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21 March, 58.

Dear Mr. Adebo

In paragraph 4 of my Confidential letter No. 901/CON.1/169 of the 20th of December, 1957 about the H.E.O. (Accounts) post here, I recommended Mr. Mosure's acting appointment in the post with effect from the 4th of September, 1957. I have heard nothing further about this recommendation and I wonder if you would be so kind as to let me know the position.

Yours ever, *dispatched.*
21/3/58
Jm.
Joe.
(J.E. Imokhuede)

S.O. Adebo, Esq.,
Permanent Secretary,
Ministry of Finance,
Western Region,
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No. S.4/3/513

PREMIER'S OFFICE

WESTERN REGION

IBADAN, NIGERIA

28 March, 1958

My dear Joe,

London Office - Staff

This is to let you know that we have reviewed the general position of the staff in your office with a view to filling all the vacancies, as quickly as possible. I understand that you have written to Scanlan on the subject and this letter is by way of a reply.

2. I am anxious to ensure that a Senior Information Officer is posted to your office as soon as possible. The best we can do is to arrange for the posting of an officer from the Department of Information Services, and it has been agreed that Mr. Ade Thanni should be so posted. The Director of Information Services would, however, like to see Mr. Oyesanya here in Ibadan before letting Mr. Thanni go, and, to complicate matters a little further, Mr. Thanni himself is at present in hospital for observation. I hope, however, that Mr. Thanni will soon be out of hospital, and Mr. Morrison will be persuaded to release him, as soon as possible. We think it essential that a good man should start the work of your Information Division and, apart from Mr. Thanni himself, there is no one else who is judged suitable for posting to you.

Morrison

3. The posting of Mr. Thanni to London raises the question of his wife and, as you are aware, it is Government policy that consideration should be given, as far as possible, to keeping husbands and wives together if they are both officers at the same station. We have, therefore, requested the Ministry of Education to second Mrs. Thanni, who is an Education Officer, for duty in your office, and I have just been informed that they are agreeable to this, and the recommendation is going to the Public Service Commission accordingly. The post we think that Mrs. Thanni might fill in your office is that of Assistant Students' Officer, to be vacated by Mr. Osobase when you move him to the Trade Section. We think you might wish to assign the placing of female students to Mrs. Thanni, and she might also be available for help with the welfare of these students, if you think it desirable.

4. I am sorry that we have not yet found somebody suitable for appointment, or posting, as Assistant Students' Welfare Officer, but we continue our search.

5. As regards the two vacancies of Executive Officers in the Recruitment Section, there is no further news yet except to say that Mr. B. Fahm, a Production Board scholar, whom you may know, has now been appointed an Executive Officer and has been posted for duty to the Public Service Commission. Without making any promise to him, the intention is that if he acquiesces himself well in the Public Service Commission, and having acquired experience of recruiting procedure there, we might arrange for him to be posted to your office.

6. I trust that the proposed arrangements will be acceptable to you, and I should be glad to have any comments you may wish to make, as soon as possible.

With best wishes,
Yours sincerely,
S. O. Biobanu

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9 April, 1958.

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

My dear Sir,

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Thank you for your letter No. S.4/3/513 of the 28th of March about staff vacancies in my office.

2. I am very glad to hear that Mr. Thanni is coming here and he can be assured of a warm welcome when he arrives. I should also be glad to have Mr. Falm for the Recruitment Section if it is eventually decided that he should be posted to this office.

3. As for Mrs. Thanni, I would be glad to have her with her husband although I am a little worried as to how best we could make use of her services. You suggest that she might be asked to undertake the placing of female students and also render help with the welfare of such students as and when necessary. The "snag" is that we arrange our placings here by subjects and not according to sex; this means that if Mrs. Thanni were to be in charge of a portion of the placing work in the Students' Unit she would have to do it for male and female students.

4. I am not altogether certain of Mrs. Thanni's educational background but I understand that she did a course in physical training in this country and that she has been teaching this subject in Nigeria. If she has not at the same time been teaching general school subjects up to a fairly advanced level, I should myself be doubtful as to whether she would be a strong enough officer for a large schedule of placing duties. However, I suppose we must give her a trial and I therefore agree to the arrangement that she may, when she comes here, be employed as an Assistant Students' Officer in which capacity she will not only be responsible for the placing of female as well as male

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students within a limited range of subjects, but ~~she~~ will at the same time be available for welfare work concerning female students.

5. I should mention at this point that Shoga has raised with me the possibility of an additional officer for placing duties in his Section. I have gone into the matter carefully with him and I am satisfied that we could do with another officer for this work. I would like therefore to recommend that another officer of the right calibre should be sent here for this work in addition to Mrs. Thanni. Such an officer would in fact replace Mr. Osobase. The additional appointment envisaged would mean that the authorised establishment of 2 Assistant Students' Officers (Scale A) would be exceeded by one. I think we could overcome this difficulty by holding Mrs. Thanni against the new post of Assistant Students' Welfare Officer (Scale C(E)1,2) included in my 1958/59 Draft Estimates which I hope have been passed by the Legislature. There would thus be no over-all increase in the establishment of the London Office. I realise, of course, that the proposed arrangement involves an application for an allocation from the Contingencies Fund to cover the additional post of Assistant Students' Officer (Scale A) which will be requested if my proposal is accepted in principle.

Yours ever,

Jee.

(J.E. Imouldouede)

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19 April, 58.

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

My dear Sir

Would you please refer to your letter No. S.4/9/104 of the 6th of March concerning the acting appointments of Bangbose and Ghegbaje. I shall be glad if you will let me know as early as possible whether final decisions have been reached on the effective dates of these appointments. I should also be grateful to know the amount of acting allowance approved for Bangbose.

With kindest regards,

Yours ever,
 Joe.

(J.E. Imoukhuede)

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No. P.42358/43.

MINISTRY OF FINANCE,
WESTERN REGION OF NIGERIA,
IBADAN.

15th April, 1958.

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

Mr. M.A. Mosuro, Acting Appointment of.

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I am directed to refer to your semi official letter No. 901/CON.1/199 of the 21st of March, 1958 addressed to the Permanent Secretary, and to apologise for the delay in dealing with Mr. Mosuro's acting appointment. It was for some time thought that Mr. Mosuro would have to be moved from London, and later the appointment was held up while consideration was being given to related staff movements connected with your office. I am to inform you, however, that Mr. Mosuro has now been recommended to act as Higher Executive Officer (Accounts) with effect from 4th of September, 1957 with 50 per cent acting allowance.

P/Srinivasan

for Permanent Secretary,
Ministry of Finance, (E.D).

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6th May, 1958.

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

(Copy to the Secretary to the Premier & Executive
Council, Western Nigeria, Ibadan)

Administrative Class - Postings

I wish to confirm officially the following administrative dispositions of which I have already notified you in demi-official correspondence.

- See memo in
PP p. 51/8.1.
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2. Arrangements are being made for Mr. J.M. Beckley, Senior Assistant Secretary (Supernumerary) to return to London to take over from you the duties of Official Secretary. Efforts are being made to secure passages for him either on the "Apapa" of May 20, due in Liverpool on June 2, or on the "Winneba" of May 22, due in London or Dover on June 6. If these efforts fail he will fly out. In any case, you will be informed which means of transport it has been possible to secure.
 3. Mr. Beckley should take over the duties of Official Secretary as soon as possible after his arrival, and the date should be communicated to the Secretary to the Premier and Executive Council and this office. You should thereafter continue to "stand in" for the Commissioner until he returns from leave and takes over, after which you may proceed on your vacation leave.
 4. In the present staff situation it is, regretfully, not possible to permit you to take the whole of your earned leave. Administrative Officers who are Nigerians are now allowed only six weeks as a rule. In view, however, of the long and strenuous tour that you have put in, you may remain on leave until the 17th of September and sail for home by the "Accra" of September 18 (which is due in Lagos on October 1) and resume duty either immediately on arrival here or on the following Monday. I have assumed that you would wish to spend your leave in the United Kingdom. If that is not the case, you can arrange to sail for home at any time after you have handed over to Chief Sowole, so long as you are able to resume duty around the time indicated above.

.....Unless something

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5. Unless something happens between now and then to upset present plans, your posting on return to Ibadan will be as acting Principal Assistant Secretary in the Premier's Office.

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Permanent Secretary,
Ministry of Finance.

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The Official Secretary,

Western Nigeria London Office,

178/202, Great Portland Street,

London, W.1.

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14 May,

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The Permanent Secretary,
Ministry of Finance,
Western Region,
Ibadan,
NIGERIA.

Administrative Class - Postings.

205. With reference to your letter No. G.23857/160 of the 6th of May, the contents of which are noted, I confirm that I wish to spend my vacation leave in this country.

2. A copy of this letter has been sent to the Secretary to the Premier and Executive Council.

He.
Official Secretary.

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No. 901/CON.1/207
London, 14 May, 1958.

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The Secretary to the Premier
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Ibadan,

For information.

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Official Secretary.

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No. HS. 10/59.
MINISTRY OF FINANCE,
WESTERN REGION OF NIGERIA,
IBADAN.

12th May, 1958.

The Official Secretary,
Western Nigeria London Office,
178/202 Great Portland Street,
London, W.1. (Copy Secretary to the Premier
and Executive Council)

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Recd. 16/5/58
J.E.

Assistant Welfare Officer for female students

The Premier has just informed me that it has come to his knowledge that Mrs. Thomas, Executive Officer, employed in the London Office as Assistant Welfare Officer for female students, is expecting a child, and he has directed that she should be transferred from that posting as soon as possible and replaced by another officer.

2. I cannot of course say from here whether the information that has reached the Premier is correct, but one or two other people seem to have heard it from other sources as well. In view of the nature of the duties of a Welfare Officer for female students, the very fact that a rumour of this kind is so widely current about her makes it advisable to arrange a change as soon as possible in the posting of Mrs. Thomas. What speed we should make in the matter depends upon the actual state of affairs. If in fact Mrs. Thomas is pregnant, I shall be glad if you will send me a cablegram merely referring to this letter and saying "YES". You should also, in that event, ask her to proceed on her vacation leave forthwith and to prepare to return to Nigeria where she will be assigned another posting.

3. Should you feel that the rumour is unfounded, it will be possible for us to proceed more leisurely in making this change and Mrs. Thomas may remain on duty until her replacement actually arrives in London. The Public Service Commission is taking urgent steps to recruit a suitable candidate, to be flown out as soon as possible.

S.O. deho.
Permanent Secretary,
Ministry of Finance.

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16th May, 1958.

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Further action about Mr. Thomas
promises in p.30/S.1.

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No. S.4/3/530

PREMIER'S OFFICE

WESTERN REGION

IBADAN, NIGERIA

26 May, 1958

Recd. 29/5/58

My dear Joe,

I refer to your letter No.901/CON.1/201 of the 9th April, and regret that it has not been possible for me to reply earlier.

2. While consulting the Under-Secretary for Establishments and Organisation in the Ministry of Finance, a bomb-shell fell and it has been decided that we should not proceed at the present with the proposal to post Mr. Thanni to the Information Section of your office, and accordingly, we cannot post Mrs. Thanni to the Students' Section either.

3. I am already holding consultation as to a replacement for Mr. Osobase in the Students' Section, and I shall let you know the result, as soon as possible.

4. As regards Mr. Fahm, I have also learnt that he has declined the offer of appointment, and so we have to find somebody else for the Recruitment Section.

With best wishes,
Yours sincerely,
S. O. Biobaku

(S. O. Biobaku)
Secretary to the Premier
and Executive Council

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

901/CON/1/213

10th June, 1958

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

Manpower Survey.

With reference to your telegram S.25/11 of the 26th of May, I append below the information required:-

A. Administrative Class Posts.

(1) Official Secretary.

Responsibility, under the general control of the Commissioner, for the organisation and efficient running of the London Office. Serves as a full-time member of the London Interviewing Board for the recruitment of candidates for the Western Region Public Service. Now takes charge of the Mission in the absence of the Commissioner from the United Kingdom.

(2) Students' Officer.

Responsibility, under the supervision of the Official Secretary, for all matters relating to students from the Western Region (including administrative arrangements for the payment of scholarship allowances).

(3) Senior Trade Officer.

To deal with trade enquiries from all sources and any other commercial and industrial matters within the Commissioner's purview. Maintains close liaison with the Ministry of Trade and Industry.

(4) Recruitment Officer.

Assists the Western Region Public Service Commission in recruitment for the Regional Public Service. Also assists in bringing Western Region students in touch with suitable private employers and visa versa. Acts as Secretary to the London Interviewing Board.

(5) Senior Assistant Students' Officers and Assistant Students Officers.

To assist the Students' Officer in the discharge of his functions.

(6) Assistant Trade Officer.

To deal with trade enquiries and other matters of commercial or industrial nature under the supervision of the Senior Trade Officer.

B. Higher Executive Officers.

(1) Higher Executive Officer (Accounts).

Responsibility, under the Official Secretary, for all financial accounting (including stores) of the Office. Also responsibility, under the Official Secretary's supervision, for office organisation and the control of subordinate staff.

(2) Students' Welfare Officer

Responsibility, under the Students' Officer's supervision, for all welfare matters affecting the students (including Government scholars) from the Western Region.

(3) Higher Executive Officer (Recruitment).

To deal with recruitment matters under the supervision of the Recruitment Officer. To act as the Recruitment Officer's deputy.

C. Executive Officers.

(1) Assistant Students' Welfare Officers.

Welfare work (including visits to educational centres in and outside London) and general executive

assistance to the Students' Officer through the Students' Welfare Officer.

(2) Private Secretary to the Commissioner.

To be the Commissioner's Personal Assistant and to discharge such other duties as may be assigned to him by the Official Secretary.

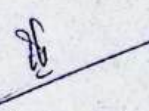
(3) Private Secretary to Visiting Ministers.

To act as Personal Assistant to Western Region Ministers in the United Kingdom and to accompany them, whenever possible, on official visits outside London. To perform other duties assigned to him by the Official Secretary when no Ministers are in the United Kingdom.

(4) Executive Officers (Recruitment)

To assist the Recruitment Officer in the performance of his duties.

2. You will observe that the post of Senior Information Officer for the Publicity Section of this Office is not included in the statement given above. This omission is due to the fact that I am advised by the Ministry of Finance that this particular post is not considered to be within the Executive Class structure even though it is graded in the highest segment of the Executive Class salary scales.


Official Secretary.

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Mr. Buckley,

To cc pp. 213-215, pl.


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S.4/3/534

Premier's Office,

Western Region,

Ibadan, Nigeria.

5th June, 1958

My dear Joe,

I refer to your letter No. 901/21/2 of the 28th May, 1958, on acting appointments in your office.

2. First, on the general question of granting leave for Administrative and Executive Officers, I should be glad if, in future, you would consult us before taking action. To say this in no way implies criticism, and it is in full recognition of the fact that you are in the best position to decide as to when officers serving in your office should take their leave, but we who are concerned with the general deployment of officers in the general class sometimes have in mind moves that might affect the taking of leave by your officers. It would, therefore, be a great help if you could let us know what you contemplate, and then we would take that into account in our consideration here. For example, as regards Mr. Ladimeji, we all agree that he should take his leave, but we were already planning his return to Nigeria before we received your letter. Accordingly, it is agreed that Mr. Ladimeji should take such leave as you may consider necessary with effect from the 21st of May, but that he should prepare to resume duty in Nigeria and not at your office. Further information as to his probable posting will be issued in due course. In the meantime, I should be glad to know when we may expect Mr. Ladimeji to resume duty here.

3. I agree that Mr. C. A. Longe should relieve Mr. Ladimeji, and I am recommending accordingly to the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Finance. The amount of allowance which he would receive in the acting appointment would be governed by the latest circular on the subject, a copy of which is forwarded herewith.

4. I am not quite sure about Mr. K. A. Gbgbaje, since I understand that the plan was to transfer him to the Recruitment Section to act there as a Higher Executive Officer. If, however, you have changed your mind about this and you are prepared to recommend Mr. Gbgbaje to act in an Administrative class post in place of Mr. Longe, I shall support the recommendation. Again, any acting allowance which is payable to him will be governed by the same circular.

5. I realise that a lot of gaps still exist in your establishment, and I am now arranging for a general review of you, for the position with the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Finance and the Under-Secretary for Establishment, and I hope to be in a position to let you know what we can do before long.

SOB.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

(signed) S. O. Biobaku.

(S. O. Biobaku)

Secretary to the Premier
and Executive Council

J. E. Imhoughede, Esq.,

Official Secretary

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No. S.4/3/535

PREMIER'S OFFICE

WESTERN REGION

IBADAN, NIGERIA

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June, 1958.

My dear Joe,

Further to my letter No.S.4/3/534 of 5th June, I am now in a position to let you know about staffing of the London Office.

As you already know, Bamgbose has accepted the Havard Fellowship and I understand he is to report in September. We are proposing to post Asabia to take his place as Acting Recruitment Officer as soon as possible.

Shoga is required here to act in one of the Senior Assistant Secretary posts in the Ministry of Education. In fact I believe he is urgently required as it seems the vacancy will occur there quite soon. If Shoga then vacates the post of Students' Officer, we are proposing to transfer Fagbola to it. As you probably know already, Thomas has sought re-admission to the Service and is likely that he will be reposted to the Trade Section. We are assuming also that Osobase will be Assistant Trade Officer.

