ministry
of Justice requesting positions for Mr. Arowolo.

2. This action has been taken in further attempt to get
Mr. Arowolo resettled in this Region in the light of his wish
expressed in his letter dated 26th January, 1967 a copy of which
has been forwarded to you.

Fola Ighodalo
(Mrs Fola Ighodalo)
Chairman

Western Nigeria Resettlement Committee

As/1

c/o P.M.B. 9049

R.112/10

27 January, 1967

The Registrar,
University of Lagos,
Lagos.

The Registrar,
University of Ibadan,
Ibadan.

The Registrar,
University of Ife,
Ibadan Branch,
Ibadan.

Mr. C. O. Arowolo

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"None of the Universities of Lagos, Ibadan and Ife could give me academic appointment similar to the one I held at the University of Nigeria, Nsukka because the type of courses I am qualified to teach are not existing in these Universities. But all these three Universities are at the moment considering me for administrative appointment which your Committee has not explored."

I should be grateful if you would confirm that you are considering Mr. Arowolo for an administrative appointment in your University and how soon such appointment is likely to be effective. As His Excellency the Military Governor of Western Nigeria is anxious that every displaced person be helped to resettle as soon as possible in this Region, it would be appreciated if this case could be treated with urgency.

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(Mrs Fola Ighodalo)
Chairman

Western Nigeria Resettlement Committee

c/o P.M.B. 5049

R.112/11

27 January, 1967

The Permanent Secretary,
Ministry of Education,
Ibadan.

Mr. C. O. Arowolo

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"The Technical College Ibadan could not offer me appointment as a Lecturer because the law courses I can teach there will not give me full employment. I don't know why I cannot be given part-time employment for the Law courses as an emergency measure."

2. His Excellency the Military Governor is anxious to see that every displaced person of Western Nigeria origin is helped to resettle as soon as possible in the Region. I should, therefore, be grateful if you would give consideration to offering Mr. Arowolo an appointment to teach at the Technical College even if on temporary and part-time basis. Please treat as urgent.

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(Mrs Fola Ighodalo)
Chairman

Western Nigeria Resettlement Committee

c/o F.M.B. 5049

R.112/12

27 January, 1967

The Permanent Secretary,
Ministry of Works and Transport,
Ibadan.

Mr. C. O. Arowolo

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2. I should be grateful if you would please let me know whether it is possible to create a post of Assistant Legal Officer in the Water Corporation as suggested by Mr. Arowolo. As His Excellency the Military Governor is anxious that every help be given to all displaced persons of Western Nigeria origin to resettle as soon as possible in the Region, it would be appreciated if this case could be treated with urgency.

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(Mrs Fola Ighodalo)

Chairman

Western Nigeria Resettlement Committee

c/o P.M.B. 5049

R.112/13

27 January, 1967

The Solicitor-General
and Permanent Secretary,
Ministry of Justice,
Ibadan.

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2. I should be grateful if you would give consideration to offering Mr. Arowolo a temporary appointment as a State Counsel pending the time you will be ready to conduct a full interview. As His Excellency the Military Governor is anxious that every displaced person of Western Nigeria origin be helped to resettle in this Region, it would be appreciated if this matter could be given urgent treatment.

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(Mrs Fola Ighodalo)
Chairman

Western Nigeria Resettlement Committee



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WESTERN NIGERIA RESETTLEMENT COMMITTEE

c/o P.M.B. 5049

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Your Ref. No.....

Our Ref. No. EE.4/143

Date... 27 January, 1967.....

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

Resettlement of Displaced University Staff.

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Attached is copy of the letter dated 2nd January, 1967 recently received from Dr. Aluko on the problem of placing displaced staff of the University of Nigeria, Nsukka. I forwarded to you under cover of my minute dated 24th November, 1966 proposals for resettling certain categories of displaced personnel. In paragraphs 4 to 7 of that memorandum are proposals for the placing University staff in alternative gainful employment in this Region. Some of these staff still remain unemployed either in temporary or permanent capacity as you will see from Dr. Aluko's letter.

2. I should be grateful if government decision on the recommendations in respect of these people can now be released. This is most important as some of them have not received any salary since the end of November.

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(Mrs. Fola Ighodalo)

Chairman

Western Nigeria Resettlement Committee.

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S.A. Aluko, 310 21
Department of Economics,
University of Ife,
Ibadan.

2nd. January, 1967.

Mrs. Fola Ighodalo,
Chairman Western Nigeria
Rehabilitation Committee,
Western Secretariat,
Ibadan.

Dear Mrs. Ighodalo,

Resettlement of University Staff.

I wish to remind you that the following staff who left the University of Nigeria, Nsukka, have not been employed up till now:

Senior Staff

- (1) Dr. A. Akiwowo: Senior Lecturer in Sociology,
- (2) Mr. C.O. Arowolo: Lecturer in Management Studies.
- (3) Mr. K.N. Ogedengbe: Assistant Lecturer in History.
- (4) Mrs. J.A. Aluko: Administrative Officer (Students).

Junior Staff

- (5) Mr. J.O. Akinbobola: Maintenance Supervisor of University Equipment.
- (6) Mr. K.A. Adebayo: Assistant Laboratory Technician
- (7) Mr. O.O.A. Olaoye: Teach of Young, Drums, Department of Music.

Following my memo of 28th October, the various Universities submitted their requests to facilitate the resettlement of some or all of these staff, I understand that no reply has been received from your Committee. It will be appreciated if you will do all that lies in your power to ensure that an early and satisfactory resettlement of the staff.

All other staff mentioned in the Memo. of October, 28, have been engaged on temporary or permanent basis.

Yours sincerely,

(Sgd):- Sam. Aluko.
Member of Sub-Committee of
Rehabilitation Committee.

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c/o P.M.B. 5049

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The Commissioner of Police,
Regional Headquarters,
Eleiyale,
Ibadan.



200 January, 1967.

Resettlement of Displaced Western Nigerians

I attach copy of a letter on behalf of Mr. B. Lawal one of the Western Nigerians who had to flee to this Region from Eastern Nigeria as a result of the recent crisis in the country.

2. As you will see from the letter, Mr. Lawal seeks help in retrieving his Mercedes Bens Tipper Lorry, the description of which is given in his letter. I should be grateful for any help you can render in seeing that Mr. Lawal gets this tipper back as he needs it to resuscitate his work in this Region.

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(Mrs Fola Ighodalo)
Chairman

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Western Nigeria Resettlement Committee

Ref. No. RE.2/T/4A
Ibadan. January, 1967

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)

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Above for your information, please. A copy of the
correspondence referred to in the body of this letter is attached.

Fola Ighodalo
(Mrs Fola Ighodalo)
Chairman

Western Nigeria Resettlement Committee
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S. BAYO ODUWOLE B.L., LL.B. (LONDON) F.R.S.A.
(Barrister-at-Law and Honourable Member of
Middle Temple)

SOLICITOR AND ADVOCATE.

AJETUNMOBI CHAMBERS

SW7/31^B Oyesina Street,
P.O. Box 74,
Ibadan.

Phone Office 21388
Residence 24159

14th Dec., 1966.

The Secretary,
Western Nigeria Resettlement Committee,
c/o Western Nigeria Secretariat,
Ibadan.

Dear Sir,

Re: B. Lawal Tipper Lorry with
Leventis Onitsha.

I am acting for Mr. B. Lawal a big contractor and a refugee from Onitsha and I have instructions to write you as follows:

My client is one of the unfortunate ones who settled in the Eastern Region and who through circumstances is now forced to come back to Western Region his Region of Origin and as many other unfortunate ones he finds himself a stranger and has to begin life again in difficult circumstances. He had already completed the necessary forms which had been duly sent to your committee.

My client's urgent need at the moment is to help him redeem his Mercedes Benz (120 H.P.) Tipper Lorry which he bought on hire purchase for a little over £3,000 0.0d. (Three thousand pounds) from Leventis Motors Onitsha. The said vehicle is now about 18 months old and he had paid £2,618 18s. 2d. already before the 1966 May riot in the Northern Nigeria which misfortune sparked off a chain of events which ultimately create the refugee problem.

I wish to state also that my client is the sole bread winner for his family and the untold hardship that has since faced them in the last few months cannot be adequately put on paper. He has been registered as a Building Contractor (Category "B" £3,001 - £6,000) in November, 1966 through the aid of your Committee but apart from the fact that he had not even won any contract yet he would still be greatly handicapped if and when he wins a contract and he cannot profitably carry it out due to inadequate equipment.

I am to add that in the meantime if he has his tipper with him he can be carrying on some private jobs on which himself and the family can still subsist.

It is my client's humble request that you put his matter before the Committee for urgent and necessary action.

Thanking you for your co-operation and early attention.

Yours faithfully,

(Sgd.) S. Bayo Oduwole.

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Extract from the Minutes of the 15th Meeting of the Council
held in the Conference Room, Treasury Buildings, on Wednesday,
18th January, 1967, at 5.00 p.m.

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Problems of Resettling Western Nigeria Repatriates

112. Elaborating on the memorandum which she had earlier submitted to Council, Mrs. F. M. Ighodalo, Chairman of Western Nigeria Resettlement Committee, stated that there were now about 10,000 registered displaced Western Nigerians, although it was possible that the total number involved could have trebled since many, especially the early arrivals, did not bother to register with the Resettlement Office. The estimated cost of resettling the undergraduates was about £80,000 made up of:-

- (a) fees paid to the University of Nigeria, Nsukka, which might not be refunded;
- (b) looted books which could not be recovered;
- (c) cost of placing 16 undergraduates in overseas institutions;
- (d) refund by government of third term fees paid by pupils in secondary grammar schools in their previous regions of abode;
- (e) books lost to secondary grammar school pupils.

