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All communications should be addressed

THE SECRETARY TO THE PREMIER
AND EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
WESTERN REGION
IBADAN, NIGERIA

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No. S.4/16/20. 1

PREMIER'S OFFICE

WESTERN REGION

IBADAN, NIGERIA

19 September, 1959.

The Official Secretary,
Office of the Commissioner for
Western Nigeria,
178/202 Great Portland Street,
London, W.1.

Contact with Soviet Bloc Diplomatic
Missions

I am directed to forward 20 copies of Notes issued for the guidance of Officers serving in the Office of the Commissioner for Western Nigeria in London in their contacts with members of Soviet or Satellite Diplomatic Missions.

2. The proposal to issue such a paper was discussed with the Commissioner (Chief M.S. Sowole) on the 6th of July, 1959, and he then agreed that it should be prepared.

3. I shall be grateful if you will invite the attention of the Senior Staff in your Office to the Notes and will ensure that the attention of new officers is drawn to them when they arrive to take up duty in the London Office.

Secretary to the Premier
and Executive Council.

SECRET

CONTACT WITH SOVIET BLOC DIPLOMATIC
MISSIONS

The following notes are issued for the guidance of officers serving in the Office of the Commissioner for Western Nigeria in London in their contacts with members of Soviet or Satellite diplomatic missions. The notes are based on a directive to Nigerian Representatives Overseas prepared in the Office of the Prime Minister of the Federation, and are issued as much for the protection of individual officers as to safeguard Nigeria.

The Danger.

2. It is quite certain that Soviet Bloc diplomatic missions will pay increasing attention to Nigerian Representatives abroad and to staff in their offices both before and after the attainment of independence. All contacts made by Soviet missions are arranged with some specific object in view, often of an intelligence nature, and on this account exceptional caution is needed. Soviet and Satellite diplomatic missions always keep dossiers about officials they meet, and they use social contacts, including official receptions, for spotting officials likely to be open to subversion.

The Method.

3. Subversion can be achieved either by ideological means (i.e. encouraging in the subject a sympathy for the communist cause and persuading him eventually to betray his country for the sake of the cause) or by means of blackmail. This follows the exploitation of character weakness such as drunkenness or avarice, until a threat of exposure can be used to persuade the subject to divulge information.

The Remedy.

4. There is a rule in the United Kingdom Foreign Service which obliges its members to report to a senior officer (usually their Head of Chancery or the Head of the Mission) their contacts with Communist officials. Provided that all such contacts are reported they are seldom really dangerous. It is usually when social contacts start by being casual and are not reported that they become dangerous. In addition, posts abroad are under instructions to report any exceptional attentions paid to an official which might indicate that an attempt was being made to use him for intelligence purposes. Soviet efforts to make contact with officials with whom they would not ordinarily have dealings must of course be particularly suspected. This rule has now been introduced in all Federal posts Overseas and is introduced now in respect of officers serving in the London Office: such reports should be made to the Official Secretary and, in his case, to the Commissioner.

Exchange of Hospitality.

5. After Independence, it will be part of the representational function of the External Affairs Officers of the Federal Government to exchange hospitality with Soviet and Satellite officials. This function will not normally extend to officers in the Agent-General's Office. At present, there is no necessity for an exchange of hospitality either at the Federal or Regional level. It should therefore be taken as a rule that at least for the present, no officer shall accept or offer hospitality to members of Soviet or Satellite missions. Should exceptional circumstance arise making it impossible for an invitation to be refused without grave discourtesy, a report should be submitted immediately to the Secretary to the Premier and Executive Council, by the Official Secretary.

Official Contacts.

6. As indicated in paragraph 4 above, all contacts with members of Soviet or Satellite missions will be reported by the officer concerned to the Official Secretary who will inform the Commissioner and Secretary to the Premier and Executive Council. Should a direct approach be made to the Official Secretary, or any other officer on an official matter, the most satisfactory course will be to invite attention to the fact that constitutionally, Nigeria's external relations are exclusively a matter for the Government of the Federation and that the present constitutional position requires that any approach to the Federal Government be made through the Foreign and Commonwealth Colonial Offices. ~~(from C.O.)~~ *Relations Office.*

Summary.