The merit of all these arrangements is that we hope thereby to stabilise position in London. In Asabia, Fagbola and Thomas we think that you will have Heads of Sections who are likely to remain in the posts for sometime without being required to return to other posts in Nigeria.

I shall be glad if you will warn the officers concerned about these probable dispositions. The normal official notification will reach you in due course through the Under-Secretary for Establishment and Organisation.

By the way I promised to let you know what would be Ladimeji's probable posting when he returns home. I understand now that he is likely to go into an Upper Segment Assistant Secretaryship in the Ministry of Works and Transport.

(S.O. Biobaku)

J.E. Imoukhuede, Esq.,
Official Secretary,
Western Nigeria Office,
178/202, Great Portland Street,
LONDON, W.1.

With best wishes
J.E. Imoukhuede

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901/21/10

18 June, 1958

Dr. A. O. Biobaku,
Secretary to the Premier
and Executive Council,
Premier's Office,
Western Region,
Ibadan, Nigeria.

My dear Sir

Please refer to your letter No. S.4/3/534 of the 5th of June. I am asking Beckley to note that you would like to have advance information in future about leave arrangements for officers here and I have no doubt that he will do his best to comply with your wishes.

2. I have informed Ladimaji that he is to resume duty in Nigeria at the end of the leave now granted to him. He has, however, sent me a letter, the original of which is enclosed herewith, asking to be allowed to return to this office as Acting Senior Assistant Students' Officer for at least another year. He wishes his letter to go forward despite the information in the last paragraph of your letter No. S.4/3/535 of the 6th of June, which I have conveyed to him, to the effect that he is likely to be posted on his return to Nigeria to an Upper Segment Assistant Secretaryship in the Ministry of Works and Transport.

3. Ladimaji's request for an extension of his posting to this office appears to be based on the following grounds:-

- (a) that he has been acting as the Students' Officer's deputy for over two years and that, by implication, he might now be considered for promotion to the post of Senior Assistant Students' Officer (Scale A, Upper Segment);

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- (b) that his wife is expecting a child and if he were not to resume duty in this office as contemplated when he went on leave, he would be obliged to ask for an extension of leave until after his wife's confinement during which he would suffer undue financial hardship since he would be no longer eligible for allowances payable to officers here.

4. I have had a long talk with Ladimeji on his letter and have pointed out to him that his claim regarding his position in the Students' Unit is exaggerated. The truth is that he was posted here as Assistant Students' Officer and was required, in the terms of the advertisement relating to the post, "to assist the Students' Officer in work of an administrative character". There was initially no question of his formal recognition as the Students' Officer's deputy, nor was there any occasion for him during the first twelve months of his posting here to act in such a capacity. It was not until the 1st of April, 1957, when the post of Senior Assistant Students' Officer was formally created for the first time and he was then appointed to act in it, that it became possible for him at all really to fulfil the role of the Students' Officer's deputy. In other words, therefore, he has only accepted the responsibilities which would normally fall on such an officer for approximately fourteen months by the time he went on leave.

5. I do not know the reasons which have led to the decision to recall Ladimeji at this stage and I must, therefore, leave it to you to make up your mind on his request to be allowed to continue in this office for another year. I would only like to say that Shoga does not consider that Ladimeji has been pulling his weight as second in command in the Students Unit and in Shoga's view, therefore, Ladimeji's retention in the Unit indefinitely, or even for as long as another year, would be likely to be harmful to the work of the Unit.

6. Personally, I have always doubted whether Ladimeji possesses the qualities which would make him eligible for the headship of the Students' Unit. I had thought, however, that he would be useful and effective as the No. 2 in the Unit, but it now seems that my hopes in this respect were too sanguine. He has made a number of mistakes, some of which have been the subject of correspondence between the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Education, yourself and myself in

recent months, and all of which have tended to show that he is generally unsuited to the work on which he has been engaged in this office. It may well be, as I have sometimes urged, that some of his lapses were attributable to overwork; nevertheless, I have now come to the conclusion, after carefully considering Shoga's views which, incidentally, are supported by Keith, that Ladimeji is due for a change of duties. Since there is no other post in this office for which I could recommend him it follows that he should return to Nigeria as soon as possible.

7. The question of Mrs. Ladimeji's condition does present a problem which you may wish to consider sympathetically. I understand that the baby is expected in August and I suggest, for your consideration, that Ladimeji might be allowed to resume duty in this office in his former post and to remain on duty here until his wife has had her baby. He should then prepare to return to Nigeria at the first opportunity. In my opinion, such an arrangement would ensure that he did not become financially embarrassed, as I think he probably would be, if he were to remain in London for the next three months on his basic pay alone. I may say that Shoga is in agreement with this proposal.

8. I shall be grateful for an early decision on Ladimeji's letter generally and also on the specific proposal which I have put forward in the preceding paragraph. As for Gbegbaje, my recommendation that he should act in a Scale A post was intended expressly to cover the period of Ladimeji's leave. I still feel that he should go to the Recruitment Section where he should have plenty of scope and I think that the earlier he does so now the better. Although we have not yet taken over recruitment functions from the Colonial Office and the Crown Agents, the work in the Recruitment Section is already proving too heavy for one officer and I think that Gbegbaje's transfer to that Section in the immediate future will be a great help. The other vacancies for Executive Officers in the Section may remain unfilled for the time being.

9. As regards Osobase, I would like him also to move to the Trade Section in the very near future. His move and Gbegbaje's will mean that replacements are required urgently in the Students' Unit and I should be grateful if these are found as soon as possible. I would like to emphasise that until replacements for Osobase and Gbegbaje are available in London, their proposed transfers to other sections cannot be effected and as long as this remains so, the work of the Sections concerned would to that extent suffer.

Yours ever,

Jae

(J. E. Imokhuode)

Mr. Bailey

P. 217, paras. 2-4. You and

the other firms concerned are
aware of the proposed changes
and I think that for will
you will be kept the
file in view for the future
modifications.

2. Further action is also
required on replacement for —
(i) Long ~~and~~ if he remains
as Ag. Secy.,
(ii) Akshaya & Grover (see
paras. 8 & 9 on p. 220).

3. In addition, there are
two open matters on which
action is outstanding in this
file. They are —
(a) the rates of acting
allowances

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allowances for Bangalore and College
(who is technically H.O. see now) - see

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(to) the filling of the vacancy for an
Asst. in the 1958/59 Estimates.



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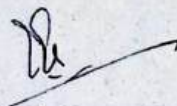
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Western Region,
Ibadan,
NIGERIA.

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London Office.

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With reference to my endorsement No. 901/CON.1/207 of
the 14th of May, I wish to inform you that I have handed over my
duties as Official Secretary to Mr. J.M. Beckley as from today.

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Official Secretary.

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Pl. see 1/1. 221 - 222.


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No. S.4/9/129.

PREMIER'S OFFICE
WESTERN REGION
IBADAN, NIGERIA

16 June, 1958.

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

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Recruitment Officer: London Office.

203-
I am directed to refer to your letter No. 901/CON. 1/203 of the 19th of April and to inform you that although the post of Recruitment Officer in the London Office Division is shown in the current estimates as a Group 8 post, it is not intended that the present occupant (Mr. E. O. Bamgbose) should draw acting allowance as he is only held against that post.

2. As you are aware, negotiations are proceeding with the Secretary of State concerning the transfer of a number of recruitment functions from the Crown Agents and the Colonial Office to your office. I am to say that the post of Recruitment Officer will not attract Group 8 emoluments until such a time as these other duties and responsibilities (to be taken over from the Colonial Office and the Crown Agents) have been added on to the officer's present schedule. I am to express regret for any inconvenience that might have been caused Mr. Bamgbose owing to uncertainties in the past.

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Secretary to the Premier
and Executive Council.

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27th June, 1958.

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901/CON.1 STOP PERMIND CABLED YESTERDAY INFORMING ME ADEDEJI
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No. S.4/3/540

PREMIER'S OFFICE
WESTERN REGION
IBADAN, NIGERIA

11 June, 1958

My dear Joe,

Further to my letter No.S.4/3/535 of the 12th June, on the probable postings to your office, I am sorry that Asabia's posting has been changed and Adebayo, at present with me in the Executive Council, is being substituted.

2. As I said before, you will receive official notification from the Ministry of Finance, in due course.

With best wishes,
Yours sincerely
S. O.

(S. O. Biobaku)

J. E. Imoukhuede, Esq.,
Official Secretary,
Western Nigeria Office,
178/202, Great Portland Street,
London, W.1.
England.

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26th June, 1958.

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J. M. Beckley, Esq.,
Official Secretary London Office,
Office of the Commissioner,
Western Region of Nigeria,
178-202, Gt. Portland Street,
LONDON, ENGLAND.

Posting Arrangements

I am directed to refer to my telegram of today's date informing you that Mr. Ladimeji has been posted to Regional HQ and is required to return to Ibadan to assume duties as Assistant Secretary, Grade I, in the Ministry of Works & Transport at the end of his leave. In case Mr. Ladimeji wishes to return by sea with his family, I have sent a cable to the Crown Agents asking them to arrange for him to travel on the "Aureol" leaving on 10th July.

2. Mr. Shoga, Students Officer, has been selected to act as Senior Assistant Secretary (Primary and Teacher Training) in the Ministry of Education and it is important that arrangements should be made for him to fly back so as to arrive by the 15th of July. The Government will meet the cost of freight on shipping his car back to Nigeria.

3. Mr. A.O. Adebayo has been posted to your office to relieve Mr. Bamgbose who will be proceeding to the United States of America in September. You will be notified of his expected date of arrival.

D. i. Scam
for Permanent Secretary,
Ministry of Finance.

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901/CON.1/230.

2 July, 1953.

The Permanent Secretary,
Ministry of Finance,
Establishments Division,
Western Region,
Ibadan,
NIGERIA.

Posting Arrangements: London Office.

I am directed to refer to your letter No. 25009/110 of the 26th of June, which confirms your telegram of the same date. I have conveyed your posting instructions to Mr. Ladimeji and he has informed me that, although he is willing to return to serve in Ibadan, he will not be able to accept a passage until after his wife's confinement early in August. He would like Government, therefore, to re-consider his plea in this respect as contained in paragraph 5 of the letter which was forwarded to the Secretary to the Premier and Executive Council, as an attachment to my letter No. 901/21/10 of the 18th of June.

2. As I have already said in my telegram of today's date, the Crown Agents have not yet received any instructions from your Ministry about the booking on the "Aureol" which leaves on the 10th of July. I gather that they would in any case, not be able to comply with the instructions because the boat has already been fully booked, and the only possibility of getting Mr. Ladimeji on it, would have been to transfer the cabin class passage previously reserved for Mr. Adedoji, who is unable to travel because of his posting to this office.

3. As regards Mr. Shoga, I have already written a letter to the Secretary to the Premier and Executive Council on various points raised in connection with his posting, a copy of my letter is enclosed herewith for easy reference. You will no doubt wish to issue fresh instructions either confirming the posting arrangements already made or modify them.

4. I have already written to you about Mr. Adchayo, who is to relieve Mr. Bangbese, and expressed a hope that he will be released sufficiently early to arrive in London before the 4th of August, so

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that he may have at least a fortnight with Mr. Dangbese before the latter is due to take leave prior to his sailing for the United States.


Official Secretary.

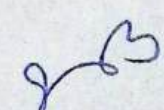
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No. 901/CON.1/231
London, 2 July, 1958.

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For information.


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P.115/S.1/13.

2 July, 1958.

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

Mr. F.A.O. Shoga: Acting Students' Officer.

p.3, in
901/21 (Conf.)

I refer to your demi-official letter to Imoukhuede, No. S.4/3/534 of the 5th of June, concerning changes in the posting of certain of our officers. Since you wrote, the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Finance has sent instructions that Shoga should return to Ibadan not later than the 15th of July, and that an air passage should be booked to enable him to do so.

p.12 in
P115/S.1.

2. The purpose of this letter is to bring to your notice a minute which Shoga addressed to me a few days ago on the subject of his latest posting. He wrote as follows:-

"Perhaps you would be kind enough to take up the following points with the S.P.E.C. before any final decisions are made.

- (a) I was formally seconded to this office for a period of two years. It is, I believe, usual to secure an officer's agreement to a secondment before the secondment could be effected. In the same way where the secondment is to be terminated before the agreed period, for other than disciplinary reasons, the officer's wish on the matter would be consulted. I do hope therefore that no final decision about a transfer or the termination of my secondment would be made without consulting me.

/ (b)

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- (b) Most of my arrangements in this country have been based on a long stay. If I am to leave the country, I would require adequate notice to wind up my affairs. For instance, my present flat is on a quarterly tenancy and any sudden change of plan may well result in substantial payments to the landlords.
- (c) Under a recent circular on acting appointments, it seems certain that my accepting an acting S.A.S. post is likely to cause me considerable financial embarrassment due to the fact that by accepting the post in London, the question of a substantive promotion as S.E.O. from some date in 1956 was not proceeded with. I should therefore wish to have some idea of what the acting allowance in an S.A.S. post would be before deciding to accept. This objection will not apply to a substantive S.A.S. post - the letter merely refers to "acting as S.A.S."
- (d) Certain recommendations were made recently with regard to the post of Students' Officer. If those recommendations are accepted, then the post of S.O. will no longer be inferior to that of S.A.S. and in that event there would not be the same need of giving me a chance to act in a more senior post. Even if the recommendations are not accepted you will be able to say from your own experience that carrying out the duties of Students' Officer provides sufficient scope for judging whether or not an officer is suitable for promotion as S.A.S."

3. I am not in a position to confirm or refute the statement made at (a) about the length of his secondment, and I am not sure whether he was seconded to the London Office in particular, or to the Administration in general, and merely posted to London. In any case, I have reminded him that having elected to enter the general administrative class, he is not in a strong position to raise such fine points about his secondment. Moreover, the construction he has placed on the rights of a seconded officer, appear to me to be rather far fetched, and they appear like that also to Imoukhuede, with whom I discussed the matter.

4. As regards the point raised at (b), I ought to explain that the quarterly tenancy of Shoga's flat was due for renewal at the end of June, and when he mentioned this to Imoukhuede, he was warned to arrange a tenancy of a shorter duration, e.g. one month. As events turned out, the instructions that he should return by air before the 15th of July

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were conveyed to him before the 30th, so that there was time for him to do something about the tenancy of his flat. It may well be, of course, that his landlord does not accept terms less than a monthly payment. If it is proved that this is the case, I wish to ask your permission to pay him the usual rent allowance up to the end of July, notwithstanding the fact that he returns by the 15th.

5. Shoga has pleaded hardship at (c), because of the reduced acting allowance which he will get under the recent circular on Acting Appointments. I have asked him to weigh against this the opportunities which his serving in a superior post would bring, but such a line of thought does not appeal to him very much, and he wishes me to press you for a statement of what he will in fact get as acting allowance when he assumes duty as Senior Assistant Secretary in Ibadan. I have tried to enter into his feelings and I am of the opinion that his plea of hardship is genuine and worthy of consideration. I would like to recommend that you do all you can to see that he is not worse off in acting allowance than what he got as Acting Students' Officer.

6. The reference at (d) is to certain recommendations which Imoukduede made for submission to the Superscale Grading Committee. As Shoga himself appreciates, the fate of the recommendations is uncertain, and in any case, it should not be presumed that the sole reason for the new posting is to test his capacity to hold a superior appointment. I have tried to point out that it may equally be a part of the difficulty which I am aware you are faced with, in finding enough indigenous officers to hold key positions which are being rapidly vacated by expatriate officers.

7. I have quoted Shoga's minute fully, and I have made comments which he is aware of. I would like you to weigh his points against whatever reasons you had in mind in calling him back to Ibadan, and then I would like you to send me your decision at the earliest possible moment by cable. In the meantime, I am arranging that Mr. Adedeji should resume duty on Monday, the 7th of July, so as to take over from Fagbola, who would then be released on the 9th, to begin taking over from Shoga. I am proceeding also to book Shoga's passage by air as instructed.

With best wishes

Yours sincerely
JMB
(J.M. Beckley).

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3rd July, 1958.

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901/CON.1 STOP MYTEL 901/CON.1 OF TWENTYSEVENTH JUNE CONCERNING POSTING
SENIOR TRADE OFFICER STOP ADEDEJI ANXIOUS RECEIVE INFORMATION ABOUT
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~~then~~ CONFIRM POSTING AS WELL STOP AS PRECAUTION ARRANGEMENT NOW MADE
ADEDEJI ASSUME DUTY MONDAY SEVENTH TO ALLOW FAGBOLA TRANSFER TO STUDENTS
UNIT BEFORE SHOGA DEPARTS FIFTEENTH JULY

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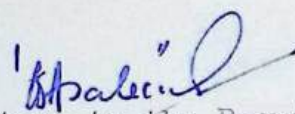
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The Official Secretary,
Office of the Commissioner,
Western Region of Nigeria,
178/202 Great Portland Street,
London, W.1.

Mr. K.A. Gbegbaje.

203. I am directed to refer to your letter
No. 901/CON/1/203 of the 19th April, and to ask
for confirmation that Mr. K.A. Gbegbaje assumed
duty as Acting Students Welfare Officer on the
13th of December, 1957.
Will you also please say whether Mr. Gbegbaje is
currently serving in that capacity or whether he
has since moved to the Recruitment Section.