113. The high level of unemployment in the Region prior to the crisis and the open-door policy of the Regional Government, have exacerbated the difficulties of the Resettlement Committee in finding openings in the Western Region similar to those created by fleeing persons in the Northern and Eastern Regions. Other problems facing the Committee include the following:-

- (i) irregular payment of salaries and wages of displaced Western Nigerian civil servants by the Government of Eastern Nigeria (payments are made one month in arrears and deductions of about £1 each are made from the salaries of some of the officers from the Eastern Region Rehabilitation Fund!);
- (ii) lack of co-operation on the part of the authorities of the University of Nigeria, Nsukka, about the refund of the

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fees already paid by fleeing Western Nigeria undergraduates of the University;

- (iii) lack of co-operation on the part of the East Regional Government to exchange civil servants and corporation staff;
- (iv) uncertainty about the conditions under which corporation staff were repatriated;
- (v) return to Western Nigeria and subsequent provocative statements and actions by Easterners in this Region;
- (vi) antipathy on the part of the displaced persons to manual work;
- (vii) lack of funds (the Ministry of Agriculture and Natural Resources could employ over 1,000 repatriates provided the money for wages could be made available from the resettlement fund);
- (viii) lack of adequate qualifications by a reasonable number of the displaced persons.

114. In the discussions that followed, Council recognised the need, at least for the easing of tensions at the height of the crisis, and the preservation of whatever was left of the Federation at that point in time, of a public policy, such as was adopted by the Government of Western Nigeria, aimed at ensuring the safety and security of all Nigerians irrespective of their Regions of origin. But it was ironical and regrettable that the indigenes of the Region which adopted this sensible policy, and who were forced out of other Regions, should be made to suffer in the process. To the extent that the open-door policy was a public policy, members felt very strongly that its price should not be paid only by the displaced persons of Western Nigeria origin. It should be the responsibility of the state at large and policy measures, at both federal and regional levels, should reflect the recognition and acceptance of this view. Accordingly, Council agreed/recommended as follows:-

- (a) that the Federal Government, which has responsibility for the safety and security of its citizens, should be

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called upon to give financial assistance in resettling Western Nigeria repatriates;

- (b) that the Federal Government be asked to accept, as a deliberate matter of policy, the absorption of displaced persons of Western Nigeria origin into the Federal Public Service, federal statutory corporations and boards, and such other establishments in which the Federal Government might have direct or indirect interest in appreciation of the sacrifice made by Western Nigeria in its attitude to and treatment of other Nigerians in the current political situation in the country;
- (c) that the Western Nigeria Government should pursue vigorously the minimum programme of exchange of man for man between Eastern and Western Nigeria, and that action should be completed not later than the end of January, 1967;
- (d) that the Regional Government should take a positive stand on the role of employers in the private sector by giving them definite directives that they should employ displaced and other Western Nigerians in their establishments within the Region, and that failure to conform would be regarded as sabotage of Government's resettlement efforts;
- (e) that efforts should be made by the Regional Government to ensure that fees already paid by Western Nigerian students at the University of Nigeria, Nsukka, were refunded without further delay;
- (f) that in view of the allegation that returning Easterners to Western Nigeria are engaging in loose talks which might provoke violent reactions, the Military Governor of the Region should issue a statement warning such Easterners that minimum courtesy was expected of them that loose talks would not be tolerated, and that those who persist in this anti-social behaviour should be prepared to face the consequences of their action;

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- (g) that self-employed displaced persons should be encouraged to organise themselves into co-operative societies under the guidance of the Co-operative Division of the Ministry of Trade and Industry in association with the Resettlement Committee;
- (h) that the possibility of re-training some displaced persons in jobs requiring a modicum of educational qualifications should be explored;
- and (i) that, subject to the convenience and agreement of the Military Governor, an early meeting should be arranged with His Excellency to exchange views on the problems of resettling Western Nigeria repatriates.

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WESTERN NIGERIA RESETTLEMENT COMMITTEE

c/o P.M.B. 5049

IBADAN . WESTERN NIGERIA



Your Ref. No.....

Our Ref. No. RE.1/352

SECRET.

Date: 20th January, 1967

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

Resettlement of Displaced Persons

I attach copy of a letter dated 10th January, 1967 which I have received from Mr. S. O. Abiodun, a Western Nigerian displaced from the Eastern Region. As you will see Mr. Abiodun is requesting for permission to enter Eastern Nigeria to remove some articles required by his children for their schooling.

2. I am aware that representation has been made to the Eastern Nigeria Government on the possibility of Western Nigerians being allowed to re-enter that Region to look after their property. I do not know whether any definite reply has been received. The situation in which people had to flee their normal places of work and residence leaving all their property - movable and immovable - behind and in which they are still prevented from returning to these places after four months is most frustrating. As opposed to this, the Easterner is free to come and go in Western Nigeria; sitting in his house and looking after his own children. This is another situation that could lead to crisis. People are very restive and their daily threatening action at the Resettlement Office and to the Chairman is becoming uncontrollable. If the Eastern Nigeria Government could not heed a gentleman request of letting Westerners enter its Region to look after their property then Easterners owning property in this Region should also be prevented from having easy access to and using their own property.

Fola Ighodalo
(Mrs Fola Ighodalo)
Chairman

Western Nigeria Resettlement Committee

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20 Saba Court,
Massey Street,
Lagos.
10th January, 1967

The Sec. to the Military Governor,
Military Governor's Office,
Enugu,
Eastern Nigeria.

Dear Sir,

Displaced students: Resettlement of

I am to seize this opportunity to report my safe return home in accordance with your government edict.

I am also to identify myself as a civil servant of the Ministry of Finance, Port Harcourt being one of the displaced persons from the East since October, 1966.

The main object of this letter is to intimate you with the fact that four of my children who were withdrawn from various secondary schools they were attending in the East during my stay there are now to be resettled in schools at home within the next fortnight and that they will need all the items for their school outfit that are among my baggage caused to be left behind on Government proclamation including the specific instructions to all Government employees not to remove their personal effects.

I should be grateful therefore if you would allow me to come and collect from my house at 125 Aggrey Road, PH. the following articles for the said children:-

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| 1. Mosquito Nets | 4 |
| 2. Buckets | 4 |
| 3. Sandalettes | 3 pairs |
| 4. Tennis Shoes | 1 pair |
| 5. Pyjamas | 1 " |
| 6. Sleeping dresses | 3 |
| 7. Bedsheets | 4 |
| 8. Pillow slips | 8 |
| 9. Blankets | 4 |
| 10. Coal irons | 4 |
| 11. Trunk boxes | 3 |

I am to add that I cannot afford to buy again all these items for the children concerned without financial hardships.

Thanking you in anticipation of early attention as the time is apparently getting short.

Yours obediently,

(Sgd.) S.O. Abiodun
ag. Senior Executive Officer
(Accts.)

cc:

The Secretary,
Western Nigeria Resettlement Committee,
Electoral Office,
Ibadan.

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Pl see from p. 268 and most
20/1/67 especially pp 272-277 which I, ^{now} submit.

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c/o Mr. A. O. Ayode, 3
Public Service Commission
Ibadan.
24th January, 1967.



The Chairman,
Western Nigeria Resettlement Committee,
Ibadan.

Dear Madam,

I refer to my interview of 24th January 1967 with the Secretary to the Military Governor at which you were present and wish to refute certain allegations so as to put your records right.

I appreciate the contacts your Committee has made so far to resettle me but I must point out that it is not the number of contacts made on a person's behalf that matters but the successful resettlement of the person concerned.

I now review the contacts one by one:-

1. None of the Universities of Lagos, Ibadan and Ife could give me academic appointment similar to the one I held at the University of Nigeria, Nsukka because the type of courses I am qualified to teach are not existing in these Universities. But all these three Universities are at the moment considering me for administrative appointment which your Committee has not explored.
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Finally, I wish to point out that it is no solution to suggest to me to take to private practice. This was open to me before I left the Region to work in the East ~~region~~ and now that I am forced back to my own Region of ~~origin~~ ^{advantage} origin, I am asking for just what is due to me and no more without using the situation to any ~~advantage~~ ^{mind}. I wish your Committee every luck in its work which it must be appreciated needs the co-operation of everyone. We have to expand in order to accommodate all for this is why money is being made available for the resettlement work. I would love to see more dynamism and greater concern shown towards displaced citizens of this Region. I know I am speaking the ~~mind~~ ^{mind} of my less fortunate colleagues.

I pause for an answer with the greatest respect.

Thank you.

Yours faithfully,

(Signature)
C. O. Arowolo

*formerly Lecturer
Univ. of Nigeria*

✓ CC: The Secretary to the Military Governor,
Western Region of Nigeria.

CC: His Excellency,
The Military Governor of Western Region of Nigeria,
Colonel R. A. Adebayo.



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Please see pp. 272-6,

2. Ref. pp. 272-6, the Chairman, Resettlement Committee raised two points:

(a) Difficulty in finding employment for repatriates and the need to revise Government's "open door" policy;

(b) Nigeria Railway Corporation terminating appointment of fleeing Western Nigerians who could not be absorbed into the Corporation's establishment in Lagos.

3. Page 276 indicates that you have already taken action on para. 2(b) above and a reply from the Ag. Secretary, Federal Military Government is at present awaited.