7. For your own protection therefore bear the following rules always in mind:-

- (a) Remember that no member of a Soviet or Satellite mission will make contact with you without some definite object in view;
- (b) the object will be to his advantage not yours.
- (c) Report all such contacts to your superior officer immediately.
- (d) Keep such contacts to a minimum and on a business footing.

Premier's Office,
Ibadan.

19 September, 1959.

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Commissioner,

Pp.1-4 are submitted for your information. A copy of the notes is available at b.c. for your retention.

2. When the file comes back I shall circulate the notes as instructions to all senior staff.

gmb
J.M. Beckley.
24/9/59.

or index ref 25/8

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29 September, 1959.

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

Contact with Soviet Bloc Diplomatic
Missions.

I am directed to refer to your letter No. S.4/16/20 of the 19th of September concerning contact with Soviet Bloc Diplomatic Missions. The Notes forwarded have been brought to the notice of all officers now serving in this office. They will similarly be brought to the notice of officers posted here in future. /x


Official Secretary.

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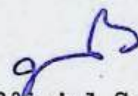
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29th September, 1959

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I am directed to bring the attached document to your notice and to invite you to give the contents very close attention. Your relation with Soviet Bloc Diplomatic Missions will in future be strictly guided by the rules laid down.

2. The document is classified Secret and should be treated as such.


Official Secretary.

SECRET.

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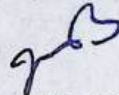
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7th December, 1959. 10

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Official Secretary.

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Copies sent to:-
Mr. E.A. Ajose
Mr. S.A. Odamtten.

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31 December, 1959.

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gls
Official Secretary.

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G. O. Ijewere, Esq.,
Senior Trade Officer.

letter headed 15.0 31/12/59

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8 April, 1960.

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Official Secretary.

SECRET.

T. A. Awobokun, Esq.,
Senior Information Officer.

*Handed to S.I.O.
8/4/60.*

*pa. gbs
8/4*

o/s.

A copy of pp 2-4
may be circulated to the following
officers for information and guidance
ref X/ on p. 6 :-

- ① Mr. Adibaji
- ② ✓ Akini - Williams
- ③ ✓ Amun
- ④ ✓ Muker
- ⑤ ✓ Conde
- ⑥ ✓ Kunkhaz
- ⑦ ✓ Ofo Aswa
- ⑧ Mrs. Sowunmi
- ⑨ Mr. Olanitan
- ⑩ ✓ A. Fajri 1870
- ⑪ ✓ Tokoz
- ⑫ ✓ Akini
- ⑬ ✓ Dmaw
- ⑭ ✓ Bandyalo
- ⑮ ✓ Bio Guter

⑯ Mr. Ofo bfi. Sotun

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contents of the enclosure.

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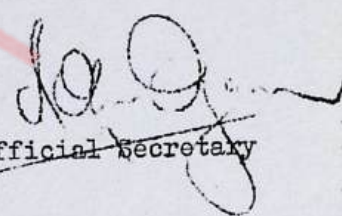
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Mr. Adebajo	Mr. Jeje
Mr. Amusu	Mr. Komolafe
Mr. Ajayi	Mr. Kumapayi
Mr. Alabi	Mr. Mako
Mr. Awobokun	Mr. J. A. Ojo
Mr. Bangbelu	Mr. Oloritun
Mr. Biobaku	Mr. Odubekun
Mr. Conde	Mr. Ojo (Information)
Mr. Dada	Mr. Rotilu
Mr. Gbegbaje	Mrs. Sowunmi
	Mr. Tokoya

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M. type 6-7 more copies of the D or 61c (not
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Dr 30/X/64

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30th October, 1964.

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Official Secretary.

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