Secretary to the Premier
and Executive Council.

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MINISTRY OF FINANCE
WESTERN REGION OF NIGERIA
IBADAN

7th July, 1958

The Secretary to the Premier
and Executive Council,
Western Region,
Ibadan.

Mr. K. A. Gberegbe

With reference to your letter No. S.4/9/132 of the 19th June, 1958, I have today forwarded a Form 66 to the Secretary Public Service Commission recommending that the above officer should act as Higher Executive Officer in the London Office with effect from 1st January, 1958.

(Sgd) D. J. Scanlan
Under-Secretary,
(Establishments & Organisation)

No. S.4/9/135.

Ibadan, 9 July, 1958.

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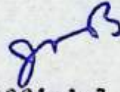
18 July, 1958.

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

Mr. K.A. Ghebaje.

I am directed to refer to your letter No. S.4/9/133 of the 5th of July, and to say that Mr. Ghebaje has never acted as Students' Welfare Officer in this office. You will recall that when his posting was announced as Students' Welfare Officer, Mr. J.E. Imoukhuede wrote a demi-official letter to Mr. Scanlan of the Ministry of Finance, (901/CON.1/165 of the 10th of December, 1957) and pointed out the error. Since then there has been numerous correspondence between this office and yours on the one hand, and this office and the Ministry of Finance on the other, on the subject, all indicating that Mr. Ghebaje's position here has been that of an Executive Officer serving in the post of Assistant Students' Welfare Officer.

2. Mr. Ghebaje is still serving in the Students' Unit and since the 21st of May has been doing duty as Assistant Students' Officer. I notice that the Ministry of Finance has recommended to the Public Service Commission in their letter No. 25909/120, which you endorsed to me under reference No. S.4/9/135, that he should be given an acting appointment as Higher Executive Officer with effect from the 1st of January, 1958. This will enable me to move him without difficulty to fill the post of Higher Executive Officer in the Recruitment Section, when a replacement is provided in the Students' Unit.


Official Secretary.

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P.105/S.1/7.

13 July, 1958.

Dr. S.O. Biobaku,
Secretary to the Premier
and Executive Council,
Premier's Office,
Western Region,
IBADAN, Nigeria.

My dear Sir

Mr. E.A. Bamgbose: Recruitment Officer.

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I refer to a letter which issued from your office, No. S.4/9/129 of the 16th of June, concerning acting allowance for Bamgbose, our Recruitment Officer here. Joe Imoukhuede to whom I have shown the letter is rather surprised that this officer is denied an acting allowance on the grounds stated. All along it has been inferred from your letters, e.g., No. S.4/9/100 of 15th February, No. S.4/9/104 of the 6th of March, that he would act in the up-graded post and that all that remained to be decided was how much allowance he would get.

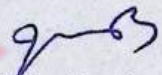
2. I like to say, with respect, that the grounds on which an acting allowance is withheld do not appear to be altogether valid. It is true that this office has not taken over new functions from the Colonial Office, but a great deal of preparatory work has had to be done to make ready for the take over. Much of this work has fallen upon the Recruitment Officer, and the evidence is that he has done it cheerfully in addition to his normal routine. Moreover, it should be borne in mind that the work of the Recruitment Section is already expanding, even without the take over from the Colonial Office. It was for this reason that Joe Imoukhuede suggested that early replacement for Mr. K.A. Gbgbaje should be found in the Students' Unit, so that he may transfer to the Recruitment Section, to assist in discharging the duties which are already over-burdening the Recruitment Officer.

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180. 3. My opinion, therefore, is that there is a case for an acting allowance for Bamgbose, and I should be grateful if you would reconsider your former decision and grant one as recommended in Imoukhuede's letter No. 901/CON.1/180 of the 5th of February. 240.

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(J.M. Beckley).

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10th September, 1958

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

My dear Sir

London Office Establishment

I gather from Adebo that before he left Ibadan, an Officer in the Ministry of Education had been nominated for posting to our Students' Unit to replace Osobase who is earmarked for the Trade Section. I wonder whether this Officer could be released? As you know, the functions of the W.R.P.D. Board have devolved upon us and the Senior Trade Officer is discharging them in detail. He will be able to do this and carry out his other duties more effectively if the Officer approved to assist him is made available.

With best wishes

Yours sincerely

Proctor
Official Secretary

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No.S.4/3/576

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Premier's Office,
Western Region,
Ibadan, Nigeria.

19 September, 1958.

My dear Ibrahim,

London Office Establishment

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Thank you for your letter of 10th September about the subject above. I am sorry we have run into some difficulties about obtaining the release of the officer from the Ministry of Education. He is Ifaturoti who is teaching physics at Edo College in Benin and I understand that the Ministry can find no relief for him. I keep pressing both Taiwo and Ejiwunmi but there is no immediate prospect of success. Ifaturoti has been gazetted as seconded to the Administration and I propose to leave it at that for the time being. I shall, of course, keep on my pressure on the Ministry and it will help considerably if you yourself know of any candidate for appointment as an Education Officer who can teach physics and urge him to apply at once.

With best wishes,
Yours sincerely
S.O. Biobaku

J.M. Beckley, Esq.,
Official Secretary,
Office of the Commissioner,
Western Region of Nigeria,
178/202, Great Portland Street,
London, W.1.

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J.E. Imoukhuede, Esq.,
Premier's Office,
Western Region,
Ibadan, NIGERIA.

My dear Joe,

London Office Establishment.

Recently letters were addressed by the Establishment Division of the Ministry of Finance to Osobase and Fisher, informing them of their promotion and I knew only when these officers came to tell me the news. Up till now, I have received no confirmation from your office or from the Ministry of Finance, although Osobase's promotion has been gazetted.

I am sure you will agree that this mode of announcement is embarrassing to me and rather awkward for my records. I would expect at least that copies of the letters addressed to the officers would be endorsed to me for information, so that I may take any following up action.

I should be obliged if you would look into this matter and get the Ministry of Finance to keep me and your office informed about important decisions affecting the staff of this office.

With kind regards

Yours sincerely
Norman

JMB/EMA:

(J.M. Beckley.)

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10 November, 1958.

S.O. Adebo, Esq.,
Permanent Secretary,
Ministry of Finance,
Establishments Division,
Western Region,
Ibadan,
NIGERIA.

My dear Simon.

Mr. L.S.M. Osobase: Assistant Students' Officer.

When you were in London you mentioned that an officer had been nominated before your departure from Ibadan for posting to the Students' Unit to enable us to transfer Osobase to the Trade Section. Enquiry from this revealed that the officer in question, Ifatureti, was regarded by the Ministry of Education as a key officer at Edo College and could not be released without an immediate replacement.

A situation has arisen here which lends urgency to the proposed transfer of Osobase from the Students' Unit. You are yourself aware of the wave of complaints from students about lack of adequate attention. Apparently Osobase has been singled out for particular mention to the Premier and to Chief Akintola by scores of students, and one is beginning to doubt whether his temperament is right for the placing job, especially as he has students in Law and Medicine to cope with. The Commissioner has spoken to him after the Premier's visit and I have had to do the same. I would feel happier if I could transfer him to the Trade Section as soon as possible, and I wish to urge that if the Ministry of Education cannot release Ifatureti, another officer should be selected for posting in his place.

With kindest regards.

Yours ever
J.M. Beckley
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10 November, 1953.

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

My dear Sir,

Mr. L.S.M. Osobase: Assistant Students' Officer.

I refer to your letter No. S.4/3/576 of the 19th of September, on the subject of a replacement for Osobase, who has been ear-marked for some time now for transfer to the Trade Section.

During the recent visit of the Premier and other Delegates to the Constitutional Conference, complaints were made by students, both individually, and in groups, about the attitude of officers of our Students' Unit, and Osobase was singled out by scores of students for special mention. That, coupled with at least one report from a different source, makes me begin to doubt whether he has the correct temperament for the placing job which he is doing, which of necessity makes him an interviewing officer.

I do not, of course, wish this to be taken as an adverse report on this officer, since what I feel now is only a suspicion, but I consider that it is enough ground for urging that a replacement be found early to enable me to transfer him as already agreed.

I have written to Simson on this subject, and I trust that if the Ministry of Education insists on keeping Ifaturoti, you will do all you can to find another suitable officer for the Students' Unit without delay.

With kindest regards,

Yours ever
Beckley
(J.M. Beckley).

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11 November, 1958.

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

My dear Sir,

London Office Establishment.

In the current Estimates, the London office is allowed to have two Students' Welfare Officers Scale C(E)3,4 and three Assistant Students' Welfare Officers Scale C(E)1,2. Mr. F.A. Fisher by virtue of his recent promotion occupies one of the higher posts in a substantive capacity, and Mrs. L. Bucknor, Executive Officer is held against the other. Two of the lower posts are held by Mr. E.L. Lasebikan, and Mr. A.A. Rotilu, both Executive Officers, and the third is vacant.

You will recall that during the past two years some correspondence passed between this office and yours as to whether the post of the female Welfare Officer should be graded as C(E)3,4 or C(E)1,2. In the absence of a real experience of welfare work among female students, the then Official Secretary found it difficult to make up his mind, and consequently he retained the two C(E)3,4 posts, one for a male Students' Welfare Officer, and the other for his female counterpart. The female officer in post was, however, merely held against this post, and that position has remained till the present moment.

Experience in our Students' Unit is now long enough for us to form a definite opinion on this question, and I am aware that my predecessor had come to the view before he left, that both from the point of view of organisation, and of the complexity of the work which requires to be done, one post only, to be held by a male officer, requires to be graded at C(E)3,4 the other post, to be held by a female officer, being down-graded to C(E)1,2. I am aware also, that my predecessor viewed with great concern the sheer physical exertion required of the female officer if she is to carry out her expected duty of visiting every student in her place of study once a year. This makes her cover practically the whole of Great

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Britain and Ireland, whereas each of the male officers covers roughly one third of this area.

I wish to recommend, therefore, that in the 1959/60 Estimates there should be only one post of Students' Welfare Officer at C(E)3,4 and four of Assistant Students' Welfare Officers at C(E)1,2. In the meantime, I recommend that the vacant post of Assistant Students' Welfare Officer be filled forthwith with a female officer who can share with Mrs. Bucknor the burden of visiting female students, the majority of whom are nurses scattered over a wide area. I realize the difficulty of finding a suitable candidate, but I am advised that Mrs. Olu Solanke, relict of the late Chief Ladipo Solanke, founder of W.A.S.U., is anxious to take up an appointment of a nature which will give her the scope of continuing the welfare work amongst students, which she had assisted her late husband to carry out. I am also advised that if an appointment is given to her, it will do our Government some credit in the eyes of the students we serve, most of whom held Mrs. Solanke and her late husband in high regard.

Having regard to Mrs. Solanke's age and circumstances, I would recommend that if Government were to agree to give her an appointment, it should be on the basis of a contract renewable annually, and that the terms should include a fixed salary of £1070 calculated as follows:-

Initial salary of the C(E)1,2 grade ...	...	£390
Overseas Allowance ...		£480
Rent Allowance ...		£200
		£1070

Depending on how quickly formalities can be completed, I suggest an agreement starting from the 1st of December, 1958.

I should be grateful if you would give early consideration to these proposals and take such action as would elicit from Government a decision as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely

Monkton
(J.M. Beckley).

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Commissioner,

Papers 246 and 247 are submitted for your information. I discussed with you last week the proposal regarding Mrs Olu Dolanke.

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19 December, 1958.

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

London Office Establishment.

As promised in my letter No. 907/S.42/120 of the 12th of December, on the subject of the transfer of recruitment functions to this office from the Colonial Office and the Crown Agents, I now write about the staff required to complete the establishment approved for the Recruitment Section. That establishment, as you are well aware, consists of:-

- 1 Recruitment Officer, Group 3
- 1 Higher Executive Officer, Scale C(E)3,4
- 2 Executive Officers, Scale C(E)1,2
- 1 Stenographer
- 1 Copy Typist.

2. With the arrival of Mrs. T. Alakija, Mr. K.A. Gbgbaje has been transferred to act in the post of Higher Executive Officer (Recruitment). That means that the only posts which remain vacant are those of the 2 Executive Officers, and it is considered absolutely essential that these posts be filled before the date fixed for the taking over of responsibilities.

3. In this connection, I wish to make a review of officers serving in Executive Officer posts in this office, other than those serving in the Students' Unit as Welfare Officers. Five posts on Scale C(E)1,2 are approved in the current Estimates, and three of these are filled by:-

- Mr. M.A. Mosuro, (Executive Officer Accounts)
- Mr. E.S. Sorinmade, (Private Secretary to the Commissioner)
- Mr. A.I. Ibegbuna, (Private Secretary to Visiting Ministers).

I propose to write separately about Mr. Mosuro, who I consider, is due for a change of posting. Mr. Ibegbuna, who joined this office early this year, is

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doing his work satisfactorily and it is not proposed that he should be moved. But I have received serious complaints from the Commissioner about the inadequacy of the work of Mr. Sorinmade as a Private Secretary. These complaints have been brought to his notice, and from the general discussion I had with him, it would appear that there is a feeling of personal resentment on either side, which makes it very difficult for the correct adjustment to be made. I find it difficult to accuse Mr. Sorinmade of inefficiency because, when he is given other duties to perform, apart from those of serving the Commissioner personally, he performs them with energy and intelligence. I am, therefore, driven to the conclusion that it would be good for him, and incidentally pleasing to the Commissioner, if he could be transferred from his present position as Private Secretary, and made to serve in another part of the office. I have in mind one of the posts now vacant in the Recruitment Section. But if this transfer is carried out, there will be a vacancy for an Executive Officer to serve as Private Secretary to the Commissioner.

4. To fill the two vacant posts in the Recruitment Section, therefore, I suggest that Mr. Sorinmade should be transferred forthwith to the Recruitment Section and that the other post in that Branch, together with the post of Private Secretary which will fall vacant, should be advertised locally in a paper like "West Africa". I have reasons to believe that a number of Nigerians will apply and from them it may be possible to select the two officers we require. Their application and selection will, of course, be processed in the usual way and selection will be made by the Public Service Commission. The advantage of this is that selection is likely to be quick and the Under-Secretary for Establishments will have less trouble in finding officers for immediate posting.

5. I should be grateful if you would take very urgent steps to consider these proposals, and to convey a decision at the earliest opportunity.

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Official Secretary.

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No. S.1/3/585

PREMIER'S OFFICE
WESTERN REGION
IBADAN, NIGERIA

13 December, 1958

J.M. Beckley, Esq.,
Official Secretary,
Western Region London Office,
178/202, Great Portland Street,
London, W.1.

My dear Mr. Beckley,

London Office Establishment

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Thank you for your letter No.901/CON.1/246 of 11th November. I am sorry that it has not been possible for me to reply earlier but, as you are aware, we and the Ministry of Finance have been busy moving to our new offices in the Treasury Building and this has made consultation protracted.

2. The proposals in your letter have been very carefully considered and I am glad to say that there is general agreement that in the 1959/60 Estimates there should be only one post of Students' Welfare Officer and four posts of Assistant Students' Welfare Officers and we are taking action to see that this agreement is implemented. As regards, however, your recommendation that Mrs. Olu Solanke be appointed as an Assistant Students' Welfare Officer, whilst it is appreciated that her services could be useful, you will agree that such an appointment cannot be made without going through the normal channels for appointment to the Public Service. As you may be aware, consideration is being given to widening the field from which Executive Officers are being recruited so as to permit the appointment of experienced people who do not possess the present academic minimum requirement for Executive Officer posts. The Ministry of Finance proposes to issue a general advertisement in this connection and, after very careful consideration, it is our view that Mrs. Solanke should apply for appointment in response to that advertisement. I have no doubt myself that if she did so, her application would receive sympathetic consideration.

3. I should be grateful if you would explain the position

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carefully to Mrs. Solanke and ensure that she applies when the advertisement is out.

4. I should like to take this opportunity to refer to your letter No.901/CON.1/68 of the 10th of November and to say that your report on Mr. Osobase is noted. Urgent steps are being taken by the Ministry of Finance to fill the vacancy caused by Osobase's move to the Trade Section of your office.

With best wishes to you for Xmas
and the New Year,
Yours sincerely

(S.O. Biobaku)

Commissioner,

You will wish to see paragraphs 2 and 3
of the above letter. The position has been explained
to Mrs Solanke.

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20 December, 1958.

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

Mr. M.A. Mosuro: Executive Officer.

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I refer to my Secret letter No. 901/CON.1/249 of the 19th of December, particularly to paragraph 3, where mention is made of Mr. M.A. Mosuro, now serving as Executive Officer (Accounts) in this office. After serious consideration, I am compelled to recommend that this officer should be recalled at the earliest opportunity and that another officer capable of dealing with accounts should be posted in his place. I am convinced that this will be in his own best interest, and in the interest of efficiency and harmony in the Accounts Section of this office.