4. Para. 2(a) bristles with greater difficulties especially in view of the poor employment situation in the Region at the moment. Referring to the accusation against the so-called "open door" policy, I should like to repeat the information earlier passed to you in another connection that 147 officers of Eastern Nigeria origin have already applied for transfer to the East. The number is bound to increase as more and more of them apply for transfer. If their transfers are approved, there will be vacancies into which repatriates can be absorbed.

H.E. has re-affirmed no change in present policy.
5. This nagging problem, as you know, came up for discussion at a recent meeting Members of the Regional Economic Advisory Council and the Chairman of the Resettlement Committee had with H.E. and the wider issues involved must have been discussed.

6. I have observed, however, that in several cases, only advance copies of the applications for transfer from officers of Eastern Nigeria origin have reached the Public Service Commission, which cannot be acted upon. It is important that applications

Noted for next P.S. meeting
for transfers be treated with greater dispatch by the Permanent Secretaries concerned and I will suggest that they should be advised accordingly. In view of its delicate nature, a circular

to this effect will be inadvisable; it will be sufficient for this point to be stressed verbally to Permanent Secretaries during one of their meetings with you. Secondly, the Secretary, Public Service Commission should follow up every application for transfer with his opposite number in the East so as to ensure speedy action at the other end. For instance, records show that only 41 have had their transfers approved, including 13 who did not apply in the first instance.

7. Ref. pp. ³¹⁶⁻³¹⁷~~282-3~~, the Chairman, Resettlement Committee, has forwarded an application from one Mr. S. O. Abiodun, a repatriate and S.E.O. (Accts.) from the East who is seeking permission to enter Eastern Nigeria with a view to collecting school uniforms and other materials required by his children who have to resume schooling in the West. There are bound to be other similar cases, not known to us, of repatriates wishing to visit the East. All the repatriates from the East left the Region at very short notice and under the impression that they would be away for a brief period. It was natural that they could not have taken enough of their personal effects with them to enable them settle down here for good.

8. I am not aware of 'X' / at page ³¹⁶~~282~~ but if you agree, representations should be made to the East Military Governor, in form of a dispatch as at page 276, appealing to him to give consideration to repatriates re-entering the East for a few days to enable them remove some of their essential personal effects as well as tidy up their private affairs. The point can be stressed that the request has to be made in view of the prolonged stay of the repatriates from their Region of domicile.


(M. S. Adigun),
S.A.S.(I),
31st. Jan., 1967.

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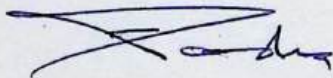
Mr. E. O. Olufunwa,
Commissioner of Police,
Western Region,
Ibadan.

Recovery of Properties left behind by displaced Nigerians

The question of properties left in Eastern Nigeria by Western Nigerians and others who have had to leave Eastern Nigeria on the order of the Military Governor was raised at the last Aburi meeting of the Supreme Military Council. The point was made that Western Nigerians who desire to visit the East to remove properties left behind in the rush to quit the Region, following the abrupt order of the Military Governor, or who desire to arrange for the disposal of immovable properties, are not allowed to re-enter Eastern Nigeria. The Military Governor, East, stated at that time that such temporary reentry can be arranged under Police auspices and the Council agreed that the Commissioners of Police, East, West and Mid-West should meet to discuss the problem and agree on a procedure.

2. Representation has been received by His Excellency from our Resettlement Committee on behalf of some displaced Western Nigerians desiring to re-enter Eastern Nigeria to collect their properties or arrange for the disposal of immovable ones (I attach herewith two of the applications from the persons concerned for your information). I shall be glad if you will take action with a view to arranging a meeting with ^{your} opposite members in the East and Mid-West so that a procedure can be worked out on the lines indicated above.

3. A copy of this letter is being forwarded to Mrs. F. M. Ighodalo, Chairman of the Resettlement Committee in Western Nigeria from whom you can obtain further information on this problem.



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

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Ibadan. February, 1967

Copy to:

The Chairman,
W. N. Resettlement Committee,
Ibadan.

for information and necessary action, reference your
letter No. RE.1/352 dated 20th January, 1967.

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

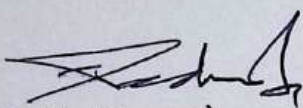
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S.A.S. (I)

Thank you for your submission at pp.282-287. Please reply to pp. 272-275 stating that the points in para. 2 & 4 thereof have been discussed and disposed of during a recent meeting H.E. had with the Regional Economic Advisory Council when the Chairman, W.N. Resettlement Committee was present; also that para. 1b is being treated as in p.276 (which you can k.i.v.)-

2. I have disposed of para. 2 of p.282 in my letter and endorsement at pp. 288 & 289. respectively ,


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

17 February, 1967

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18, February, 1967

Mrs. F. M. Ighodalo,
Chairman,
Western Nigeria Resettlement Committee,
c/o P. M. B. 5049,
Ibadan.

Resettlement of Western Nigeria Repatriates

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I am directed to refer to your letter No. RE.1/354 of 20th January, 1967 and the attachments in which you raised a number of issues. As you know, the points raised in paragraphs 2 and 4 of your letter under reference came up for discussion and have already been disposed off during a recent meeting His Excellency the Military Governor had with yourself and Members of the Regional Economic Advisory Council.

2. As regards the complaint you raised about the notices of termination of appointment being served on members of the staff of the Nigeria Railway Corporation who are of Western Nigeria origin and who were formerly serving in the North, I am to say that necessary representations have already been made to Lagos and the out-come will be reported to you in due course.

↓
(M. S. Adigun),
for Secretary to the Military Government.

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Ref: PM.416/S.1/224

16th January, 1967.

Col. R. A. Adebayo,
Military Governor
Western Region,
Ibadan.

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Your Excellency,

Rehabilitation of Displaced Persons

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I have received your letter No. SP/S.54/202 of 9th January sending me a cheque for £10:10/- (ten pounds and ten shillings) from the Ibadan Chamber of Commerce being their contribution to the rehabilitation of Nigerians who have returned to this Region as a result of recent disturbances. I am most grateful to the Chamber for this generous and humane gesture and will appreciate if you will convey to them the thanks of their fellow Nigerians in this Region. I have passed on the cheque to the Chairman of the Rehabilitation Committee who will send an official acknowledgement to the Chamber.

Hassan Usman Katsina
Lt. Col. Hassan Usman Katsina,
Military Governor,
Northern Nigeria.

SAS (G)

Fi. only w.r. p. 202 in vol. II at 12
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Jan. 19, 1967.

The Secretary to the -
Military Government,
Military Governor's Office,
Ibadan.

SP/S.54

Sir,

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in Vol II
I acknowledge with thanks the receipt of your letter of January 18, 1967, Ref. no. SP/S.54/214. informing me of my appointment by His Excellency as a Member of the Resettlement Committee.

Much as I appreciate and grateful for the appointment, but, I remember, it was the Western Nigeria Association of Displaced Persons which protested and made appeal to His Excellency for representation on the Committee. One would have thought, after the granting of their request, I should have been appointed on their behalf or such letter should have been addressed to them to furnish the name of a representative.

In the light of my above explanation, I have found myself in an embarrassing position to accept the appointment, and I hope you will be kind enough, on the receipt of this my letter, to clear the position.

Cordially yours,

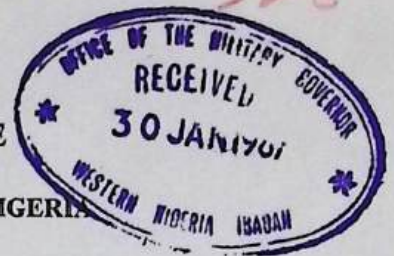
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MINISTRY OF JUSTICE

IBADAN · WESTERN GROUP OF PROVINCES OF NIGERIA



Your Ref. No.....
All communications should be
addressed to the Solicitor-General
quoting

Date 27th January, 1967.

Our Ref. No...G.107/1/505.

The Secretary to the Military
Government,
Office of the Military Governor,
Western Nigeria,
Ibadan.

SP/S.54

Drafting of Agreement on Loans to Displaced Persons

P.265 I refer to your letter No.SP/S.54/T/34 of the 17th January, 1967 and have to inform you that no formal approach as such has yet been made by the Chairman of the Western Nigeria Resettlement Committee to this Ministry for the drafting of an appropriate agreement which will be executed by those repatriates who will receive loans from the Government for various purposes. After the receipt of your letter, I had occasion to discuss this matter informally with Mrs. Ighodalo, the Chairman of the Committee and she confirmed that no formal request had been addressed by her to this Ministry in the present connection.

2. I informed her at the same time that before the drafting of the necessary agreement can be taken in hand, particulars as to what are proposed as matters of policy to be its contents would have to be furnished either by herself or by your Office or by both in consultation with one another. For instance, particulars would have to be submitted on the following points:-

- (a) as from what date after the granting of a loan would it become repayable;
- (b) if repayment is to be by instalments, over what period from the date the first instalment falls due would it be so repayable;
- (c) whether borrowers will be expected to furnish any securities and/or guarantors for the loan;
- (d) where the loan is invested in the establishment of a business or any agricultural pursuits on the land, whether the assets of the business or the farmland should be charged with the repayment of the loan;
- (e) what should happen about the loan if conditions in the country should return to normal to such an extent that a repatriate decides to return to his former place of business outside the Region, for instance, would the whole of the balance of the loan then outstanding become immediately repayable or would the instalmental repayment continue as before;
- (f) which officer would His Excellency wish to sign the Loan Agreements on behalf of the Government:

X | I observe here that you had mentioned the Secretary to the Military Government in this behalf but it is not known whether this is your own suggestion or it is a proposal which has received the approval of His Excellency; I should add here that there would be no legal objection to the Agreement being signed by the Secretary to the Military Government on behalf of the Government, if His Excellency so decides.