2. I had long suspected that Mr. Mosuro nursed a grievance, but I knew for certain on the occasion of Mr. Adebo's visit to London a couple of months ago. When Mr. Adebo went round the office, he asked every officer whether he was happy in London and whether he was liking his work. Mr. Mosuro's answer was in the negative. He went further and expressed a desire to return if possible. This was embarrassing to me because he had never raised the subject before, and I was obliged to speak to him later in order to get to the bottom of his unexpected request to Mr. Adebo. He gave as the reason for his grievance, the fact that the hard work which he put in as the sole Accounting Officer here for a period of about nine months, had not been appreciated, hence the posting of another officer as Higher Executive Officer (Accounts) over and above him. I explained that this was a mistaken attitude, and I tried to show that no officer acting in a post, had a prescriptive right to continue in it, either in an acting or a substantive capacity. At the end of the interview, he appeared to be satisfied, especially with the assurance I gave that my predecessor had fully appreciated his work, and had left a report to that effect, which would stand him in good stead when the time came for him to be considered for advancement. He himself asked that no action should be taken about the request he made verbally

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to Mr. Adebo.

3. Recently, however, reports came to me from the Students' Officer about the indifferent attitude which Mr. Mosuro was showing towards his work. I spoke to him, and I believe to good effect. But more recently, his resentment of the Higher Executive Officer (Accounts) placed above him has come out once again. The occasion was the reorganisation which I have made, whereby he would work more directly to the Higher Executive Officer, instead of working in comparative isolation as hitherto. I regret that I have had to compel him to accept this reorganisation.

4. In fairness to Mr. Mosuro, he has no personal grudge against Mr. Kuyinu, the Higher Executive Officer in question. They are on good terms socially and they even visit each other in the house. But the resentment of his position in the office as a junior officer to Mr. Kuyinu, is a strong one, and I am convinced that he can never give of his best in the situation. That is why I recommend very strongly that he should be recalled. Incidentally, Mr. Mosuro has served in this office for two years and seven months and is only five months away from the approved length of an officer's tour overseas. We should have had in any case to consider his recall fairly early in the New Year.

5. At the same time as I make this recommendation, I would like to emphasize the importance of sending as replacement, an officer who has the necessary knowledge of treasury methods, and who can work in co-operation with those above and below him. We have to rely for our clerical work on staff who are inexperienced and who require close supervision if we are to obtain efficiency. Whoever is Executive Officer (Accounts), will have considerable responsibility, not only in doing his own part of the work, but in directing and supervising the clerks employed in keeping the necessary books. I hope you will give my recommendation early consideration and let me know your decision in time, so as to enable Mr. Mosuro to have reasonable notice.

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Premier's Office,
Ibadan.

The Permanent Secretary,
Ministry of Local Government,
Ibadan.

Vacancy for Assistant Students' Officer,
Western Nigeria Office, London

I am arranging for Mr. I. O. Ogun, Administrative Officer, to resume duty in the London Office as Assistant Students' Officer, on the expiration of his next vacation leave which is due to begin on the 5th of January, 1959, and terminate on the 15th of February. I hope that passages will be available to enable him to report to you on or about the 1st of March, 1959. You will be informed of his sailing (or flying) date in due course.

Soadabo
Permanent Secretary,
Ministry of Finance &
Head of the Service.

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*Copied into Mr Ogun's personal file from where
further action is taken.*

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No. S.1/3/T.3

PREMIER'S OFFICE

WESTERN REGION

IBADAN, NIGERIA

30th

December, 1958

J.M. Beckley, Esq.,
Official Secretary,
Western Region London Office,
178/202, Great Portland Street,
LONDON, W.1.

My dear Novakian

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Please refer to your letter No.901/CON.1/249 of the
19th of December on the establishment of your office.

I have discussed the letter with Mr. Adebo and Mr. Scanlan and we all agree that the present establishment of the Recruitment Section of your office must be completed before you actually take over additional responsibilities from the Colonial Office and the Crown Agents. But I think that I should add a warning that we may not feel able to accept your recommendation that this take-over should begin on the 1st of February, 1959. I am more inclined to feel that a more suitable date will be 1st of April, 1959, since the latter date will, in my opinion, give us more time to consider thoroughly your proposals for the take-over and also to find suitable officers to complete the establishment of your Recruitment Section.

As regards Sorinmade, we are sorry to learn that he is not getting on well with the Commissioner. We agree with you that he ought to be moved from his present post as soon as possible but we are unable to agree that he should go to the Recruitment Section. As you know, his own background has been connected with publicity and private secretary's work and we do not consider that he is fitted by this background for work in the Recruitment Section. Our idea is that you should arrange a straight "swap" between him and Ibegbuna and this proposal should be submitted to the Commissioner for his consideration. We very much hope that the Commissioner will feel able to accept it since Ibegbuna was in fact the only

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alternative to Sorinmade when consideration was being given to finding a replacement for Yon-da-Kolo as Private Secretary to the Commissioner. At that time the decision to accept Sorinmade for this post in preference to Ibegbuna rested largely on the fact that the former was known personally to Chief Okorodudu, the then Commissioner, when he accompanied the Honourable Minister of Home Affairs and Mid-West Affairs on a visit to London.

Incidentally, you may be interested to know that Dr. Biobaku is away on a short leave and that I have been asked to hold the fort for him.

Yours ever,

Joe.

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

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7 January, 1959.

The Permanent Secretary,
Ministry of Finance &
Head of the Service,
Western Region,
Ibadan,
NIGERIA.

Mr. I.O. Ogun: Administrative Officer.

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I acknowledge the receipt of your Confidential letter
No. G.2585/304 of the 30th of December, and I welcome the proposed
posting of Mr. I.O. Ogun, to serve in this office as Assistant
Students' Officer. Mr. Ogun will be given the schedule now worked
by Mr. L.S.M. Osobase who, as agreed previously, will move to the
Trade Section as Assistant Trade Officer.

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Official Secretary.

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No. 901/CON.1/258.

London 7 January, 1959.

Copy to:-

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For information.

Official Secretary.

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901/CON.1/259.

9 January, 1959.

J.E. Imoukhuede, Esq.,
Acting Secretary to the Premier
and Executive Council,
Premier's Office,
Western Region,
Ibadan,
NIGERIA.

My dear Joe,

I refer to your letter No. S.4/3/T.3 of the 30th of December, and I hasten to acquaint you with the news of the reaction of the Commissioner to the suggestion made in your paragraph 3. Much as he would have liked Sorinmade to be changed from his present post, he considers that swapping him for Ibegbuna will not be an improvement. He is, therefore, resigned to keeping Sorinmade for as long as it is possible to find somebody more agreeable. As you know, he has obtained permission from the Premier to visit Nigeria on leave in March, and at that time he proposes to discuss this subject personally. I trust that it will then be possible for you to put one or two other names in front of him for consideration. That will, of course, imply that should a new officer be acceptable, Sorinmade would have to be recalled.

2. As regards the date of our taking-over of recruitment functions from the Colonial Office and the Crown Agents, we were under the impression that the earliest possible date was wisest in view of the intensified activity of the Federal Government, and the Eastern and Northern Regional Governments to start Recruitment Branches in London. I have been approached by Representatives of these Governments for discussions and I gain the impression that they mean to start very soon. I am, of course, not fully aware of the events in Nigeria, but I am inclined to agree with you that, ~~that~~^a date should be fixed for our own assumption of responsibility that will enable us to do the job properly.

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Yours ever
W. Beckley
(J.M. Beckley).

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No. S.4/3/605

PREMIER'S OFFICE
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IBADAN, NIGERIA

15th January, 1959

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J.M. Beckley, Esq.,
Official Secretary,
Office of the Commissioner,
Western Region of Nigeria,
178/202, Great Portland Street,
London, W.1.

ny dear Mosuro

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Please refer to your letter No.901/CON.1/253 of the 30th of December, 1958, in which you asked that Mosuro should be recalled forthwith. Frankly, I am disappointed by the report in your letter but there seems no alternative in the circumstances to bring Mosuro back to Ibadan. The difficulty, however, is how soon this can be done in view of the staff position here.

I have mentioned your letter both to Chief Adebo and Mr. Scanlan and I am going to discuss it in greater detail with the latter in a few days' time. I should then be in a position to reply more definitely to you giving instructions for Mosuro's recall and advising you concerning his replacement. I should like to mention now that Mr. Scanlan was already planning to send a replacement for Mosuro by the end of February but, unfortunately, the officer who was mentioned to him whilst he was in London during his leave is not available for posting to your office. We are therefore looking elsewhere for a suitable replacement and we now intend to do this with redoubled energy in view of the urgency of relieving Mosuro of his duties in your office.

Yours ever,

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(J.E. Imoukhuede)

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Premier's Office,
Western Region,
Ibadan,
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J.M. Beckley, Esq.,
Official Secretary,
Office of the Commissioner,
Western Region of Nigeria,
178/202, Great Portland Street,
London, W.1.

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My dear Norman

I find that I have not yet replied to your letter No.901/CON.1/68 of the 6th of November, 1958 in which you drew my attention to the manner in which you came to know about the recent promotions of Mr. Osobase and Mr. Fisher. I apologise for the delay.

2. I entirely agree with you, of course, that the manner in which these promotions were announced was not good enough to say the least of it, and I have brought your comments to the notice of the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Finance, who has minuted to me expressing regret for the lapse which occurred in this case. It has now been agreed between us and the Ministry of Finance that, in future, announcements of this kind should be conveyed to the officers concerned u.f.s. through you.

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Yours ever,

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3 February, 1959.

J.E. Imoukhuede, Esq.,
Premier's Office,
Western Region,
Ibadan,
NIGERIA.

My dear Sir,

I write about our Information Section which, as you know, has suffered for a long time from the lack of a Senior Information Officer. A suggestion has been made by the Commissioner to fill the post on a temporary month-to-month basis, pending such time as Government will be in a position to fill it permanently. I think the suggestion is well worth considering because of the need we continue to feel for publicity work in this office. That need has recently been intensified because of the gap left behind after Morrison and Thanni had departed at the end of the Constitutional Conference. The greater part of their effort in London was directed towards our students and other Nigerian citizens, and our hope of continuing the measure of the same type of effort has been dashed by the absence of a Senior Information Officer.

2. The news we have here, which amounts only to a rumour, is that the gentleman who is being considered for the post of Senior Information Officer, is interested in it only in so far as it offers a line of retreat from his present position with the Nigerian Broadcasting Corporation. That Government has to be at the mercy of an individual in this manner is a sad commentary on the number of men in Nigeria capable of doing publicity work. That is all the more reason I think that the present suggestion, however awkward it may sound, should be given some consideration.

3. The suggestion is that Government should appoint Mr. Adisa Williams, formerly of the N.B.C. to act as Senior Information Officer on a month-to-month agreement until a substantive officer can be appointed. Mr. Williams is well known to you, and I need not go into the qualifications he has for the type of publicity work which he will be called upon to do in this office should he be appointed. Recently he has been on contract with the B.B.C., but that contract has expired and he

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is free to take up the temporary appointment being suggested.

4. I would like this letter to be treated as an exploratory one, and I should be obliged if you would discuss the suggestion made with persons who have to take a decision in the matter, so that I may know what the general reaction is.

With kind regards,

Yours ever

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(J.M. Beckley.)

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4 February, 1959.

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

London Office Establishment.

As you know, the conditions of service approved for Nigerian officers posted to London provide for leave which may be spent in Nigeria once in three years. The following three officers will complete a tour of three years at the dates shown against them and will, therefore, be eligible for Nigerian leave.

<u>Name.</u>	<u>Rank.</u>	<u>Date of Completion of a 3 year tour.</u>
F.A. Fisher.	Higher Executive Officer.	1st April, 1959.
E.L. Lasebikan.	Executive Officer.	7th May, 1959.
M.A. Mosuro.	Executive Officer.	13th May, 1959.

2. I attach a schedule showing the details of the leave-earning period of these officers, the amount of leave already taken in London and the balance of leave due. The calculation has been based on information available at this office but it may be necessary to check the details against authoritative information in the Ministry of Finance.

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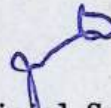
3. Arising from the Nigerian leave for which the officers are eligible is the question of relief during their leave and of posting afterwards. The position of Mr. M.A. Mosuro is clear. In my letter No. 901/CON.1/253 of the 30th of December, I have recommended his recall, which recommendation falls very much in line with the officer's own wishes. I gather from your letter No. S4/3/605 of the 15th of January, that my recommendation is accepted in principle and that a relief is being found for him. Both Mr. F.A. Fisher and Mr. E.L. Lasebikan desire to serve another tour in London if Government is agreeable. But whereas Mr. Fisher wishes to take his leave in Nigeria, Mr. Lasebikan prefers to spend his in the United Kingdom or on the Continent of Europe.

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4. I have discussed the work of these two officers with the Students' Officer and we are both of the opinion that it would be in the interest of this office to post them back here after the expiration of their leave. I recommend, therefore, that Mr. Fisher should be allowed to take his Nigerian leave in April and that Mr. Lasebikan should act for him as Students' Welfare Officer. When Mr. Fisher returns, Mr. Lasebikan should take his leave in Europe and return to this office in good time for the peak season of students' work which usually falls from about the middle of August to the beginning of October. The dates I have in mind are as follows: Mr. Fisher should leave the United Kingdom by the m.v. APAPA on April the 2nd and arrive in Nigeria on April the 15th. The total amount of leave due to him notwithstanding, I suggest that he should return by the m.v. APAPA due to sail from Lagos on June the 2nd and to arrive at Liverpool on June the 15th. Mr. Lasebikan should start his leave on June the 22nd and return to the office on August the 3rd. This arrangement will give each officer 6 weeks' leave exclusive of travelling time.

5. I should be grateful if you would take an early decision in this matter, because it will be necessary to book a passage well in advance for Mr. Fisher and family.

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Official Secretary.

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No. S.4/3/611

Premier's Office,
Western Region,
Ibadan.

27th January, 1959.

J.M. Beckley, Esq.,
Official Secretary,
Office of the Commissioner,
Western Region of Nigeria,
178/202, Great Portland Street,
London, W.1.

My dear Novakin

260 Further to my letter No. S.4/3/605 of the 15th January, I am glad to be able to inform you that we have now found a replacement for Mosuro. His successor will be Mr. F.S. Uwaifo, Executive Officer (Accounts), in the Treasury. He is at the moment on leave which expires on the 16th of February and arrangements are being made for him to fly to London at the earliest opportunity after that date. Mosuro should prepare to return to Ibadan immediately he has handed over to Uwaifo.

2. Two Executive Officers have also been selected for posting to fill the vacancies in the Recruitment Branch of your office. They are Mr. N.G.O. Solomon-Omagbe, Executive Officer in the Ministry of Works and Transport, and Mr. W.E. Ometoruwa, Executive Officer in the Public Service Commission. We are endeavouring to get them to London as quickly as possible but it may be that, ~~for~~ ⁱⁿ one thing or another, they may not arrive there until very near the 1st April.

3. You will be advised by the Ministry of Finance regarding the actual departure arrangements for the three officers concerned.

Yours ever,

Joe.

(J.E. Inekhuende)

SECRET

Copied into P. 43/5.1 (Conf) p. 19.

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901/CON.1/267.

6 February, 1959.

J.E. Imoukhuede, Esq.,
Premier's Office,
Western Region,
Ibadan,
NIGERIA.

My dear Sir,

I refer to your letter No. S.4/3/611 of the 27th of January, and I take note of the three Executive Officers mentioned therein, one to replace Mosuro and the other two to fill the vacancies in the Recruitment Section. I shall expect to hear from the Ministry of Finance about their travelling arrangement.

2. Assuming that Mosuro's relief will arrive before the end of February, I have made provisional arrangement for him to return home by the ACCRA due to sail on the 5th of March. A passage on this boat has not been confirmed and it may be that he has to wait for the AUREOL on the 19th of March. On whichever date he is able to travel, he would like to start his leave immediately on his arrival. Details of his earned leave are shown in the schedule which accompanied my letter No. 9D1/CON.1/264 of the 4th of February.

3. Should it happen that he is unable to travel on the 19th of March, he would agree to take part of his leave in London pending such time as he can secure a comfortable berth. By this you will gather that he wants to avoid being compelled to travel either by a cargo boat or by air.

4. I should be grateful if you would confirm that he could start his leave immediately on arrival or, alternatively, and depending upon circumstances, before departing from London. As the length of his earned leave is so great, it would be necessary to indicate what part of it he would be allowed to enjoy on this occasion.

Sut.

Adj.

Yours ever
M. Beckley
(J.M. Beckley).



MINISTRY OF

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IBADAN · WESTERN NIGERIA

Your Ref. No. _____
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Date 5 February, 1959.Our Ref. No. 30564/Vol. IV/435.

The Secretary,
 Public Service Commission,
 Western Region,
 I b a d a n.

The Permanent Secretary,
 Ministry of Works & Transport,
 Western Region,
 I b a d a n.

The Secretary to the Premier
 and Executive Council,
 I b a d a n.

The Official Secretary,
 Western Region London Office,
 L o n d o n.

Postings of Executive Officers.

I have to inform you that the following
 postings have been approved :-

Mr. W.E. Ometorawa, Executive Officer, London Office.

Mr. N.O.O.S. Onye, Executive Officer, London Office.

These officers are being posted to the Recruitment Branch in the London Office and should reach London before the 1st of April, 1959. In the meantime they are to be attached to the Director of Recruitment for a period of training for 2 weeks starting from the 9th of February, 1959. Both officers should report to the Director of Recruitment on that date. They should then proceed on leave on the 23rd of February and their leave will last until their date of departure for London.

V. O. O.

Permanent Secretary,
 Ministry of Finance.

V.M.

this letter should go into the file for London Establishment but a copy should also be put in the file for the two of

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10 February,

59.

J.E. Imoukhuede, Esq.,
Premier's Office,
Western Region,
Ibadan,
NIGERIA.

My dear Sir,

267. Further to my letter No. 901/CON.1/267 of the 6th of February about Mosuro, I have now learnt from the Crown Agents that a passage can be offered to him on the AUREOL sailing from Liverpool on the 19th of March. The passage has been accepted provisionally.

Sent.
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Hh.

Yours sincerely

Beckley

(J.M. Beckley).

Rec. 16th Feb.

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16 February,

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J.E. Imouldhuede, Esq.,
Premier's Office,
Western Region,
Ibadan,
NIGERIA.

My dear Tol,

According to your letter No. S.4/3/611 of the 27th of January, Mr. F.S. Uwaifo, Executive Officer (Accounts) who is to replace Mr. Mosuro, should be back from leave today, 16th of February. In order to confirm the arrangements I have made for Mosuro to travel back, I should be obliged if you would state when Mr. Uwaifo should be expected.

2. Perhaps you would like to confirm at the same time that Mosuro could take his leave directly he arrives back in Nigeria.

Yours sincerely

Morabin
(J.M. Beckley).

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bu. 3rd March for reminder
to page 264
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26th February, 1959.

SECPREM IBADAN

901/CON.1 STOP BECKLEY TO IMOUKHUEDE STOP PROVISIONAL BOOKING SECURED
NINETEENTH MARCH FOR MOSURO AND SECOND APRIL FOR FISHER STOP GRATEFUL
ADVISE REGARDING LEAVE FOR THESE OFFICERS AND LASEBIKAN

WESTREGCOM

*Sent.
26/2
Jh*



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Office of the Commissioner
Western Region of Nigeria,
178/202, Gt.Portland Street, LONDON, W.1.

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901/CON.1/272.

26 February, 1959.

J.E. Imoukhuede, Esq.,
Premier's Office,
Western Region,
Ibadan,
NIGERIA.

My dear Joe.

262 I refer to my letter No. 901/CON.1/262 of the 3rd of February, concerning the possibility of appointing Mr. Adisa Williams to act on a temporary month-to-month basis in the position of Senior Information Officer in London. I wonder if you have now been able to discuss the matter as suggested. I should be grateful if you would write quickly and let me know.

Yours sincerely

Beckley
(J.M. Beckley)

Sent
26/2/59
Jh

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ben. 5th March
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901/CON.1/273.

4 March, 1959.

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

London Office Establishment: Leave Arrangement
for Mr. E.L. Lasebikan, Executive Officer.

264
I refer to my letter No. 901/CON.1/264 of the 4th of February in which I raised the question of leave arrangements for Messrs. F.A. Fisher, E.L. Lasebikan and M.A. Mosuro. I stated that Mr. Lasebikan would like to spend his leave in the United Kingdom and on the Continent of Europe, but he has now changed his mind and he would like to take a Nigerian leave instead. Since he still wishes to be considered for a further posting to the London Office, I wish to put forward a revision of the dates mentioned in paragraph 4 of my letter under reference.

2. It was suggested that Mr. Fisher should begin his leave in April and return by the m.v. APAPA which sails from Lagos on June the 2nd and arrives at Liverpool on June the 15th. If these dates are approved, I would like to recommend that Mr. Lasebikan should sail for Nigeria on the APAPA leaving Liverpool on the 25th of June and arriving in Lagos on the 8th of July. He has agreed to have a leave of four weeks only in Nigeria. This will enable him to leave Nigeria on the m.v. AUREOL sailing from Lagos on August the 11th and arriving at Liverpool on August the 24th. These dates are based on the assumption that Government will agree to post both Mr. Fisher and Mr. Lasebikan back to London for another tour and that we will require no relief during their Nigerian leave.

3. I should be grateful if you would take Mr. Lasebikan's new request and the amended dates into account in considering the decision about the leave of the officers mentioned and their posting afterwards.

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Official Secretary.

901/CON.1/274.

4 March, 1959.

J.E. Imoukhuede, Esq.,
Premier's Office,
Western Region,
Ibadan,
NIGERIA.

My dear Sir,

Special Allowance for Private Secretaries.

I have been approached by Sorinmade and Ibegbuna on the question of special allowance to Private Secretaries which their counterparts serving Ministers in Nigeria receive. Unfortunately, I cannot lay my hands on any circular explaining the basis of this allowance. I gather that it was started by an Ex-Co decision which your office will no doubt have on record.

2. In the circumstance it is not possible for me to express firm views on the request of Sorinmade and Ibegbuna, and I should be grateful to you if you would examine the Ex-Co decision in question and advise me whether it can be applied to these officers in their present posts in London.

Sent.
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Jm

Yours sincerely

Beckley
(J.M. Beckley)

See as at p 272

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5th March, 1959.

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901/CON.1 STOP MYTEL 901/CON.1 OF TWENTYSIXTH FEBRUARY TO IMOUKHUEDE STOP
GRATEFUL ADVISE URGENTLY POSITION REGARDING MOSURO AND OTHERS

WESTNEGCOM



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Western Nigeria Office,
178/202, Gt. Portland St, LONDON, W.1.

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STOP YRLET 901/ CONT OF TWENTYSIXTH

FEBRUARY STOP PASSAGE BOOKINGS FOR MOSURO

AND FISHER APPROVED STOP UWAIFO LEAVES

AIRWISE TENTH MARCH ARRIVING LONDON

FOLLOWING DAY STOP LETTER FOLLOWS =

Enquiry respecting this telegram should be accompanied by

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Note:

Mr Uwairi arrived on 12th March instead of 11th March as announced in the telegram at p 276.

2. Reminder needed about date of arrival of Executive Officers for the Recruitment Branch.

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SECRET.

13 March,

59.

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

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Posting of Executive Officers.

I am directed to refer to letter No. 30564/Vol.IV/495 of the 5th of February, written by the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Finance, to announce the posting of Mr. W. E. Omotoruwa and Mr. N. G. O. S. Omege to the London Office as Executive Officers in the Recruitment Branch.

I should be obliged if you would inform me when these Officers are expected to arrive in London.

g. Berby
OFFICIAL SECRETARY.

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No. S.4/3/631

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PREMIER'S OFFICE

WESTERN REGION

IBADAN, NIGERIA

6th

March, 1959.

J.M. Beckley, Esq.,
Office of the Commissioner,
Western Region of Nigeria,
178/202, Great Portland Street,
London, W.1.

By *Dean Novakin*

I confirm the following telegram which has been
despatched to you today :-

"PRIORITY WESTREGCOM LONDON
S.4/3 STOP FOR BECKLEY FROM
IMOUKHUEDE STOP YRTEL 901/CON.1
OF TWENTYSIXTH FEBRUARY STOP
PASSAGE BOOKINGS FOR MOSURO AND
FISHER APPROVED STOP UWAIFO LEAVES
AIRWISE TENTH MARCH ARRIVING LONDON
FOLLOWING DAY STOP LETTER FOLLOWS

SECPREM"

2. The effect of the telegram quoted above is
that Fisher may sail from London for Nigeria on
vacation leave on the 2nd of April as proposed
in your letter of the 4th of February. Lasebikan
will relieve him as Acting Students' Welfare
Officer and a recommendation for this acting
appointment has been sent by the Ministry of
Finance to the Public Service Commission.

3. Mosuro may also sail from London back to
Nigeria on the 19th of March. Since his successor,
Uwaifo, is not now expected to arrive in London
until the 11th of March, there won't be enough
time for him to take any leave in the United
Kingdom before returning to Nigeria. He should,
on arrival here, report to the Accountant-General
who will then decide the amount of leave which he
should enjoy on this occasion.

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4. As for Lasebikan, he may take the leave recommended in your letter of the 4th of February on Fisher's return to London and he may spend it in the United Kingdom. But whether or not he will be permitted to remain in your office after his leave is still under consideration and I will write to you again about this as soon as possible.

Yours ever,

Joe.

(J.E. Imoukhuede)

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No. S.4/3/634

PREMIER'S OFFICE

WESTERN REGION

IBADAN, NIGERIA

9th March, 1959.

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

London Office Establishment: Leave Arrangement
for Mr. E.L. Lasebikan, Executive Officer.

Please refer to your letter No. 901/CON.1/273 of the 4th of March. I am afraid that in view of the last paragraph of Mr. Imoukhuede's demi-official letter No. S.4/3/631 of the 6th of March, a decision on Mr. Lasebikan's request to spend his leave in Nigeria instead of the United Kingdom must await the result of the consideration which is being given to the question of his further attachment to the London Office after his leave. A further communication will be sent to you on the whole subject as soon as possible.

for Secretary to the Premier
and Executive Council.

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V. M

Pl. by this file on Monday 16th March
together with the personal files of Mr. Fisher,
Mr. Roscoe and Mr. Lasebikan. 9/14/3

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Notes placed in open files of Mr. Fisher, Mr. Lantieri
and Mr. Morris.

7th 16/2/59

by 23rd March

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16th March 1959.

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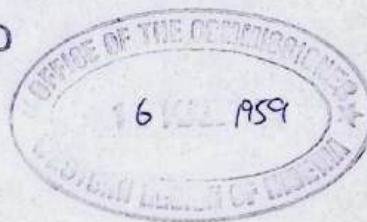
901/CON.1 STOP FROM BECKLEY TO IMOUKHUEDE STOP GRATEFUL CONFIRM

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Western Nigeria Office,
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No. S.4/99

PREMIER'S OFFICE

WESTERN REGION

IBADAN, NIGERIA

11th March 1959.

J.M. Beckley, Esq.,
Office of the Commissioner,
Western Region of Nigeria,
178/202, Great Portland Street,
London, W.1.

My dear Movakin

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Please refer to your letters No. 901/Con.1/262 of the 3rd of February and No. 901/Con.1/272 of the 26th of February on the possibility of employing Mr. Adisa Williams temporarily in your office until we can fill the post of Senior Information Officer on a more permanent basis.

2. I attach a copy of a demi-official letter from me to both the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs and Midwest Affairs, and the Director of Recruitment on the subject. I am sorry that the replies which I have received from them make it clear that the idea of making interim use of Mr. Adisa Williams' services is not favoured either by the Public Service Commissioners or the Honourable Minister of Home Affairs and Midwest Affairs. The Head of the Service is also against the proposal and we must, in the circumstances, drop it.

3. I understand that a serving officer is likely to be appointed to the vacancy within the next three to four months, at the longest, and you may rely on us to exert all the pressure we can to see that the appointment is in fact made sooner than is supposed at present. Personally, I feel that your letter of the 3rd of February has been useful since, although the suggestion put forward in it has not been accepted, it has served to expedite action here.

Yours ever,

Jee.

(J.E. Imoukhuede)

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YRTEL 901/CON1 SIXTEENTH MARCH X CONFIRMED

OMAGE AND OMETORUWA SAILED TENTH

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n. Mark your reply VIA IMPERIAL

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18 February, 1959.

M.C. Atkinson, Esq., O.B.E.,
Permanent Secretary,
Ministry of Home Affairs and
Midwest Affairs,
Ibadan.

O.I. Afe, Esq.,
Acting Director of Recruitment,
Public Service Commission,
Ibadan.

D/O

As you are aware, the post of Senior Information Officer in our London Office is still vacant although we have been trying to fill it for about a year now. Meanwhile, the London Office is experiencing great inconvenience on the publicity side and, in order to minimise this inconvenience, the Official Secretary has suggested in a demi-official letter to me, a copy of which is enclosed herewith, that the post might be offered on month-to-month terms to Mr. Adisa Williams whom I trust you know well. Unless there is early prospect of filling the post substantively, I am inclined to think that the Official Secretary's suggestion is a good one and that it should be seriously considered. I shall be glad if you will let me know your views on it as early as possible.

(SGD.) J.E. Imoukhuede.

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V.M.

BW on Thursday 19th March for discussion
with Commissioner.

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Note:

Discussed with the Commissioner
who directed that a letter be sent
to SPEC to say that he had decided
to use discretion to make an
interim arrangement to carry out
publicity work.

gms

18/3/59

CONFIDENTIAL.

901/CON.1/288.

18 March, 1959.

J.E. Imoukhuede, Esq.,
Premier's Office,
Western Region,
Ibadan,
NIGERIA.

My dear Sir,

I have discussed your demi-official letter No. S.4/99 of the 11th of March and its attachment with the Commissioner and he has directed that I should inform you that in view of the pressing need here for an officer to co-ordinate publicity work, he has been compelled to use discretion to make an interim arrangement.

2. I am to say that before taking a decision he has noted the increased activities of the offices of the other Nigerian Commissioners in the publicity field, which activities make our indecision which has lasted for so long appear most unedifying.

3. I am to add that a copy of this letter is being sent to the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs and Mid-West Affairs.

Yours sincerely
Beckley
(J.M. Beckley)

Sent
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No. 901/CON.1/288.

London, 18 March, 1959.

Copy to:-

The Permanent Secretary,
Ministry of Home Affairs and Mid-West Affairs,
Ibadan.

For information. The Commissioner has directed me to add that he has taken note of the discussion he had with the Honourable Minister of Home Affairs and Mid-West Affairs in April, 1958 in Ibadan, and again in London last summer. He is of the opinion that a decision could have been taken which would have prevented his having to recourse to the present interim arrangement.

Beckley
(J.M. Beckley)

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Note: The letter overleaf was authorised by the Commissioner after seeing pp 284 to 285. After it had been despatched the Commissioner was asked what interim arrangement he had decided upon. He told me to wait for some time.

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ben. 6th April

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WESREGCOM LONDON

49/23 X YOURLET NO*901/CON*1/VOL*2/278 OF

THIRTEENTH MARCH X OMAGE AND OMETORUWA

EXPECTED ARRIVE LONDON TWENTYTHIRD MARCH X

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Enquiry respecting this Telegram should be accompanied by this form.

Mark your reply VIA IMPERIAL

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901/CON.1/291.

26 March, 1959.

J.E. Imoukhuede, Esq.,
Premier's Office,
Western Region,
Ibadan,
NIGERIA.

My dear Joe,

Mr. E.S. Sorinmade: Executive Officer Serving
as Private Secretary to the Commissioner.

You will recall that in paragraph 3 of my letter No. 901/CON.1/249 of the 19th of December, I suggested that Sorinmade should be moved from his present post of Private Secretary owing to complaints made by the Commissioner about the inadequacy of his work. In your reply you suggested that a straight swap between him and Ibegbuna should be arranged, but when this was placed before the Commissioner he found it unacceptable on the grounds that Ibegbuna was no better than Sorinmade.

2. Since this exchange of correspondence, I have taken pains to create an atmosphere in which Sorinmade would be able to discharge his duties to the satisfaction of the Commissioner, but it would appear that I have not succeeded. The Commissioner has now instructed me to make a formal request for his removal as Private Secretary, which request amounts to him being recalled, since there is no post in London to which he can be transferred.

3. The Commissioner wishes me to state to you examples of Sorinmade's behaviour which led him to the conclusion that he is unsuitable as his Private Secretary. One example is his habit of being untruthful. On a particular occasion Sorinmade accompanied him to the Colonial Office to see Lord Perth who, during general discussion, asked what Sorinmade's educational background was. He answered in a way which gave Lord Perth an impression that he was a graduate of Ibadan University College. On being asked later by the Commissioner whether that was really correct, he stated that he told the lie in order to lend prestige to the Commissioner. Another example given of his untruthfulness was his statement to me to the effect that the Commissioner had banned him from 15A, Kensington Palace Gardens unless he was expressly summoned to come there. I had to take

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this up with the Commissioner since as a Private Secretary it was one of his main duties to keep an eye on the running of the Commissioner's residence. The Commissioner denied ever giving such instructions although Sorinmade continued to assert, even in the Commissioner's presence, that such instructions were given.

4. Another example given by the Commissioner of Sorinmade's bad behaviour is his habit of speaking very roughly to people on the telephone and sometimes of banging the telephone while still carrying on conversation with the domestic staff of 15A, Kensington Palace Gardens. This rough manner of address is stated to be carried further into letters written by him on behalf of the Commissioner to people outside the office. This has caused embarrassment to the Commissioner on more than one occasion.

5. The last example given by the Commissioner of Sorinmade's inadequacy as Private Secretary was his behaviour during the recent tour of Student Centres in Western Germany. He was said to have paid no attention to the details of the Commissioner's engagements, and on one occasion in Hamburg when there was a hitch in the Commissioner's programme Sorinmade sat unconcerned while Fagbola and Pickering rushed around to put matters right. Before the Commissioner spoke to me, Sorinmade had himself reported the incident in Germany and had expressed the desire to change from the duties of a Private Secretary to the Commissioner to another post. I explained that if his wishes were to be granted it would mean a recall to Ibadan. He was quite prepared for that because he felt completely frustrated and he felt that if indignities in the form of personal abuse were again heaped upon him, as was done in Germany, he might not be able to control his temper.

6. Having regard to all this, I am of the firm opinion that Sorinmade should be moved from his present post at the earliest opportunity and recalled to Ibadan. Fortunately, the Commissioner is due to visit home on leave in April, during which time the question of a new Private Secretary could be taken up with him personally. I feel quite sure that the tense situation existing at the moment between him and the Private Secretary will lead to an explosion of an unpleasant character unless something is done about it quickly. I should be grateful, therefore, if you would do all you can to effect an early recall of Sorinmade and to take up the question of his successor, who should be here by the time the Commissioner returns from leave.