Jadavray
(Solicitor-General).

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GOVERNMENT OF EASTERN NIGERIA

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Your ref.....

Our ref.... **FOR EMG/S.109/**

(All replies to be addressed to the Secretary to the Governor).



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

P.M.B. 1088

ENUGU

24th January 1967.

SECRET

The Secretary to the Military Governor,
State House,
IBADAN.



REHABILITATION OF DISPLACED PERSONS

Under cover of letter No. SP/S.54/203 of 9th January, 1967, His Excellency the Military Governor of Western Nigeria forwarded a cheque for ten guineas from the Ibadan Chamber of Commerce to my Governor for the resettlement of displaced Eastern Nigerians. We wonder whether this was not meant for resettlement in Western Region, and whether this was not, therefore, sent to us in error. I am returning the cheque accordingly for your necessary action.

SAS (G)

mf/m
G. A. Onyegbula
Secretary to the Military Governor,
Eastern Nigeria.

May I respectfully invite yr attention to pp 327-330 which **SECRET** seem to require further attention

See 1.336

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING WHICH HIS EXCELLENCY,
THE MILITARY GOVERNOR OF WESTERN NIGERIA,
COL. R. A. ADEBAYO, HELD WITH MEMBERS OF THE
REGIONAL ECONOMIC ADVISORY COUNCIL ON
WEDNESDAY, 25TH JANUARY, 1967

Present

His Excellency, Col. R. A. Adebayo

Mr. P. T. Odumosu

Chief I. O. Dina

Chief O. Thomas

Professor H. A. Oluwasanmi

Professor V. A. Oyenuga

Professor A. Ogunsheye

Professor O. Aboyade

Dr. H. M. A. Onitiri

Dr. S. A. Aluko

Absent

Dr. (Mrs.) B. Awe

In Attendance

Mrs. F. M. Ighodalo

Mr. T. A. Iwajomo

Welcoming the members, His Excellency expressed appreciation for the good work already done by the Council and expressed the hope that his Government could count on the advice and co-operation of the Council in finding solutions to the social and economic problems of the Region. He expressed regret for his inability to meet members much earlier, but this was due to pressing state duties.

2. Replying on behalf of the Council, the Chairman, Chief I. O. Dina, thanked His Excellency for the sentiments expressed and pledged the continuous co-operation of the Council in tendering useful advice to the government. Already, some of the recommendations of the Council have been accepted whilst active consideration was being given to others.

3. The discussions that followed centred around the problems of resettling Western Nigeria repatriates having regard to the points made at the 15th meeting of the Council held on 18th January, 1967 as recorded in paragraphs 112 to 114 of the minutes. The specific aspects of the problems discussed were as follows:

- (i) Refund of fees to fleeing undergraduates.
- (ii) Payment of salaries of fleeing university teachers and other staff.
- (iii) Exchange of civil servants and corporation staff between Eastern and Western Nigeria.
- (iv) Need to stop provocative statements/actions by Easterners returning to Western Nigeria.
- (v) Attitude of Yorubas to manual work and certain classes of employment.
- (vi) Role of employers in the private sector.
- (vii) Treatment of self-employed repatriates.
- (viii) Re-training of semi-qualified and semi-skilled repatriates.

4. Refund of fees to fleeing undergraduates: The unco-operative attitude of the authorities of the University of Nigeria, Nsukka, on the subject, was reported. It was also reported that the University officials decided not to refund fees to its students who left on their own until Nsukka had refunded the fees of Western Nigeria students who were forced to leave the university. In order to have a complete picture of the number of students and amounts involved, it was agreed that the Resettlement Committee should prepare, in respect of repatriated Nsukka students, and in collaboration with the inter-University Committee, a list showing:

- (a) number of private students;
- (b) " " Western Nigeria Government scholars;
- (c) " " Federal Government scholars;
- (d) " " University scholars.

The same list should also be prepared in respect of Eastern undergraduates who fled Ife and Ibadan Universities.

5. In the case of the University of Ibadan, it was pointed out that the exercise might be unnecessary since a good number of those who fled had returned and more had indicated their intention to come back. It was agreed that the Secretary to the Military Governor, or the Military Governor himself if necessary, should take up the matter with his opposite member in Eastern Nigeria when all the facts have been assembled.

6. Payment of salaries of fleeing university teachers and other staff:

It was alleged that some university teachers had not received any salaries since October 1966 when the University of Nigeria, Nsukka, stopped paying whilst the majority of those employed by the University of Ife are surplus to the normal establishment. His Excellency promised that the Resettlement Committee would assist in paying the salaries of such supernumerary staff from November, 1966 to 31st March, 1967. Thereafter, that is, from 1st April, 1967, financial provision should be made in the regular budget of the University of Ife since there are vacancies which the lecturers could fill.

7. As far as the University of Ibadan was concerned, the regulations were clear on the question of cessation of employment. If by 31st March, a fleeing member of staff had not reported for duty, his appointment would be deemed terminated. Since policy and practice in this matter would appear to differ from university to university, it was felt that the Councils of the various universities should be requested to streamline the position and evolve similar or identical conditions of service for university staff.

8. Exchange of civil servants and corporation staff between Eastern and Western Nigeria:

Members were informed that this course of action would not be necessary because Western Nigerians who were ordered out of the

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Eastern Nigeria Public Service are regarded as being on indefinite leave of absence. Since their salaries are being paid by the Eastern Nigeria Government and since none of the officers had expressed desire to transfer to the Public Service of Western Nigeria, it would be improper to request for an exchange of civil servants and corporation staff between the two Regions. His Excellency however promised to continue the dialogue with Lt.-Colonel Ojukwu on the subject so that those concerned might return to their posts as soon as possible.

9. Need to stop provocative statements/actions by Easterners returning to Western Nigeria:

Views were expressed that although reactions to provocative statements or loose talks might differ from person to person having regard to the level of education, sophistication and temperament, it would, in the light of the prevailing circumstances, be necessary to discourage such statements in order to avoid clashes between different groups and communities in the Region. It was agreed that His Excellency should speak to leaders of the Ibo community who should appeal to their kinsmen to desist from such anti-social behaviours.

10. Attitude of Yorubas to manual work and certain classes of employment:

Whilst recognising the fact that some Yorubas do not like manual work and detest certain types of occupation, it would be wrong to conclude that laziness was innate in the Yoruba, especially when their hard work and contributions outside their home areas, particularly in Ghana, Congo, and the Cameroons had become proverbial. Since this attitude could be due to a combination of social and economic factors, it was agreed that the Regional Economic Advisory Council should arrange a short-term research into this phenomenon.

11. Role of Employers in the Private Sector:

It was the view of some members that the private sector could absorb more displaced persons of Western Nigeria origin if

employers were pressed a little harder. Members were however informed that a committee, under the chairmanship of the Permanent Secretary to the Ministry of Trade and Industry, had been set up to take care of this aspect of the problem.

12. Treatment of self-employed repatriates:

A lot of concern was expressed about the position of different categories of self-employed persons who had spent several years in Eastern Nigeria, and who would now find it difficult to start afresh in their home Region. His Excellency promised to continue his representations, on their behalf, to his colleague in Eastern Nigeria so that they could return to their trades and professions as soon as possible. In the meantime, efforts would be made to organise, wherever possible, some of the people involved into co-operative societies with financial assistance from the Resettlement Committee.

13. Re-training of semi-qualified and semi-skilled repatriates:

It was reported that the claims of many displaced persons to proficiency and competence in certain trades and skills, had been proved false following tests conducted to determine such claims. However, since some of them possess the rudiments of their trades and skills, it was agreed that crash training programmes in trade centres, reputable workshops etc., should be arranged for them to make good the deficiencies.

14. The meeting rose around 11.50 a.m. after His Excellency had thanked members for their interest and co-operation.

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POL, IBADAN
Telephone : 21417
In reply please quote

Ref. No. CB.0530/N/5

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REGIONAL POLICE HEADQUARTERS,
WESTERN NIGERIA,
IBADAN

2nd February, 1967.

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



Recovery of Properties left behind by
displaced Nigerians

I am directed to refer to your letter No.
SP/S.54/288 of 1st February, 1967 and to say that the
two applications from the persons concerned purported
to have been attached to your letter under reference
were inadvertently left behind.

(C.B.O. ODUDE) ASP.
Staff Officer (Senior)
for: Commissioner of Police,
Western Nigeria.

C.S.

F.n.a. immediately

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4 February, 1967.

Mr. N. U. Akpan,
Secretary to the Military Government,
Enugu,
Eastern Nigeria.

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Last month at the request of the Ibadan Chamber of Commerce, my Military Governor forwarded to your Military Governor a cheque for the sum of Ten guineas (£10. 10/-) made payable to the Eastern Region Rehabilitation Committee as a contribution from the Ibadan Chamber of Commerce towards the resettlement of displaced Eastern Nigerians in the East. The cheque was forwarded under letter No. SP/S.54/203 dated 9th January, 1967, a copy of which I attach. I received a few days ago a letter from a Mr. G. A. Onyegbula returning the cheque and insinuating that the donation was meant for resettlement in Western Nigeria! I attach for your information copy of Mr. Onyegbula's letter No. FOR EMG/S.109 dated 24th January, 1967.

2. I must express my surprise at Mr. Onyegbula's action. His action is, to say the least, very improper, particularly as Colonel Adebayo's letter was addressed to Lt. Col. Ojukwu by name. I have not shown Mr. Onyegbula's letter to Col. Adebayo, as I felt that, before doing so, I ought to let you know about it. It may interest you to know that similar cheques were, at the request of the Ibadan Chamber of Commerce, sent to other Regional Military Governors by my Military Governor, and in no other instance has my Military Governor's letter received the kind of reply we got from Mr. Onyegbula.