Yours sincerely

(J.M. Beckley)

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J.M.
by 13th April
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S4/6 STOP YRLET 901/CON 1/291 TWENTYSIXTH
MARCH STOP SORINADE SHOULD RETURN NIGERIA
FORTHWITH STOP LETTER IN POST SECPREM

CKD

6 April, 59.

J. E. Imoukhuede, Esq.,
Premier's Office,
Western Region,
Ibadan,
Nigeria.

My dear Joe,

I refer to your letters No. S.4/3/631 of 6th March
and No. S.4/3/634 of 9th March.

Fisher left for Nigeria on Thursday, 2nd April
and I have arranged that Lasebikan should act as
Students' Welfare Officer in his place. Decisions
are awaited on (a) Lasebikan's acting appointment,
(b) his Nigerian leave and subsequent posting.

I should be grateful if you would let me know
these decisions as soon as possible.

Sent.
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Yours sincerely
J. M. Beckley
(J. M. Beckley.)

JMB/DBM.

No.S.4/6/72

Premier's Office,
Western Region,
Ibadan, Nigeria.

1st April, 1959.

J.M. Beckley, Esq.,
Official Secretary,
Office of the Commissioner,
Western Region of Nigeria,
178/202, Great Portland Street,
London, W.1.

My dear Mr. Beckley

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Thank you for your letter No.901/CON.1/291 of the 26th of March about Sorinmade. I have consulted Dr. Biobaku who I understand has also spoken to Chief Adebo. We all agree that in the circumstances represented in your letter Sorinmade should be recalled at once. I should be grateful, therefore, if you would make the necessary arrangements for his return to Nigeria immediately.

I am afraid that Sorinmade's departure from London at this juncture will mean that the Commissioner will be without the services of a Private Secretary until he himself leaves the United Kingdom for his forthcoming leave in Nigeria. But I suppose that he would not mind this temporary inconvenience. Would you kindly assure him that we would do our best to line up one or two candidates for his consideration when he arrives here.

Yours ever,

J.E.

(J.E. Imoukhuede)

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Please file this with Mr. Sorinmade's confidential file.

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AND EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
WESTERN REGION
IBADAN, NIGERIA

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No. 106/4/T/5

PREMIER'S OFFICE

WESTERN REGION

IBADAN, NIGERIA

2nd April, 1959.

J.M. Beckley, Esq.,
Office of the Commissioner,
Western Region of Nigeria,
178/202, Great Portland Street,
London, W.1.

My dear Murakin

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Thank you for your demi-official letter No. 901/CON.1/274 of the 4th of March regarding the payment of a special allowance to the Private Secretaries posted to the London Office. You will note from the relevant memoranda forwarded herewith that the allowance was intended to compensate Private Secretaries at Headquarters for the irregular hours done by them and for the additional responsibilities devolving upon them.

Although reference was made to paragraph 3 of Executive Council Memorandum No. E.C.(57)635 of the 21st of November, 1957, to the need for a Private Secretary to fulfil an adequate standard of dress, I think this is rather an incidental factor in the argument in favour of this allowance and I do not feel therefore that too much weight should be attached to it. In any event, a Private Secretary posted to the London Office is eligible for an outfit allowance of £100, and I should think that this is adequate.

In the circumstances, I feel sure, and Dr. Biobaku agrees, that there is no case for the payment of a special allowance to a Private Secretary in your office.

Yours ever,

Joe.

(J.E. Imoukhuede)

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EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF THE WESTERN REGION.

E. C. (57) 635.

COPY NO: 23

21st November, 1957.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL : WESTERN REGION

Allowances for Private Secretaries to Ministers.

Memorandum by the Minister of Finance.

My Ministry has had under consideration for some time the review of the terms of service of Private Secretaries to Ministers in this Region.

2. In the United Kingdom, posts of Private Secretaries to Ministers are normally filled by members of the Administrative Class selected for their ability and personality; to compensate them for irregular hours of work as well as the additional responsibility of the office, Private Secretaries to Ministers in charge of Departments are granted a special allowance varying from £340 per annum for a Principal Private Secretary, to £140 per annum for an Assistant Principal (equivalent to an Administrative Officer, Cadet, in this Region) acting as a Private Secretary in a minor department.

3. I consider that a similar allowance, but on a more modest scale, should be paid to our Private Secretaries. Apart from the factors of irregular hours and additional responsibility, which are as valid here as they are in the United Kingdom, a Private Secretary is expected to maintain a standard of dress rather higher than that demanded of officers of his grade. In this connection, it must be remembered that, with the exception of the Premier's, our Private Secretaries are recruited from the General Executive Class. I recommend, for all Private Secretaries to Ministers with portfolio, an allowance of £72 per annum.

4. I also recommend that the provisions of General Order 23008 be extended to apply to all Private Secretaries when they travel on duty. They will thereby be eligible, in lieu of travelling allowance, for a refund of their catering rest-house or hotel bills, less 7/6d a night, and so be able to enjoy accommodation facilities of a reasonable standard without being out of pocket.

5. The cost of the special allowances for a full year will be about £900. That of the concession proposed in paragraph 4 cannot be closely estimated but should not be very significant for the revenue.

6. Council is invited to agree that -

- (1) as from 1st October, 1957, Private Secretaries to Ministers with portfolios should be paid a special allowance of £72 per annum;

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- (2) as from the 1st of the month following approval by Finance Committee, the provisions of General Order 23008 should be extended to apply to Private Secretaries to Ministers travelling on duty, including Private Secretaries to Ministers without portfolio when they travel on duty in that capacity;
- (3) the approval of the Finance Committee of the Legislature should be sought for the financial implications of these proposals.

(Intld.) J.A.O.O.

Ministry of Finance,
IBADAN.

18th November, 1957.

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E.C. (57) 712

COPY NO: 25

21st December, 1957.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL : WESTERN REGION

Allowances for Private Secretaries to Ministers

Memorandum by the Minister of Finance

Previous References: Memorandum E.C.(57)635
Conclusion S.G.E.C.14(57)12

During the discussion on Memorandum E.C.(57)635, it was suggested that a Private Secretary appointed from the Administrative Class should receive a special allowance at the rate of £180 per annum whereas one appointed from the General Executive Class should be paid a special allowance at the rate of £120 per annum. It was also suggested that consideration might be given to doubling the mileage rates for Private Secretaries to Ministers. It was agreed that any decision taken in respect of the special allowance payable to Private Secretaries to the Premier and Ministers with portfolio should be made retrospective to the 1st April, 1957. Consideration of the Memorandum was deferred to enable me to consider the points raised by Members.

2. With regard to the proposed special allowances for Private Secretaries, after careful scrutiny of the factors involved, I am of opinion that the senior Private Secretary to the Premier should receive £150 and other Private Secretaries, £120. There is no objection to the proposition that the allowance should be backdated to 1st April, 1957.

3. I have considered carefully the proposal to double the normal motor mileage rates in the case of Private Secretaries to Ministers and have come to the conclusion that there is no justification for it. The basic allowances have been calculated on the basis of the factors entering into the life of a vehicle. If they are inadequate to keep pace with the actual rate of depreciation suffered by vehicles, there would be a case for increasing them for all officers, and not merely for Private Secretaries; there are other officers who cover as much monthly mileage in their vehicles as do Private Secretaries. It is not advisable to consider now a general upward revision of basic allowance rates for the Public Service, since they were last reviewed only 16 months ago, and to concede double mileage rate to Private Secretaries would constitute a dangerous precedent. Furthermore, my Ministry recently arranged to approve for Private Secretaries (with the exception of the senior Private Secretary to the Premier and the Private Secretary to the Minister of Home Affairs and Mid-West Affairs, who will regularly undertake very long and rough tours) advances for the purchase of small cars only, the running costs of which will not strain their pockets, and to let them have the use of official vehicles for tours requiring the use of bigger and tougher cars.

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E.C.(57) 712.

4. Council is therefore invited -

(a) to authorise an approach to Finance Committee to approve an allowance of £150 per annum to the senior Private Secretary to the Premier, on the assumption that he is appointed from the Administrative Class, and of £120 per annum to other Private Secretaries including the junior Private Secretary to the Premier, who are appointed from the General Executive Class, with effect from 1st April, 1957;

and (b) not to pursue the proposal to pay double mileage rate to Private Secretaries.

(Intld.) J.A.O.O.

Ministry of Finance,
Western Region,
Ibadan.

20th December, 1957.

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E. C. (58) 140

COPY NO: 23

25th February, 1958.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL : WESTERN REGION

Allowances for the Private Secretary and
Aide de Camp to His Excellency

Memorandum by the Minister of Finance

Previous References: Memorandum E.C.(57)712
Conclusion S.G.E.C.18(57)5.

On the 30th of December, 1957, Council considered Memorandum E.C.(57)712 which dealt with the allowances to Private Secretaries to Ministers and

"authorised an approach to Finance Committee for an allowance of £150 per annum to the senior Private Secretary to the Premier on the assumption that he is appointed from the Administrative Class, and of £120 per annum to other Private Secretaries including the junior Private Secretary to the Premier, who are appointed from the General Executive Class, with effect from 1st April, 1957".

2. In January, it came to the Premier's attention that, although there was certainly a strong case for paying the Private Secretary and the Aide de Camp to His Excellency the same rate of allowance as was paid to his own senior Private Secretary, through an oversight no proposal regarding these officers had been included in the Memorandum already approved by Council. The Premier suggested that proposals in regard to the holders of these two posts should be submitted to Finance Committee at the same time as proposals regarding Ministers' Private Secretaries and that retrospective approval should be sought from Council. Finance Committee was approached accordingly and gave its approval.

3. Council is accordingly invited to authorise that the Private Secretary and Aide de Camp to His Excellency the Governor should each receive an allowance of £150 per annum.

(Intld.) J.A.O.O.

Ministry of Finance,
Western Region,
Ibadan.

24th February, 1958.

S E C R E T

PERSONAL & URGENTPremier's Office,
Western Region,
Ibadan, Nigeria.

| April, 1959.

J.M. Beckley, Esq.,
Official Secretary,
Office of the Commissioner,
Western Region of Nigeria,
178/202, Great Portland Street,
London, W.1.

My dear Morakin,

We have just been informed that there will shortly be a number of administrative vacancies in Group 6 and Group 7 in the Federal Public Service and also vacancies in Groups 5, 6 and 7 in the Eastern Region Public Service. We are asking all people within the ranges in the Administrative Class to indicate whether or not they wish to be considered for any of these posts. In your office there is yourself, Adedeji and Fagbola. I should be grateful if you would let me know whether you are yourself interested in going either to the Federation or to the Eastern Region on promotion and also if you would ask Adedeji and Fagbola to let me know their own wishes in the matter. I must warn, however, that the question of any of you being released if selected, is a separate matter to be taken up at the appropriate time.

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This very urgent and I think it will be best if you will send me a telegram merely saying yes or no in all cases.

With best wishes,

S. O. Biobaku

(S.O. Biobaku)

V.N.

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Establishment and leave immediately
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PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL.

7 April, 1959.

Mr. Pagbala,

The Secretary to the Premier and Executive Council has written to inform me that there will shortly be a number of administrative vacancies in Group 6 and Group 7 in the Federal Public Service and also vacancies in Group 5, 6 and 7 in the Eastern Region Public Service. All persons within these ranges in the Administrative Class of the Western Region Public Service are being asked to indicate whether or not they wish to be considered for the vacancies.

You are hereby asked to indicate your wish which will be communicated to the Secretary to the Premier and Executive Council. I am to warn that the question of the release of an officer, if selected, is quite a separate matter to be taken up at the appropriate time.

In view of the note of urgency struck in the letter from the Secretary to the Premier and Executive Council, I would like you to indicate your wish within the next twenty four hours so that a cable may be sent tomorrow.

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Official Secretary.

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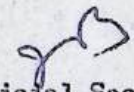
7 April, 1959.

Mr. Adedeji,

The Secretary to the Premier and Executive Council has written to inform me that there will shortly be a number of administrative vacancies in Group 6 and Group 7 in the Federal Public Service and also vacancies in Groups 5, 6 and 7 in the Eastern Region Public Service. All persons within these ranges in the Administrative Class of the Western Region Public Service are being asked to indicate whether or not they wish to be considered for the vacancies.

You are hereby asked to indicate your wish which will be communicated to the Secretary to the Premier and Executive Council. I am to warn that the question of the release of an officer, if selected, is quite a separate matter to be taken up at the appropriate time.

In view of the note of urgency struck in the letter from the Secretary to the Premier and Executive Council, I would like you to indicate your wish within the next twenty four hours so that a cable may be sent tomorrow.


Official Secretary.

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Mr. Serinade,
Mr. Ibegbuna,

You will recall that you made representations to me sometime ago about special allowances made to Private Secretaries to Ministers in Ibadan. The matter has now been considered by the Secretary to the Premier and Executive Council and I regret to say that it has been ruled that a Private Secretary posted to London under the conditions which normally apply, is not eligible to the special allowances.

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J.M. Backley.

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8th April, 1959.

Official Secretary,

I refer to your note of the 7th of April, and our subsequent discussion, in connection with the letter you received from the Secretary to the Premier and Executive Council about vacancies in Groups 5, 6 and 7 of the Federal Public Service and the Eastern Region Public Service.

2. It is difficult for me to give a definite answer to the point raised because I am not in possession of all the necessary facts and do not know enough about plans for the future of the various Public Services, or all the circumstances leading to the enquiry from the Government. The general principle one could follow however is this: if the immediate and the future opportunities for advancement in each of the various Public Services are equal, I would naturally prefer to remain in the West because I am a Westerner; if however the chances are very thin in the West but much brighter in the other Public Services then I would have no alternative but to consider and accept a transfer on promotion .

3. My three answers to the point raised are therefore as follows:-

- (i) If, on balance, the immediate and the future opportunities for advancement in the Western and the Federal Services are equal, I would prefer to remain in the West.
- (ii) If the immediate and the future opportunities for advancement in the Federal Public Service are better than in the West, then I would wish to be considered for transfer on promotion to one of the vacancies in Group 6 or Group 7 in the Federal Service.
- (iii) I do not wish to be considered for transfer to the Eastern Region Public Service.

H. S. A. Adedéjì
Senior Trade Officer.

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9th April, 1959.

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No. S.4/3/642

PREMIER'S OFFICE

WESTERN REGION

IBADAN, NIGERIA

3rd

April, 1959

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

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Further to my letter No.S.4/3/634 of the 9th of March,
I am directed to inform you that it has now been decided that
Mr. Lasebikan may spend his forthcoming leave either in the
United Kingdom or in Nigeria as he pleases but that he should
resume duty in Ibadan at the end of his leave. I shall be
grateful if you will so inform him and make the necessary
arrangements.

[Signature]

Secretary to the Premier
and Executive Council

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Mr Lasebikan has been duly informed

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Premier's Office,
Western Region,
Ibadan, Nigeria.

16th April, 1959.

J.M. Beckley, Esq.,
Official Secretary,
Office of the Commissioner,
Western Region of Nigeria,
178/202, Great Portland Street,
London, W.1.

My dear Mrs. Thanni

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in N/1.
Further to my letter No.S.4/105 of the 3rd of April, I am glad to be able to inform you that it has now been decided firmly that Mr. Ade Thanni, Senior Information Officer in the Ministry of Home Affairs and Midwest Affairs should be posted to your office to take charge of your Information Section. He is on leave at the moment but I gather he is prepared to cut it short so that he may proceed to London almost immediately. We are, however, considering the actual timing of his departure and you will hear from us about this as soon as possible.

2. I should add that Mrs. Thanni will not be accompanying her husband but will be joining him there later. The intention is to post her also to your office to fill one of the posts for Assistant Students' Welfare Officers. She is, as you know, a Scale A officer in the Ministry of Education and consideration is being given to her secondment from that Ministry and to the terms of her posting to your office. We will also write to you again as soon as possible on these matters.

Yours ever.

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(J.E. Imoukhuede)

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No. S.4/3/645

PREMIER'S OFFICE

WESTERN REGION

IBADAN, NIGERIA

23rd

April, 1959

My dear Mr. Lasebikan

294 Please refer to your letter No. 901/CON.1/294 of the 6th of April, 1959, about Lasebikan.

2. We have already written to you officially in our letter No S.4/3/642 of the 3rd of April, 1959, saying that Lasebikan is required to resume duty in Ibadan at the end of his forthcoming leave, which he may spend either in the United Kingdom or here at home, as he pleases.

3. As for his acting appointment, we know that a recommendation has gone forward to the Public Service Commission, whose decision is awaited. I will let you know when the appointment is approved and published.

Yours ever,

Joe.

J. E. Imokhuede

J. M. Beckley, Esq.,
Official Secretary,
Office of the Commissioner for
Western Nigeria,
178/202, Great Portland Street,
LONDON, W.1.

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4 May, 1959.

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

My dear Sir,

I apologise for the delay in sending this follow-up letter which was promised in my telegram No. 901/CON.1 of the 9th of April.

2. I enclose copies of notes written by Adedeji and Fagbola with regard to the question put in your letter No. S.26/12 of the 1st of April. As you can see neither of them is interested in the posts likely to fall vacant in the Eastern Region but they will consider similar posts in the Federal Service if they are not likely to be readily available in the Western Region.

3. As far as I am concerned, my present inclination is to remain in the Western Region. Like my two colleagues I do not know the full implication of the question asked and my answer must of necessity be according to my assessment of the atmosphere in which an officer is called upon to work in Ibadan and in Lagos. I consider that the atmosphere in Ibadan is more congenial and in the immediate future at any rate I would like to seek my fortunes there.

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Yours sincerely

Merakin
(J.M. Beckley).

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4 May, 1959.

J.E. Imoukhuede, Esq.,
Premier's Office,
Western Region,
Ibadan,
NIGERIA.

My dear Jol,

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I received your demi-official letter No. S.4/109 of the 16th of April concerning the posting of Ade Thanni to this office as Senior Information Officer. He has since arrived and assumed duty.

2. Before the Commissioner left, Thanni was able to put before him verbally the manner in which he proposes to plan the work of the Information Branch. I have asked him to reduce this to writing after which I intend to consider the proposal including the financial implication and submit a memorandum to your office.

3. There is one point which rather disturbs me, that is, his proposed visit to the United States in the near future. Without knowing the background of this I feel that it is a pity that he should go off so soon after his arrival here.

4. I note that it is intended to post Mrs. Thanni here as Assistant Students' Welfare Officer. I note also that you are aware that she is a Scale A officer. The terms of her posting will have to be clearly stated if the intention is that she should work to the Students' Welfare Officer who, as you know, is a Higher Executive Officer i.e., lower in rank to a Scale A officer.

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Jm

Yours ever
M. Beckley
(J.M. Beckley)

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by 18th May
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46918 X INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM CROWN
THAT DR ALKIJA HUSBAND MRS T ALKIJA
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER IN YOUR OFFICE
BOOKED TO RETURN NIGERIA MAILBOAT LEAVING
LIVERPOOL 9TH JULY X GRATEFUL CONFIRM

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

Copy:-

The Secretary,
Public Service Commission,
Ibadan.

My dear Morakun,

I have just approved the draft of a telegram to be sent to you, saying that the Crown Agents have apparently booked Dr. Afolabi Alakija to sail for home by a boat leaving England on 9th July, seeking confirmation that his wife will be sailing by the same boat, and adding that it may be necessary for you to replace her by a temporary local appointment pending the posting of a substantive relief from here. We do not know whether the action of the Crown Agents had the concurrence of Dr. Alakija or arose purely from their understanding that his course is coming to an end in June. The sailing advice makes no reference at all to the wife. Surely this must be a mistake?

I rang up the Chief Medical Officer this morning to ask whether he knew anything of Dr. Alakija's plans. He replied that he had just received a personal letter from him in which something was said about taking two months leave on the conclusion of his course. It is all very well for Dr. Alakija to want to take such leave. In fact he ought to take some leave, for he did a very long tour before proceeding to the United Kingdom, but his wife is not due for any leave and she is very urgently required here, more urgently needed than I knew when I wrote recently asking you how she was faring. I, therefore, hope that you will be able to get her and the husband to sail by the boat named by the Crown Agents.

The reason we have suggested that you should fill her post temporarily by a local appointment is because, while it is still my intention to let you have, as soon as possible, in her place either Mr. Degun or some equally capable officer, I am not now likely to be able to arrange for such a person to be in London and take over from Mrs. Alakija before she sails for Nigeria. We have become even shorter of staff here than I foresaw. It is due to our having released some of our officers for overseas courses.

You should not experience too much difficulty in finding a suitable temporary replacement, if you do what we also do here around July/October. There will at that time be a number of our students in London who will have completed their degree courses/

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courses, but are awaiting the results of their final examinations. You can, with the aid of the Overseas Selection Board, and the approval of the Public Service Commission, select the best of them and take him on as a temporary Administrative Officer. I am sending a copy of this letter to the Secretary of the Commission in order to put them in the picture.

Yours ever,
Sincere

(S. O. Adebo)

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G.14/317.

22 May, 1959.

J.E. Imoukhuede, Esq.,
Premier's Office,
Western Region,
Ibadan,
NIGERIA.

My dear Joe,

Mrs. Thanni arrived last Sunday and came to see me on Tuesday morning, Monday being the usual Whitsun holiday. She showed me a letter written to her by Scanlan to the effect that, if the Public Service Commission agreed, she would be posted to this office to serve as Assistant Students' Welfare Officer on certain conditions. She was of the opinion that the Public Service Commission had considered this matter and that an early decision would be communicated to me by you.

2. In the absence of firm instructions from you or from the Ministry of Finance, I have not allowed Mrs. Thanni to assume duty, but it would be desirable that she should do so at the earliest possible moment if the intention is that her service should be regarded as continuous. I hope very much that you will inform me of the true position as soon as it becomes clear.

Yours ever
Beckley
(J.M. Beckley)

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Sent
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J.M.

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22 May, 1959.

Chief S.O. Adebo,
Permanent Secretary,
Ministry of Finance,
Head of the Service,
Western Region,
Ibadan,
NIGERIA.

My dear Sir,

I received your telegram No. 46918 of the 15th of May and your confidential letter No. HS10/69 of the 14th of May which arrived later. I confirm that the Crown Agents have booked Dr. Afolabi Alakija alone to travel on the 9th of July. This is not a mistake, because the wife has planned to remain in the United Kingdom until the end of August before travelling back to join her husband.

2. I have discussed with Mrs. Alakija the possibility of returning on July the 9th with her husband, mentioning the urgent need for her services indicated in your letter. She thought July the 9th would be a very inconvenient date for her for certain personal reasons which you are said to be aware of. She did not like to be pressed to return at this date because she felt it would defeat one of the objects of her coming to the United Kingdom at all. Put this way, I thought I should ask you to let her stay on until the end of August as she has planned.

3. As regards her relief, Fagbola and I think that the earlier we get a permanent officer the better. This is because of the needs of last minute placing during the month of September. A new appointed officer will be not only to the placing procedure but also to office routine in general. And we require somebody in September who will be able to take advantage of openings which several Students' Units are eagerly looking for. I hope very much that Degun can come at the end of August. If, of course, he can't, we shall have no option but to make the temporary arrangement you suggest.

4. You will no doubt let me know whether you agree that Mrs. Alakija should remain until the end of August.

Yours sincerely
Beckley
(J.M. Beckley)

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26 May, 1959.

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

Applications for Posts in the Federal Public Service

I refer to your telegram No. S.26 of the 22nd of May and mine No. G.162 of the following day addressed to the Secretary, Public Service Commission, and copied to you. Applications submitted by Messrs. H.S.A. Adedeji, T.A. Fagbola and G.A.E. Longe are enclosed herewith, together with original certificates supplied by Messrs. Fagbola and Longe.

2. Confidential Reports on these officers for the current year are not due until the end of June but in order to give you a basis for the recommendation which you may want to make, I supply comments on the work of each officer as follows:-

MR. H.S.A. ADEDEJI.

3. Mr. Adedeji has been in charge of the Trade Branch of this office since July, 1958 and in that position he has shown competence and much initiative. There can be no doubt as to his suitability for promotion along such lines as would keep him in that branch of work in which he has had considerable experience and in which he is very much interested. I am doubtful, however, as to his suitability for such posts as would demand a breadth of view in general administrative matters. In this direction he has shown up to be rather narrow and inflexible in his ideas, thus making one wonder whether he can occupy with efficiency a post which requires a power of co-ordination of units which are diversified in functions.

MR. T.A. FAGBOLA.

4. Since Mr. Fagbola's last Confidential Report was written, he has been in charge of the Students' Branch of this office. He has shown competence and initiative in this post and his relation with the rest of the staff in this office, both senior and junior, has been very good. He has also been

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very successful in attracting students to him, thus placing himself in a position whereby even the most difficult ones among them have turned to him with confidence. His administrative ability is high and I have no hesitation in putting him forward as an officer suitable for consideration for accelerated promotion.

MR. C.A.E. LONGE.

5. Mr. Longe has been acting as Senior Assistant Students' Officer since July, 1958. This is a post in Scale A Upper Segment which requires considerable tact and administrative skill in dealing with students and with institutions which look after and train them. Mr. Longe has filled this post quite competently and has worked harmoniously with other officers both senior and junior to him. I consider him quite suitable for accelerated promotion.

6. You will no doubt give as prompt an attention as possible to these applications in view of the note of urgency struck in the telegram to which reference is made above.

*Sent by
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JB
Official Secretary.

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G.14/321.

29 May, 1959.

J.E. Imouldhuede, Esq.,
Premier's Office,
Western Region,
Ibadan,
NIGERIA.

My dear Joe

Now that it has been firmly decided that Lasebikan should return to Nigeria in August after taking 60 days leave in the United Kingdom, I wish to take up the question of his relief. The position in the Welfare Section of the Students' Unit when Fisher returns will be as follows:-

S.W.O.	F.A. Fisher.
A.S.W.O. I.	A.A. Rotilu.
A.S.W.O. II.	Mrs. L. Bucknor.
A.S.W.O. III.	Mrs. F.R.A. Thanni.
A.S.W.O. IV.	Vacant.

2. I am sure you will agree with me that we shall need a male officer to take the place of Lasebikan and that the posting of such an officer calls for a certain amount of urgency in view of the approaching students' "season". As Fagbola and I read the signs, the recent relaxation of the conditions for recommendation is likely to lead to increased welfare work. It is, therefore, essential that our Welfare Section should be manned to the full.

3. I trust you will take up vigorously with Establishments the early posting of a good officer.

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Yours ever,

[Signature]
(J.M. Beckley)

29th May, 1959.

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Office of the Commissioner,
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5th June, 1959.

SECPREM IBADAN

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AND SUBSEQUENT CABLE STOP MRS THANNI PRESSING FOR PAYMENT OF SALARY
ACCORDING TO LPC BROUGHT FROM IBADAN STOP GRATEFUL ADVISE ABOUT POSTING
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Office of the Commissioner,
Western Region of Nigeria,
178/202, Gt. Portland St, W.I.

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No.S.4/3/662

Premier's Office,
Western Region,
Ibadan.

8th June, 1959

My dear Rev. Mr. ...

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Thank you for your letter No.G.14/321
of 29th May, 1959.

2. I agree with you about the urgency
of finding a replacement for Mr. Lasebikan,
and I am approaching the Ministry of Finance
accordingly. We will write to you again
about this, as soon as possible.

Yours ever,

Jee.

J. E. Imoukhuede

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



MINISTRY OF

FINANCE

IBADAN · WESTERN NIGERIA

Your Ref. No. _____

All communications should be addressed
to the Permanent Secretary quotingOur Ref. No. 46918/20**CONFIDENTIAL**Date 6th June, 1959.**BY AIRMAIL***Dear Beckley:*

318. I am replying on Chief Adebo's behalf to your letter G.14/318 of the 22nd May about Mrs Alakija. In the circumstances there is no objection to Mrs Alakija staying on with you until the end of August, but I fear that it will not be possible to let you have Degun at that time. He is taking over from Mrs Ighodalo as Acting Training Officer (a Group 8 post) in a fortnight's time and Mrs Ighodalo will be out of action for a good three months. We would be glad, therefore, if you would look around for a suitable temporary replacement to relieve Mrs Alakija when she returns here.

We appreciate your reasons for wanting to have a permanent officer on the placing schedule and will do our best to let you have someone as soon as possible.

*Yours Sincerely**D. I. Scanlan*

(D. I. Scanlan)

*P.S. Hope to see you**when I come home on
leave end July.*

J. M. Beckley, Esq.,
Official Secretary,
Office of the Commissioner,
Western Region of Nigeria,
178-202, Great Portland Street,
London, W.1.

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THE SECRETARY TO THE PREMIER
AND EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
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IBADAN, NIGERIA



No. S.4/3/680

PREMIER'S OFFICE

WESTERN REGION

IBADAN, NIGERIA

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17th July, 1959

J.M. Beckley, Esq.,
Official Secretary,
Office of the Commissioner for
Western Nigeria,
178/202, Great Portland Street,
LONDON, W.1.

My dear Sir,

Further to my letter No. S.4/3/662 of the 8th of June, I feel I should let you know at once that it has been agreed that Mr. L.M. Alli, Executive Officer in the Ministry of Works and Transport, should be posted to your office to relieve Lasebikan. The Permanent Secretary to the Treasury is making the necessary arrangements for Alli's departure for London and will write to you about him as soon as possible.

Yours ever,

Jee.

(J.E. Imoukhuede)

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28 July,

59.

J.E. Imoukhuede, Esq.,
Premier's Office,
Western Region,
Ibadan,
NIGERIA.

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330. I refer to your letter No. S.4/3/680 of the 17th of July, concerning the posting of L.M. Alli to this office to replace Lasebikan. I shall expect to hear very soon from the Permanent Secretary to the Treasury the date of his arrival.

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Yours sincerely
J.M. Beckley
(J.M. Beckley)

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G.14/332.

29 July, 1959.

The Permanent Secretary to the Treasury,
Ministry of Finance,
Western Region,
Ibadan,
NIGERIA.

London Office Establishment.

I am directed to refer to Mr. D.I. Scanlan's demi-official letter No. 49918/20 of the 6th of June and to say that Mrs. T.A. Alakija Administrative Officer, Class IV now serving in the London Office as Assistant Students' Officer has arranged to travel back to Nigeria with her husband on the 3rd of September. She has asked for a short leave to wind up her affairs, and in accordance with the conditions of service for officers posted to London, I have allowed her to take 15 days out of the 55 days which she will have earned by the middle of August.

2. In view of her impending departure I have taken up the suggestion in the letter to which reference is made above and arranged to employ Mr. Olorunfunmi Sonubi temporarily to fill the post of Assistant Students' Officer which Mrs. Alakija will vacate. Mr. Sonubi is a graduate of Glasgow University and he has applied to join the Public Service as Administrative Officer. The recommendation from the Overseas Public Service Board in London who interviewed him on the 12th of June is being considered by the Public Service Commission.

3. The temporary nature of this appointment is being stressed to Mr. Sonubi. He is being told that it will not prejudice in any way either the decision of the Public Service Commission on his application or his posting by you on appointment. I propose to pay him £624 per annum and not add the usual rent and overseas allowances which established officers who are posted to London receive. He will report for duty at a date which

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will enable him to spend a week taking over Mrs. Alakija's schedule.

4. I trust you will approve this arrangement and inform the Public Service Commission as you consider necessary.

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Official Secretary.

G.14/333.

London, 29 July, 1959.

Copy to:-

The Secretary to the Premier
and Executive Council,
Ibadan.

For information. You will wish to note particularly the decision to grant a short leave to Mrs. Alakija. I trust you will support this.

Seely
Official Secretary.

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RE/189/25.

28 July, 1959.

Mr. O. Sonubi,
Macley Hall,
Park Terrace,
Glasgow, C.3.

Dear Mr. Sonubi,

It has been decided to offer you a temporary appointment in this office as Assistant Students' Officer on a salary of £324 per annum.

2. I wish to stress the temporary nature of the appointment and to point out that it will not in any way prejudice the decision of the Public Service Commission on your application for appointment as Administrative Officer or your posting when appointed. We know from experience that newly appointed Administrative Officers are never posted to London but are usually made to serve their first tour at the least in a Ministry at Ibadan.

3. I hope you will find it possible to accept this appointment. If you do, you will be expected to begin work not later than the 7th of August so that you may be able to spend a few days with the officer whose schedule of duty you will be taking over.

4. Please write by return of post to say whether or not you are willing to accept the appointment.

Yours sincerely,

(J.M. Beckley)
Official Secretary.

V.R. Put this copy into the London Office Establishment file.

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6 August,

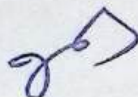
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Mr. O. Sonubi,
MacLay Hall,
Park Terrace,
GLASGOW, C.S.

Dear Mr. Sonubi,

I refer to my letter No. HP/189/25
of the 28th of July in which an offer was made to
you of a temporary appointment in this office.
Since I have not heard from you up to date, I am
withdrawing the offer.

Yours sincerely,



(J.M. Boskley)
Official Secretary.

August, 59.

The Permanent Secretary to the Treasury,
Ministry of Finance,
Western Region,
Ibadan,
NIGERIA.

London Office Establishment.

I am directed to refer to my letter No. G.14/332 of the 28th of July and to say that Mr. O. Sonubi to whom an offer of a temporary appointment was made has not been able to accept it. I have, therefore, made the same offer to Mr. M.A. Abiola who will assume duty in this office as from tomorrow the 7th of August.

2. Mr. Abiola has been interviewed by the Overseas Public Service Board in London and his application for appointment as Administrative Officer is receiving consideration. The same terms as stated in paragraph 3 of my letter under reference have been offered.

[Signature]
Official Secretary.

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V.M.
Pte in London Office Establishment
and Gen. 20/8/59
"CALABAR,"
LANGPORT ROAD,
SOMERTON.

SOMERTON 126.

14¹⁶ August 1959

Dear Beckley.

Unless Simon Aideso has not
left a note, I thought I would
let you know that we had a
conference with Patrick Kenmis on
Tuesday morning and agreed that
Aidediji should return to Nigeria
and that Ijewine (an A.T.O. in
Ibadan) should be posted to London

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and have a short spell with
Rosser before taking over. Patrick
Kemmie agreed to tell Adediji so
that the latter could go ahead
with the shipment of his car. I
shall be letting Frank McGrath
know the form.