3. I am returning the returned cheque herewith as I believe the cheque and the letter forwarding it did not reach your Military Governor in the first instance or if they did, Mr. Onyegbula's letter under reference could not have been authorised by him.

4. I shall be grateful if you will once again remind Mr. Onyegbula of my correct title as shown below.

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



By Registered Post

Recd 372

SP/S. 54/338

6 February, 1967.

Mr. E. O. Olufunwa,
Commissioner of Police,
Ibadan.

Recovery of Properties left behind by displaced
Nigerians

With reference to your letter No. CB.0530/W/5 dated 2nd February, 1967, I regret the inadvertent omission to enclose the application, a copy of which I now attach. I confirm that there is in fact only one application.

(P. T. Odumosu)

Secretary to the Military Government

Despatched.
C. O. O.
6/2/

P. A.

Y.E.,

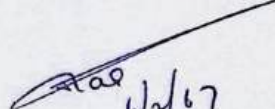
Earlier this month Y.E. forwarded, at the request of the Ibadan Chamber of Commerce, ten guineas (£10. 10/-) cheque to each of the Military Governors, East, North and the Mid-West. The Military Governor, North has replied as at p.326. P.330 has, however, been received from the East from Mr. Onyegbula. I consider Mr. Onyegbula's letter to be very irregular; the insinuation in the letter is obvious, and have taken the matter up with my opposite number in the East, ~~to~~ whom I have addressed as in my d/o letter copied at p.337. I am advising that Y.E. should take no action in this matter until Mr. Akpan has replied to my letter.


(P. T. Odumosu),

S.M.G.,

6/2/1967.

Thank you


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2nd February 1967.

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The Chairman,
Western Nigeria Resettlement Committee,
P. M. B. 5049,
Ibadan.

Resettlement of Mr. C. O. Arowolo: Displaced Lecturer
from Nsukka

I have received your letter No. R. 112/13 of 27th January, 1967 on the above-mentioned person who was a Lecturer in the University of Nigeria, Nsukka, until, along with many other persons of Western Nigeria origin, he had to leave Eastern Nigeria some time ago, as a result of the present situation in the country. I can remember that Dr. Aluko spoke to me about Mr. Arowolo and subsequently the latter came to see me here in the office.

2. It was in the course of the interview he had with me that I discovered that he has the LL.B. degree with an ordinary pass; that he is a qualified barrister, although he has never practised as such, and that he also has some qualification in Secretaryship. I was at first surprised that with an ordinary pass in the LL.B. degree he could have been taken on as a Lecturer in a University even if, as he said, he was only a Lecturer in Law to University students who are themselves not studying Law as such. My surprise was even the greater when after I had been discussing with him for some time and I was able to make some sort of assessment of him, I formed the opinion that he is generally of a standard that I would have rated pretty low at a Public Service Commission interview for appointment to the grade of a Pupil State Counsel. He kept insisting that he could not see what difficulty there should be in getting him appointed as temporary Pupil State Counsel but I did not hesitate to let him know that competition for appointment as Pupil State Counsel is extremely keen indeed and that it would be most unfair to other Westerners like himself who, with better qualifications, had found it difficult to secure appointment here but to whom he would wish to be preferred merely because he has had to leave the University of Nsukka which had found it possible to offer him place as a Lecturer in Law to students who are not studying Law. I said that the sort of qualification that he has is not one which would entitle a candidate to preferential treatment in this Ministry in the matter of appointment as a Pupil State Counsel even when account has been taken of the fact that he is a displaced person from Eastern Nigeria, which in real terms means that he is now one of very large number of Western Nigerian lawyers who are no less entitled to be considered for professional appointments in this Ministry.

3. I had to speak to him in rather frank terms as indicated above only when I found it impossible to make him realise that it would not be in the public interest or right or fair to give special preference to a candidate for appointment to a post for which much better qualified candidates have been rejected only in the recent past. I think in a case like this, one must maintain a sense of proportion and the right perspectives. You may wish to know that before the last series of interviews for appointment to the post of Pupil State Counsel in this Ministry were conducted a short while ago, the short-listing panel had to consider seventy applicants and of these only about a score or so were short-listed for interview; even out of these twenty or so it was not possible to fill the half a dozen available vacancies because of the not so high standard of performance of most of the candidates in the course of the interviews. Quite a number of these have the (unlike Mr. Arowolo) LL.B. degree with Honours as well as some years experience as

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Mosunmola A. Onibiyi (Miss)
P.O. Box 82,
Ibadan.

6th February, 1967

The Chairman
Rehabilitation Committee
Ibadan, Western Region.

Dear Madam,

I humbly and respectfully submit for your kind and favourable consideration the following situation affecting me:

- ① You are already aware of the fact that I am one of the displaced students from the University of Nigeria, Nsukka, being a final year Music student enjoying Western Nigeria Government Scholarship.
- ② I have already received an admission into the University of California, Los Angeles, in the States; a copy of the letter of admission is now in your possession.
- ③ I am supposed to start my studies on 28th March but ought to be on the Campus as from 16th March to enable me undergo a placement test on 22nd March, to determine into which class I should go.
- ④ To enable me settle down before commencing studies, I have applied to the Experiment on International Living the Organization which has confirmed to attach me to a family for a

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period of four weeks at no financial expenses whatsoever.

⑤ This so, I should be grateful if necessary and early arrangements be made to pay my fares to enable me seize and avail myself of the opportunity of free living. I would wish to travel on or before February 16th or at any other suitable time to be in the States on the 19th at the latest. For your information, I have already completed all immigration formalities.

Thanking you for your sympathetic consideration.

Yours Sincerely,
Mosumola Dmibuyi

Sir,
The above is for your attention.
Thanks Sir,

Mosumola Dmibuyi

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Telephone: 21320

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WESTERN NIGERIA RESETTLEMENT



P.M.B. 5049

IBADAN . WESTERN NIGERIA

Your Ref. No.....

Our Ref. No.....R.194/7.....

9/554

Date.....7th February, 1967

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

Displaced Western Nigerian Staff
of the Railway Corporation

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With reference to paragraph 2 of your letter No. SP/S54/291 of 1st February, 1967, reports coming into this office have revealed that the position in respect of Western Nigerians who are staff of the Railway Corporation is worse than was reported in paragraph 5 of my letter No. RE.1/354 of 20th January, 1967. While the appointments of some of these people have been or are to be terminated (copies of notices attached) displaced men from other Regions have in fact been transferred and placed in positions in Ibadan and other Western Nigerian Stations of the Corporation. Attached is a list of such people transferred to Ibadan station in November/December 1966 and Western Nigerians whose appointments were terminated during the same period. More Western Nigerians have been served with notices terminating their appointment with effect from 1st March, 1967.

2. The question which keeps recurring in one's mind is "why should the appointment of Western Nigerians be terminated when up to twenty-four people from other Regions have been found places in Western Nigerian stations?" It is painful to see and impossible to understand why the Yoruba man must be the one to pay the penalty all the time. I think the authority of the Railway Corporation must be told to stop this discrimination forthwith. It stands to reason to insist that Western Nigerians must first of all be fixed up in Western Nigerian stations. There should be no objection to bringing people from other parts of the country to whatever positions may be left vacant there after but to give non-Western Nigerians preference over the natives of this Region in the offices located in this Region is not only unfair but is likely to create an explosive situation. A petition on this subject has already been received from some Western Nigerian staff of the Corporation.

Fola Ighodalo
(Mrs. Fola. Ighodalo)
Chairman

Western Nigeria Resettlement Committee

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LIST OF EASTERN & MID-WESTERN MEN TRANSFERRED FROM LAGOS
TO IBADAN BETWEEN NOVEMBER & DECEMBER
1966.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK</u>
1. I. E. Ben	Craftsman & Fitter
2. S. Akabo	-do-
3. A.M. Dtakpor	Time-Keeper
4. A.U. Menkiti	Loco Driver Grade I (Not yet arrived but He is coming.)
5. D.A. Anawe	Loco Driver Grade II
6. E. Okoyi	Fireman Grade I
7. P.P. Uduemo	Fireman Grade II
8. M.A. Iwago	-do-
9. U.F. Akpan	Engine Cleaner
10. J.A. Agbmeirere	Loco Driver
11. W. Ofili	Fire-man Grade I
12. J.I. Ofuokwe	-do- I
13. A.O. Ugbodoga	" I
14. P.O. Elueze	Loco Driver Grade I
15. A.O. Chukuma	Fireman Grade I
16. J.K. Mosomi	-do-
17. L.N. Ogbochie	Fireman Grade II
18. J. Okafor	-do- II
19. L.I. Ogbuta	Shed Clerk Grade I
20. J.E.C. Atikpo	Fireman Grade II
21. A. Omogegbagbe	-do- I
22. A. Odogwu	Loco Greaser
23. C.O. Onwordi	Loco Driver Grade I
24. R.N. Ubaka	<u>Fitter.</u>

PEOPLE OF WESTERN NIGERIA ORIGIN WHOSE SERVICES
WERE TERMINATED BY THE RAILWAY AUTHORITIES
BETWEEN NOVEMBER & DECEMBER 1966.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK</u>
1. T.A. Balogun	D.P. Fitter
2. Asani Akanbi	Pump Engine-man
3. S.G. Olatinwo	Pump Fireman
4. O.S. Campbell	Fireman Grade I
5. L. Shoroye	-do-
6. S.O. Asefun	Caller Up

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Owing to the recent disturbances in the country, it has not been possible for you to carry out your normal duties at the station to which you are posted. I, therefore, regret to inform you that you cannot be absorbed into the establishment at the station to which you have now reported. In view of this you are hereby given two months notice of termination of your appointment with effect from 1st January, 1967.

2. If, before the expiration of this notice, a suitable vacancy becomes available the notice may be withdrawn or cancelled as necessary.

SAS (G)

May I respectfully invite yr attention to pp. 346-347 and also pp 350-351 on which further action is reqd.

2. I'm sorry for the late submission of pp. 346-347; The main file was not readily available fl.

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S. M. G.,

Please see pages 328-329 para. 2 of which Mrs. Ighodalo and myself discussed yesterday with a view to sending a reply to the points raised. We decided to take necessary action without reference to the Resettlement Committee because Mrs. Ighodalo was of the view that it was unnecessary to do so and that it would save time to take prompt action on the draft agreement for loans to the repatriates who are already agitating to receive loans from the Resettlement Committee.

2. Our explanations to para. 2 of pages 328-9 are as follows:-

- (i) Para. 2(a): Loans will become repayable six months after the granting of the loan;
- (ii) Para. 2(b): Repayment is to extend over two to three years depending on the size of loan, the first instalment being payable from the first salary taken after receipt of loan; in any case repayment must commence not later than two months after receipt of loan;
- (iii) Para. 2(c): Each borrower will have to provide either two guarantors each on an annual salary of at least double the value of the loan or securities which must be available in the Region and must be of twice the value of the proposed loan;
- (iv) Para. 2(d): It is not intended to grant loan for agricultural pursuits which Mrs. Ighodalo intends to take up with the Ministry of Agriculture so that necessary facilities can be provided by the Agricultural Credit Corporation. Where loans are invested in setting up business, it is not intended that the assets of the business should be charged with the repayment of the loan since adequate steps will be taken to ensure that only suitable guarantors or securities will be accepted before a loan can be granted;
- (v) Para. 2(e): Should conditions return to normal and a

repatriate decide to return to his former place, guarantors will be responsible for immediate liquidation of the loan;

- (vi) Para. 2(f): The Chairman of the Resettlement Committee is suggested to sign the loan agreement on behalf of Secretary to the Military Government.

3. Para.1(vi) above will need your specific concurrence in view of 'X' / page 329. Mrs. Ighodalo and myself decided as in para. 2(vi) above because we believe that you should not be saddled with this routine job. Your specific decision on this point is required for the information of the Solicitor-General.

4. Please see pages 326 and 330 which are the replies to H.E.'s letters filed at pages 202 and 203 in volume II of this file. You may wish H.E. to see so that H.E. can note the different re-actions to the donations presented by the members of Ibadan Chamber of Commerce to the Rehabilitation Committees in the North and the East.

5. My comment on page 330 is that the letter signed by Mr. Onyegbula portrays in unmistakable terms the spirit of our Eastern counterparts who could conclude that a letter signed by H.E. was sent to them in error. It is perhaps advisable not to comment in full on this attitude of the Eastern Nigeria Government but I think that a short reply to page 330 to correct the seeming impression contained therein will be necessary. The cheque from the Ibadan Chamber of Commerce could be attached to such a reply.

6. Please see page 327 which is the reply to our letter page 214 in volume II attached in which Mr. O. Adeyemi, Secretary of the Western Nigeria Association of Displaced Persons commented that his appointment as a member of the Resettlement Committee should have been cleared in the first place with his Association.

I would suggest a brief reply stating that H.E., in appointing Mr. Adeyemi, was only exercising his prerogative and in doing so he had taken into consideration all the necessary factors including Mr. Adeyemi's contributions as an official of the Western Nigeria Association of Displaced Persons. We may add that prior clearance with the members of his Association was not considered necessary in the circumstance.

7. Please see pages 331-5 which contain minutes of the meeting held with H.E. by members of the Regional Economic Advisory Council at which yourself and Mrs. Ighodalo were also present. ^{given a copy to Mrs. Ighodalo and} I have filed a copy in the "Regional Economic Advisory Council" ^{and my comments} file attached. The points discussed ⁱⁿ are as follows:

(a) Refund of fees to fleeing undergraduates:

Further action in this Office awaits receipt of details to be submitted by the Resettlement Committee as to the number etc. of Western Nigerian students who had to leave Nsukka and total amounts already paid by them this session by way of fees to the University;

(b) Payment of Salaries of Fleeing University teachers and other staff:

Resettlement Committee is to assist in paying salaries of supernumerary staff taken on at Ife University until 31/3/67;

(c) Exchange of Civil Servants and Corporations' staff between Eastern and Western Nigeria:

^{was} H.E. ruled no change of policy; present dialogue with the Eastern Military Governor will be continued by H.E..

(d) Need to stop provocative statements/actions by Easterners returning to Western Nigeria:

H.E. will speak to leaders of the Ibo community.

(e) Attitude of Yorubas to manual work and certain classes of employment

Regional Economic Advisory Council is to arrange a short-term research.

(f) Role of Employers in the Private Sector:

A Committee has been set up under P.S.M.T.&.I to look into this problem;

(g) Treatment of self-employed repatriates:

H.E. will continue to press for the repatriates' return to their places of work. Meanwhile, repatriates are advised to form into co-operatives with financial assistance from the Resettlement Committee.

(h) Re-training of semi-qualified and semi-skilled repatriates:

Crash training in Trade Centres, reputable workshops etc. is suggested for repatriates. Chairman, Resettlement Committee will need to discuss further details with the P.S.M.E.

8. Sub-paras. (a), (b)^(g) and (h) of para. 7 above will require Chairman, Resettlement Committee to initiate necessary action. Sub-paras. (c) and (d) will require your reminding H.E. especially in the latter case for which necessary appointment will have to be made. Regional Economic Advisory Council and the P.S.M.T.&.I., respectively will be reminded in due course (in the appropriate files) regarding sub-paras. (e) and (f).

9. You may wish to take note of sub-paras. (c) and (d) for necessary action in due course.

(M. S. Adigun),
S.A.S.(I),
4th Feb., 1967.

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S. M. G.,

Ref. pages 327 and 331-5, I shall be grateful if you will refer to my comments thereon in paras. 6-8 of my minute at pages ~~353-4~~. Your decision will be much appreciated.

2. Please see pages 346-7 which contain Solicitor-General's comments on Mr. C. O. Arowolo's suitability for the post of Pupil State Counsel. It is a pity that, largely due to his over-anxiety and unnecessary pressure, Mr. Arowolo has given poor impression of himself to the Solicitor-General. I trust that the Chairman, Resettlement Committee, will look for other openings for Mr. Arowolo.

3. Ref. pages 350-2, the Chairman, Resettlement Committee has lodged a protest against notices of termination served on officers of Western Nigeria origin (listed in the lower half of page 351) working in the Nigerian Railways Corporation on the plea that they cannot be absorbed in the Western area while that Corporation was able to find room in Ibadan between November and December to 24 Easterners and Mid-Westerners listed in page 351.

4. It is not known whether Mrs. Ighodalo's information is correct. But if it is, it is imperative for a strong protest to be registered. An earlier protest lodged at page 276 has not yet produced results. Nonetheless, the present situation makes another protest necessary, and I suggest accordingly.

She is in direct contact with Chief Acct. N.R.C. over this and other similar matters.


(M. S. Adigun),
S.A.S.(I),
10th. Feb., 1967.

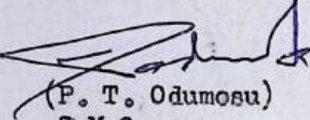
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S.A.S. (I)

Your pp. 353 - 357 refer. Ref. paras 1-3 of pp 353 - 354, I believe all matters relating to the form of agreement have now been disposed of through submission to H.E. on Resettlement Committee's file. Please confirm from Mrs. Ighodalo.

2. Ref. your para. 5, you do not seem to have acquaint^{ed} yourself with the papers in this file - e.g. p. 343.

3. I agree with the proposal in your para. 6. Please proceed accordingly early. Paras. 7-8 have been noted.

4. When you have taken action, please return file to me as I would like H.E. to see pp. 346/347.


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

21 February, 1967

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SP/S.54/359

22st Feb., 1967

Mr. Olu. Adeyemi,
SW8/597 Ijebu Bye-Pass,
Molete,
P.M.B. 5350,
Ibadan.

Sir,

1-327 I am directed to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 19th January, 1967, and to say that in appointing you as a Member of the Western Nigeria Resettlement Committee, His Excellency the Military Governor was only exercising his prerogative and, in doing so, His Excellency had taken into consideration all the necessary factors including your contributions as an official of the Western Nigeria Association of Displaced Persons.

2. Prior clearance with the Members of your Association was, therefore, not considered necessary.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,



(M. S. Adigun),
for Secretary to the Military Government.

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MINISTRY OF JUSTICE

IBADAN · WESTERN GROUP OF PROVINCES OF NIGERIA

Your Ref. No.....
All communications should be
addressed to the Solicitor-General
quoting

Date...10th February, 1967.

Our Ref. No. G.107/1/512,...

P-344
The Secretary to the
Military Government,
Office of the Military Governor,
Western Nigeria,
Ibadan.

(For the attention of Mr H. S. Adogun)

With reference to your letter No.SP/S.54/344
of 8th February, 1967 please find attached two copies of
a draft which I hope will satisfy your requirement.

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2. Most of the conditions you wish to attach to
these loans will have to be borne in mind by the officials
filling these forms when the loans are being granted. For
example, whether the loan is to be repaid in two or three
years will be decided by the appropriate official and
the number of months for repayment filled in the agreement.
Also the official will have to decide whether the repayment
of the particular loan is to commence two months or six
months after the grant. This also will have to be filled
in. I have not however thought it necessary to include
the stipulation that a borrower who is in a salaried
employment should commence repayment from his first
salary. I think for the purpose of uniformity that a
definite date to commence repayment could be entered
into the agreement. The officials concerned will have
to make certain that the sureties are people of substance
as you envisaged in your letter under reference. I have
not put in any provision for the payment of interest as
this is not contained in your letter under reference.

3. Although I have drafted this agreement in the
name of the Chairman of the Resettlement Committee, it is
to be noted that there must be a definite delegation
from His Excellency the Military Governor to her.

(T. A. Aguda)
Legal Draftsman,
for Solicitor-General.

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LOAN AGREEMENT

THIS DEED made the day of 196

BETWEEN

of
(hereinafter referred to as "the Borrower", which expression shall, where the context so admits, include his executors, administrators and assigns) of the first part,

AND

of
and
.....
of
(hereinafter referred to as "the Sureties" which expression shall, where the context so admits, include their several executors, administrators and assigns) of the second part,

AND Mrs. Felicia Mosunmola Ighodalo, Chairman, Western Nigeria Re-settlement Committee acting for and on behalf of the Government of Western Nigeria (hereinafter referred to as "the Lender" which expression shall, where the context so admits, include her successors in office) of the third part.

WITNESSETH AND IT IS HEREBY AGREED AND DECLARED as follows:

1. In consideration of the sum of pounds (£.....) this day lent to the Borrower by the Lender (the receipt of which sum the Borrower hereby acknowledges and the payment to the Borrower of which sum the Sureties hereby respectively acknowledge) the Borrower and the Sureties hereby jointly and severally covenant with the Lender to repay to her the said sum of (£) by equal monthly consecutive instalments of pounds, shillings and pence (£.....s.....d.) commencing from day of , 196 .
2. If any of the instalments as aforesaid or any part thereof shall be in arrears for more than fifteen days, or if the Borrower shall return to the other Region of the

Federation of Nigeria where he had been previously gainfully employed before 17th January, 1966, to resume his normal gainful employment in that other Region then the whole sum ofpounds (£.....) or of such part thereof as shall for the time being remain unpaid shall thereupon immediately become due and payable.

3. The Lender shall not be obliged to claim repayment from the Borrower before resorting to the Sureties or either of them and time given by the Lender to the Borrower to pay any instalment payable hereunder or any other indulgence granted by the Lender to the Borrower or either of the Sureties shall not affect or release the Sureties or either or the other of them.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties hereto have hereunto set their respective hands and seals the day and year first above written.

SIGNED, SEALED and DELIVERED by

.....
(The Borrower)

SIGNED, SEALED and DELIVERED by

.....

and

(The Sureties)

In the presence of -

Name

Address

.....

Occupation

SIGNED, SEALED and DELIVERED by

Mrs. Felicia Mosunmola Ighodalo
Chairman, Re-settlement Committee
for and on behalf of the
Government of Western Nigeria.

In the presence of -

Name

Address

.....

Occupation

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16th. Feb., 1967

Mrs. F. M. Ighodalo,
Chairman,
Resettlement Committee,
Ibadan.

Loan Agreement

P 360
I am directed to forward herewith a copy of
the Solicitor-General's letter No. G.107/1/512 of
even date and a copy of the specimen loan agreement
for necessary action.


(M. S. Adigun),
for Secretary to the Military Government.

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WBA
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10/2/67

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Your Ref. No.....

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Our Ref. No.....G.107/1/515.

Date.....13th February, 1967.

SP/S.54

The Secretary to the
Military Government,
Office of the Military Governor,
Western Nigeria,
Ibadan.



(For the attention of Mr. M. S. Adigun)

With further reference to your letter

No. SP/S.54/344 of 8th February, 1967 and mine
No. G.107/1/512 of 10th February, 1967 I have had
the opportunity of discussing the draft Agreement with
Mrs. Ighodalo, Chairman of the Re-settlement Committee
and attached herewith are two copies of the Agreement
as agreed between us.

(T. A. Aguda),
Legal Draftsman,
for Solicitor-General.

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LOAN AGREEMENT

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THIS DEED made the day of 196

BETWEEN

of

(hereinafter referred to as "the Borrower", which expression shall, where the context so admits, include his executors, administrators and assigns) of the first part,

AND

of

and

.....

of

(hereinafter referred to as "the Sureties" which expression shall, where the context so admits, include their several executors, administrators and assigns) of the second part,

AND the GOVERNMENT OF WESTERN NIGERIA acting by Mrs. Felicia Mosunmola Ighodalo, Chairman, Western Nigeria Re-settlement Committee acting for and on behalf of the Government of Western Nigeria (hereinafter referred to as "the Lender" which expression shall, where the context so admits, include its assigns and successors in office) of the third part.

WITNESSETH AND IT IS HEREBY AGREED AND DECLARED as follows:

1. In consideration of the sum ofpounds (£.....) this day lent to the Borrower by the Lender (the receipt of which sum the Borrower hereby acknowledges and the payment to the Borrower of which sum the Sureties hereby respectively acknowledge) for the purposes of trading or carrying on the business of or of securing employment as, the Borrower and the Sureties hereby jointly and severally covenant with the Lender to repay to it the said sum of (£.....) by equal monthly consecutive instalments of pounds, shillings and pence (£.....s.....d.) commencing from day of , 196 .

2. If any of the instalments as aforesaid or any part thereof shall be in arrears for more than fifteen days, or if the Borrower shall return to the other Region of the Federation of Nigeria where he had been previously gainfully employed before 17th January, 1966, to resume his normal gainful employment in that other Region or if the Borrower shall leave the Western Region for purposes of taking up employment in any other Region of Nigeria or in any other country then the whole sum ofpounds (£.....) or of such part thereof as shall for the time being remain unpaid shall thereupon immediately become due and payable.

3. The Lender shall not be obliged to claim repayment from the Borrower before resorting to the Sureties or either of them and time given by the Lender to the Borrower to pay any instalment payable hereunder or any other indulgence granted by the Lender to the Borrower or either of the Sureties shall not affect or release the Sureties or either or the other of them.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties hereto have hereunto set their respective hands and seals the day and year first above written.

SIGNED, SLEALED AND DELIVERED by

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(The Borrower)

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SIGNED, SEALED AND DELIVERED by

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and
(The Sureties)

.....

In the presence of -

Name:

Address

.....

.....

Occupation

SIGNED, SEALED and DELIVERED by

Mrs. Felicia Mosunmola Ighodalo
Chairman, Re-settlement Committee
for and on behalf of the
Government of Western Nigeria

.....

In the presence of -

Name

Address

.....

.....

Occupation



Telephone:

WESTERN NIGERIA RESETTLEMENT COMMITTEE

IBADAN . WESTERN NIGERIA

Your Ref. No.....

Our Ref. No. R. 70/12.....



Date 14 February, 1967

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

Madam Sholagbade: a Displaced
Western Nigerian

Attached is a petition addressed through you to the Military Governor of Eastern Nigeria from Madam Sholagbade, one of the Western Nigerians who were affected by the recent order to quit Eastern Nigeria. Since this is a straight petition, you may wish to forward it to His Excellency, the Military Governor of Eastern Nigeria. An additional copy of the petition with its attachments is forwarded for your retention.

2. This petition however, emphasizes the urgency with which it is necessary to settle one way or the other, the disposal of property left behind in Eastern Nigeria by those who had to flee that Region.

Fola Ighodalo
(Mrs. Fola. Ighodalo)
Chairman

Western Nigeria Resettlement Committee.

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From: Madam Aina Sholagbade,
NW2/130 Idikan,
Ibadan West. Region,
9th Feb. 1967.

Lt. - Col. Udumegwu Ojukwu,
Military Governor Eastern Region,
Military State Office,
Enugu.

Thro' The Permanent Secretary,
Military Governor,
Permanent Secretary's Office,
Eastern Region,
Enugu.

May It Please Your Excellency,

Complaint In-respect of Displaced Persons
House Rent Collect without Remittance forwarded off:

I have my plot Building situated at No.34 Umunevo Street;
Ogui Urban Area, which was handed over to one Anselm Okwueme as Care
Taker and Rent collector at the above premises as a displaced person.

2. That since I left the Eastern Region Enugu my care-taker collected Rents from the tenants to the best of my knowledge but refused to send the money so collected from my House to me rather, he wrote the attached letter telling me a fabricated story that tenants refused to pay rents.
3. I brave for your Excellency's adequate protections as a displaced person from your jurisdiction to my home of origin in the Western Region.
4. Now am in a pecarous position having no means to help my living.

Grateful your Excellency will cause an investigation, to save the situation.

I remain to be

Sir,

Yours very Sincerely,

Thumb Print (Madam Aina Sholagbade).

Lucy Bello,
No.12 Richard St.,
Asata - Enugu.

10/11/66

My dear Landlady,

I am happy to write you this letter to know present condition since you left Enugu. You have not write me letter. Please give me a writing pepper to who I will be pay let of your house to. That is the man you give power of authority.

Best compliment to you all there. Also if you have received the money I paid to the boy you asked me to pay to him, please let me know.

Best compliment to you and family.

Yours

(Sgd.) Lucy Bello

Not Read Over.

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37034. Umunevo St.,
Ogui Urban Area.,
Enugu.

9th December, 1966.

Dear Madam,

I am very sorry I have been unable to write you since. It is due to circumstances apparent to you. There is such a trouble in your house that baffles my attempts at description.

I have already gone to court on asult charge. It came from a harlot who was cooking and pounding cassava in a bed-room. The man who kept her said he was a refugee from Benin. He wanted to join with madam Lucy Bello to run her bar. It happened that one day he sold Bello's wine and refilled empty drum with water. The woman sacked him. Before then, when Bello thought he was a good man, she begged me to give him a room to stay. So I gave him the small-room near Akpan. All of us thought he was a gentle man he appeared to be. Anyway, that is that. She told the Police I wanted to rape her in the kitchen and that I damaged her wrist watch. All were lies. I tried of course and stopped her from coking in the bedroom. The police investigations reported there was no offence I committed. But the Inspector whom I suspect took money, changed it to assault. I was discharged.

Since then, the man turned my enemy. Yesterday he accused Engene, myself and my brother in-law who came to see me of having stollen his property at 11 O'clock on the night of Tuesday. Engene had been to Mbaise for nearly a month and just returned the same day. Infact nothing was stollen from him. The case is now with the police. We may go to court on Saturday - 11th. Those trespassers are still here. The A.D.O. came here and warned them to pack away, but I have not seen them since then. Uko refused to pack and went arround telling PEOPLE not to pay. Up till now only one person has paid. Uko has received a quit notice, but no money to sue him yet.

Madam, this place is dangerous to me now. They plan to beat me up and kill me. I have no knife, no gun, no Nothing. I want one but no money. In fact I pity your condition but if I tell you that I use to run away in the night you wount agree. You know what happened to us here. It continues the same way. Mr. Campbell could not come here. He fights only those that concern the council like liquor licences etc. The people would like to drive me away in other to occupy the premises free of rent. But I am fighting the best way I can. I had given Mr. Campbell £5 in Postal Order to send to you. He was unable to send it until we had court case. I had to claim the money to defend us. What worries me is how to get money to pay for water rate and tax which you did not pay before going. There may be interest.

Benjamin Nwankwo has packed away and the said bar man trespassed into the room. His notice will be sent to him today.

I find it had to eat. Only that my brother at Emene helps me. I have gone to C.O. Chedozie yesterday to tell him my troubles.

Engene extends his sincer greetings to you.

Happy Xmas in advance.

Yours Anselm.

P.S On my return from Uwani this evening I saw a notice on the doors telling trespassers to pack away within 7 days.

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pp 10-12 are also

GOVERNMENT OF EASTERN NIGERIA

Tel. ~~ms~~ : ~~XXXXXXXX~~ SEMILGOV

Telephone :

Your ref.....

Our ref..... PG/0830/162.

(All replies to be addressed to the ~~Chief~~ Secretary
to the ~~President~~ Military Government)

MILITARY GOVERNOR,
OFFICE OF THE ~~President~~

(POLITICAL AND ADMINISTRATION DIVISION)

P.M.B. 1060

ENUGU

7th February....., 1967.



SECRET

P.T. Odumosu, Esq.,
Secretary to the Military Government,
Western Nigeria,
Ibadan.

Dear Odumosu,

P.191
in Vol. II
attached.

I wish to refer to your letter No. SP/S.54/191 of 22nd December, 1966, and to confirm that all the employees listed in the schedule attached to your letter are still regarded as being on indefinite leave with pay and have been receiving their salaries. If any of them has not been paid, that must be due to inadvertence on the part of his Office and not as a result of a decision to stop payment. Would you please let me know if you have received any complaint on this matter.

Yours sincerely,

(N. U. Akpan)

Secretary to the Military Government.

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GOVERNMENT OF EASTERN NIGERIA

OFFICE OF THE MILITARY GOVERNOR

~~PRIVATE SECRETARY TO THE PREMIER~~

Tele. nos : ~~PREMIER~~ SEMILGOV

Telephone :

Your ref.....

Our ref..... PG/0836/1/

(All replies to be addressed to the ~~Chief Secretary, Government~~
to the ~~Premier~~. ~~MILITARY GOVERNMENT~~



SECRET

~~OFFICE OF THE PREMIER~~

P.M.B. 1060

ENUGU

11th February, 19.67.



Mr. P. T. Odumosu,
Secretary to the Military Government,
IBADAN,
Western Nigeria.

SP/S.54

Dear Odumosu,

Thank you very much for your letter SP/S.54/337 of 4th February, 1967. I very much regret the inconvenience and embarrassment which the return of the cheque might have caused you. I am happy and highly appreciative that you did not bring this matter to the notice of your Governor, since that would have led to some misunderstanding between your and my Military Governors. The whole thing arose from some misunderstanding and I apologise for the inconvenience resulting therefrom.

2. I have passed on the cheque to the Rehabilitation Commission from whom, no doubt, you will be hearing.

Yours sincerely,

N. U. AKPAN

SECRETARY TO THE MILITARY GOVERNMENT

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SAS (1)

You may wish to see this
file from p. 360. These papers were
originally in a temp. file.

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Ref. p. 371, where is p. 191 pl. ?

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SAS (1)

I'm sorry for the omission. Page 191
is to be found in Vol. II attached pl.

22/2/67
CR

S. M. G.,

Your minute at page 358 refers please:

- (a) Para. 1 thereof: I have spoken to Mrs. Ighodalo and can now confirm accordingly.
- (b) Para. 2 thereof: I must apologise for not making para. 1 of my minute at page 357 clear enough. My minute at pages 353-357 was already prepared when this file was withdrawn to enable you write the letter at page 337, hence para. 5 thereof.
- (c) Para. 3 thereof: Action already taken at page 359.

2. Reference pages 367-370, Mrs. Ighodalo is already aware of H.E.'s recent announcement that repatriates will soon be permitted to re-enter the East. No further action is therefore required on these pages and I have already told Mrs. Ighodalo accordingly.

3. Page 371 is the East S.M.G.'s reply to your letter at page 191 (in Vol. II attached). On return of file, I shall communicate the decision to Mrs. Ighodalo.

4. Page 372 is the East S.M.G.'s reply to your letter at page 337. You may wish H.E. to see (further to your minute at page 343) when you submit pages 346-7 to H.E. in accordance with para. 4 of your minute at page 358.

I shall inform H.E.

(M. S. Adigun),
S.A.S.(I),
22nd Feb., 1967.

SAS (1)

T.Y. File returned f.f.a.

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SECRET

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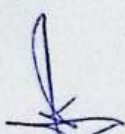
23rd, Feb., 1967

Mrs. F. M. Ighodalo,
Chairman,
Resettlement Committee,
Ibadan.

Eastern Nigeria Statutory Corporations

You will recall that at a meeting your Committee held with His Excellency the Military Governor on the 17th December, 1966, one of the complaints raised by your Committee was that the repatriated staff of the Eastern Nigeria Statutory Corporations who are of Western Nigeria origin have had their salaries stopped.

2. Subsequent enquiries made from the Secretary to the Military Government, Enugu, have proved this allegation to be untrue. Instead, it has been confirmed that all such officers who are on repatriation to the West are still earning their salaries and allowances from their respective Corporations in the East.

Issued
23/2/67
ER.

(M. S. Adigun),
for Secretary to the Military
Government.

See p. 380
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THE WESTERN NIGERIA ASSOCIATION OF DISPLACED PERSONS

At an Emergency General Meeting of the above-named Association, held on Tuesday the 21st of February, 1967, at Ibadan, the Association reviewed the assurance given by His Excellency the Military Governor of the West, with regards to the safety of our properties in the East (both movable and immovable) and for an immediate negotiation with the Military Governor of the Eastern Nigeria, to lift the ban imposed on the non-Easterners, particularly the Yorubas; and the following Resolutions were unanimously passed.

- (i) "That the lifting of the 14 - day ultimatum as announced by our Representatives who attended the Press Conference of His Excellency, Col. R.A. Adebayo, on Monday the 20th February, 1967, be affirmed."
- (ii) "That we pledge our implicit confidence in the Military Leadership of both Col. R.A. Adebayo and Major Bolaji Johnson, and in the administrative capabilities of the two Resettlement Committees."
- (iii) "That we express our thanks and appreciation to well meaning Nigerians, particularly the well-meaning Yorubas who have shared in our frustration and expressed their sympathy."

FOR AND ON BEHALF OF THE WESTERN NIGERIA
ASSOCIATION OF DISPLACED PERSONS

[Signature]
MR A. OWOLABI OJO (IBADAN)

[Signature]
MR Y. O. OJALATAN (EKITI)

[Signature]
MRS G. O. ONI (LAGOS)

[Signature]
MR M. A. FADARE (OYO)

[Signature]
MR OLUSANYA ADEYEMI (IJEBA)

[Signature]
MR T. A. TAIWO (IJEBA)

[Signature]
MADAM ALIMOTU APINKE (LAGOS)

[Signature]
MR M. O. OBIYOMI (IBADAN)

[Signature]
MR A. O. RIBIERO (LAGOS)

[Signature]
MR M. ODEBIYI (MUSHIN)

Dated this 22nd day of February, 1967.

TO:-

HIS EXCELLENCY, ✓
THE MILITARY GOVERNOR OF WESTERN NIGERIA,
THE MILITARY GOVERNOR'S OFFICE,
IBADAN



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SAS (1)

The original of p. 375 has been
dispatched.

2. May I invite attention to p. 376
which came in yesterday.

D 23/2/67

CR



S.M.G.

1. 376 for inf. only pl..
2. You may wish it to see.

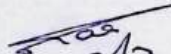
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