I hope that you have had
an enjoyable break from your files

Yours sincerely, D. I. Scanlon

P.S. I have your Temp 7 file
about 100 etc. Can...

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GP.152.CON/10.

19 August, 1959.

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

Mr. H.S.A. Adedeji: Senior Trade Officer.

I am directed to inform you that as a result of consultation held in London between Chief S.O. Adebo, Mr. D.I. Scanlan, Mr. P.W. Morris, Mr. J.O.I. Longe and the Official Secretary, a decision has been taken that Mr. H.S.A. Adedeji now serving as Senior Trade Officer in London should be posted back to Nigeria at the end of the current year. Mr. Adedeji had himself wished such a posting on account of customs difficulties which have arisen over the new Mercedes-Benz car which he purchased in Germany a short while before he was posted to London. But in addition to that it was agreed both by the Official Secretary and by the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Trade and Industry that a change of posting would be beneficial not only to Mr. Adedeji himself but also to the morale and general efficiency of the Commissioner's Office.

2. Mr. Scanlan has written officially to the Acting Under-Secretary for Establishments at the Treasury, and I have no doubt that he will keep you informed of the detailed consideration which led to the decision mentioned above. I trust that he will also inform you about the officer who will replace Mr. Adedeji.

3. With the consent of Chief S.O. Adebo and Mr. D.I. Scanlan, a passage has been requested for Mr. Adedeji on the AUREOL due to sail from Liverpool on the 7th of January, 1960.


Official Secretary.

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Copied into Mr. Abiola's confidential file.

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G.14/340.

21 September, 1959.

The Permanent Secretary
to the Treasury,
Establishments Division,
Western Region,
Ibadan,
NIGERIA.

Mr. O.M.A. Abiola: Temporary Assistant Students' Officer.

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Further to my letter No. G.14/336 of the 6th of August, I am directed to inform you that the Public Service Commission has offered to Mr. Abiola the post of Administrative Officer and he has accepted it. The question arises, therefore, of his posting.

2. As you know, he was given a temporary appointment as Assistant Students' Officer with effect from the 7th of August and the understanding was that such appointment would not in any way prejudice his posting should he later be accepted into the permanent establishment. Mr. Abiola has settled down very quickly to his duties and I have been quite satisfied with him as a Placing Officer. I know that, as a matter of general practice you do not post officers to London in their first tour but in view of the satisfaction which Mr. Abiola is now giving and the possibility of not finding another officer quickly to replace him, I would like to suggest that he be left here to serve this tour before returning home for a different kind of experience.

3. I should be grateful if you would give early consideration to this suggestion so that Mr. Abiola may be warned about his probable posting and so that we may be able to plan the work in the Students' Unit in a realistic manner.

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Official Secretary.

No. G.14/340.

London 21 September, 1959.

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The Secretary to the Premier
and Executive Council,

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No. S.4/L/T.1

PREMIER'S OFFICE
WESTERN REGION
IBADAN, NIGERIA

18 September, 1959

My dear Quaker,

I understand that during the recent visit of Chief Adebo to London, Longe gave an indication that he would be prepared to return to Nigeria before the end of the customary three year period of duty in the United Kingdom. I am, therefore, writing at once to let you know that there will shortly be a vacancy in this office to which Longe can be posted, but it will be necessary for us to know, as soon as possible, that he will be available since we are anxious to fill the vacancy immediately it occurs.

2. I am sorry that, if Longe comes back home, it will not be possible for us to send someone of appropriate seniority to London to fill the vacancy which would arise in your office thereby. I would like you, therefore, to consider the possibility of moving some of your staff up as may be necessary.

3. I should be glad if you would let me know, as soon as possible, whether and when Longe would be available, together with your proposals for filling his vacancy.

With best wishes,

*Yours sincerely,
S.O. Biobaku*

(S.O. Biobaku)

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

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G.14/342.

29 September, 1959.

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

My dear Sir

341 I refer to your letter No.S.4/4/T.1 of the 18th of September about Longe. I have spoken to him again and he has confirmed what he said to Chief Adebo that he would welcome being posted back to Nigeria any time from now. He raised, however, a point about opportunity to attend a training course. In a general discussion which Chief Adebo had with the whole staff he mentioned that the best time for an officer posted to London to take such an opportunity was at the end of his period of service in London. Longe now wonders if he could be given that opportunity before he returns to Ibadan.

2. As regards his relief, the obvious person is Ogun, if there is no officer available for posting from Nigeria. He has settled down quite well in the Students' Unit and has applied himself to his duties. If he continues in the same manner he should be able to act in the post of Senior Assistant Students' Officer quite satisfactorily.

3. If it is agreed that Ogun should be moved up, the question then arises of the officer who should fill the post of Assistant Students' Officer to be vacated. Fagbola thinks that Mrs. Thanni ought to be able to fill the post but I recall the misgivings which Joe Imoukhuede had on a previous occasion on which she was about to be posted as Assistant Students' Officer. That misgiving I gather was mainly on account of the limitation of Mrs. Thanni's educational qualification which does not include University training. She is, however, an intelligent woman and I am prepared to try her in the post for some time. Should she prove to be unable to discharge the duties, then she would be returned to the post of Assistant Students' Welfare Officer on the same conditions as she is serving now.

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4. The post of Assistant Students' Welfare Officer to be vacated by Mrs. Thanni could in the meantime be filled by a locally recruited officer, and I have in mind Mr. S.O. Odamtten who has served most satisfactorily with us as a clerk for nearly three years and has recently been considered by the Public Service Commission for direct appointment to the Executive Grade. I believe he will discharge the duties of Assistant Students' Welfare Officer satisfactorily. If this recommendation is agreed in principle, I could then suggest for your consideration a special rate of remuneration which will be in keeping with the responsibilities he will be called upon to shoulder.

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(J.M. Beckley)

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G.14/344.

3rd September, 1959.

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

My dear Sir,

London Office Establishment.

I wish to inform you that I have found it necessary to make certain internal reorganisation of the staff of this office in order to distribute more evenly the burden of work.

2. The major item of this reorganisation is the removal of Osobase from the Trade Branch to assist me to carry out routine administrative functions connected with staff, finance and general matters. You will recall that my predecessor had felt that these routine functions were becoming considerable and making it impossible for the Official Secretary to have time to think or to discharge his responsibilities in matters concerning co-ordination and policy. It was thought that the posting of a Private Secretary to Visiting Ministers would provide an adequate relief, but as experience has proved, this has not been the case. With the increase in the number of times that the Overseas Public Service Board meets in a month, and with the expansion of work in other directions, it has become absolutely impossible for the Official Secretary to carry on without a full-time officer to assist him. The matter was discussed with the Head of the Civil Service on his arrival here and he agreed that, pending the creation of the post of an Assistant Secretary, an ad-hoc arrangement could be made which would make it possible for work to carry on at all.

3. This arrangement has made it necessary to provide some kind of assistance for the Senior Trade Officer in place of Osobase. I have, therefore, made Ibegbuna, Private Secretary to Visiting Ministers, work in the Trade Branch when he is not engaged in looking after a Visiting Minister. This is a temporary arrangement pending the outcome of the discussion which is now being held between the Head of the Civil Service

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and the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Trade and Industry about the future personnel of the Trade Branch of this office. I gather that you will be brought into the discussion and that very soon instructions will come about the officer to replace Adedeji as Senior Trade Officer and the officer to occupy the post of Assistant Trade Officer. When the latter officer arrives, Ibegbuna will revert to the duties he normally performs as Private Secretary to Visiting Ministers.

4. I should mention in this connection the discussion which Chief Adebo and I had about the desirability of giving to the Official Secretary a certain amount of discretion in making internal adjustment of the type mentioned above, so long as questions of seniority and acting allowance are not involved and so long as a report is made stating the reason why the adjustment is necessary. Chief Adebo promised to take this matter up with you formally on arrival back in Ibadan and I hope he has already done so.

Yours sincerely
Beckley
(J.M. Beckley)

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sent.
7/10/59
AM

2 October,

59.

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

London Office Establishment.

I am directed to refer to my letter No. GP.152.CON/10 of the 19th of August and to ask whether definite decision has now been taken about the officer who will relieve Mr. H.S.A. Adedeji and about another officer who will fill the vacant post of Assistant Trade Officer. As far as I can recollect the intention ~~is~~ that an early decision would be reached on the arrival back of Chief Adebo.

JS
Official Secretary.

Sent-
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ben. 8th Oct for a reminder to p 340
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No. S.4/3/699

PREMIER'S OFFICE
WESTERN REGION
IBADAN, NIGERIA

2 October, 1959

My dear Sir,

340 I refer to your letter No.G.14/340 of 21st September, 1959, about Mr. O.M.A. Abiola, a temporary Assistant Students' Officer, addressed to the Permanent Secretary to the Treasury and copied to me. In accordance with the channel of communication, I am replying to the letter.

2. I am sorry that it is not possible to accede to your request that Mr. Abiola should be posted to London immediately after his appointment on probation to the permanent establishment. I should be grateful, therefore, if you would make an early arrangement for Mr. Abiola to return to Nigeria to assume duty here.

3. As suggested in Simeon's demi-official letter of 28th September, the vacancy created by Mr. Abiola's return should be filled by transferring Fisher to the post of Assistant Students' Officer and Rotilu to that of Welfare Officer in Fisher's place. Appropriate recommendations are being made to the Public Service Commission for the approval of these acting appointments.

4. As regards the post of Assistant Welfare Officer to be vacated by Rotilu, we would suggest that you should try one of your senior clerks in the post and if, after observing his performance, you consider it necessary for him to have an additional Responsibility Allowance, such a recommendation will be well received here.

5. I am giving a copy of this letter to Derek Scanlan, for his information.

James Simeon
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(S.O. Biobaku)

J.M. Beckley, Esq.,
Official Secretary,
Office of the Commissioner for
Western Nigeria,
178/202, Great Portland Street,
LONDON, W.1.

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CONFIDENTIAL.

G.14/348.

8 October, 1959.

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

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London Office Establishment.

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I refer to your letter No. S.4/3/699 of the 2nd of October about Abiola and other members of the London Office staff. I note the decision that Abiola should return to assume duty in Ibadan and I am arranging a passage for him at the earliest opportunity.

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2. It would appear that your letter was written before mine No. G.14/342 of the 29th of September was received. In the letter I suggested certain re-arrangement of the staff of the Students' Branch in the event of Longe's transfer back to Nigeria. I assumed then that Abiola would be left with us, but now that he must return, and there is a probability, before very long, of Fagbola moving to act as Official Secretary, I consider it necessary to review the staff position once again.

3. When Abiola leaves, Fisher will take over his schedule as indicated in your letter, Rotilu will replace Fisher, and I propose to make S.A. Odamtten, the most senior and most conscientious of our clerks, take over Rotilu's work. The possibility of moving Fisher to perform placing duties did occur to me when I wrote recently, but the importance of his present duties as Students' Welfare Officer weighed with me, especially as there are two new officers in that section i.e., Mrs. Thanni and Alli, who require guidance. Your suggestion that Rotilu should take over these duties is, however, quite acceptable and I think he should be able to perform them satisfactorily.

4. In the event of Longe leaving before Fagbola is moved from the post of Students' Officer, Ogun will replace him as already agreed, but I now doubt whether my suggestion that Mrs. Thanni should replace Ogun is a wise one. If she does, and Fisher remains the second placing officer, it will mean that there is no officer in that section with inside

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about University training. Fisher's experience of students' affairs during the last three years and his long familiarity with desk work in a Government office will stand him in good stead, but it will not be the same with Mrs. Thanni. I would like to have one placing officer at least who is a graduate of one of the British Universities. Gbgbaje will fill this role, especially if the promotion for which he is being considered comes off in the near future. But then it will be necessary to post an officer to take the key position which Gbgbaje holds in the Recruitment Branch. I have an idea that Mrs. Thanni could fill this post, in which case the only vacancy that will require to be filled from Ibadan will be that of an Assistant Students' Welfare Officer.

5. The possibility of Longe returning to Nigeria raises the question of the officer who will take Fagbola's place as Students' Officer in a few months time. I cannot see an alternative to posting a fairly senior officer from Ibadan, unless it is considered that Adebayo should be moved from Recruitment to Students. Even so, an officer of the same calibre will be required to head our expanding Recruitment Branch, and I would not like to see both Adebayo and Gbgbaje moved at the same time.

6. It would seem, therefore, that the easiest arrangement would be for Longe to be retained in London for a little longer. He is a competent officer but he needs to broaden out in order to be able to deal with a lot of people, some of them important and others difficult, who will have business with him as Students' Officer. I feel that this will be a good opportunity for him to acquire this kind of experience and I think that the prospect of an acting appointment in a superscale post will make him wish to stay longer. If you agree, I could ask him specifically on this point and report to you.

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yours sincerely
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(J.M. Beckley)

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by 26th October
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THE TREASURY,

WESTERN REGION,

IBADAN.

12th October, 1959.

My dear Mr. Beckley,

I have recommended Gbegbaje for promotion to Administrative Officer, Cadet, and have no reason to expect that the recommendation will fail. If he is promoted, Gbegbaje will have to leave the Recruitment Section. In that case, unless he is anxious to return to Nigeria, I think he should transfer to the Students Section and take over one of the Assistant Student Officer posts.

With Longe recalled to Ibadan, and Abiola also instructed to come over to start his apprenticeship here, and Ogun moved up to be Senior Assistant Student Officer, there will be two vacancies of Assistant Student Officer. If Gbegbaje moves across into one of these, the other may temporarily be filled by Fisher as I suggested in earlier correspondence.

As I also suggested before, Rotilu could take over as Acting H.E.O. in the Students Section and one of your clerical assistants (I believe you have Odamtten in mind) ~~stop~~ stop-gap as A.W.O. This would leave you with an H.E.O. vacancy in the Recruitment Section. Oimage or Ometoruwa, whichever is the sounder, could move up into this gap. As regards ^{the} eventual E.O. vacancy, I have a proposition to put to you. There is at the moment in England an Executive Officer of ours, by name E. A. Ajose. He has just completed a course in Exeter and I believe you have already arranged for him to sail back. If he is agreeable to staying over, I should have no objection to your asking him to do so, but he will have to remain there for at least a year. I have written to tell him that I am asking you to put this proposal to him. Will you please let me know the result by cablegram?

Yours ever,

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(S. O. Adebo)

Mr. J. M. Beckley,
Western Nigeria Office,
178-202 Great Portland Street,
LONDON, W. 1.

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Premier's Office,
Ibadan.

9 October, 1959

My dear Norman

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Thank you for your letter No.G.14/346 of 2nd October. You will be pleased to know that at the Staff Committee meeting this morning, it was decided that Mr. G.O. Ijewere should be posted to London to relieve Mr. H.S.A. Adedeji.

2. The Treasury would be writing to you about this arrangement, in due course. In the meantime, I should be grateful to know when Mr. Adedeji may be expected.

Yours sincerely
S.O. Biobaku

(S.O. Biobaku)

J.M. Beckley, Esq.,
Official Secretary,
Office of the Commissioner for Western
Nigeria,
178/202, Great Portland Street,
LONDON, W.1.

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No. S.4/3/704

PREMIER'S OFFICE

WESTERN REGION

IBADAN, NIGERIA

9 October, 1959

My dear Mr. Longe.

342. Thank you for your letter No.G.14/342 of 29th September about Longe. I have discussed the letter with Chief Adebo who has confirmed that it is his intention that an officer who is returning from duty in London should have an opportunity of undergoing a course before his return. I am sorry, however, that as far as Longe is concerned, there is no suitable course available at present. He will, however, be given an early opportunity to go abroad for a course after his return.

2. I should be grateful if you would now arrange for Longe to return to Ibadan as soon as possible. We require him to assume his new duties here urgently.

3. Concerning the arrangement which you propose for relieving Longe, we agree that Ogun should become the Senior Assistant Students' Officer and I am requesting the Treasury to make the necessary recommendation to the Public Service Commission for this acting appointment. As regards the suggestion that Mrs. Thanni should relieve Ogun, I regret that the Staff Committee does not support this. I should be glad to know what alternative arrangement you would like to propose.

John S. Biobaku

(S.O. Biobaku)

S.O. and Longe duly informed.

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J.M. Beckley, Esq.,
Official Secretary,
Office of the Commissioner for
Western Nigeria,
178/202, Great Portland Street,
LONDON, W.1.

U. R. Re Mr. Longe.
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No. S.4/3/705

PREMIER'S OFFICE

WESTERN REGION

IBADAN, NIGERIA

9 October, 1959

My dear Norah,

344 Thank you for your letter No.G.14/344 of 30th September on the London Office establishment.

2. I agree with the internal arrangement which you have made in order to afford some relief for yourself in regard to the general administration of your office. I note that you discussed the arrangement with the Head of the Service while he was on leave in London, and I shall support strongly the creation of a post of an Assistant Secretary (Administration) in your office as contained in your Advance Proposals, although I must warn that the suggestion that this new post be graded in the Upper Segment is not likely to succeed.

3. I note what you say in paragraph 4 of your letter under reference. Although Chief Adebo has not raised the question with me formally, there is no doubt that the procedure is in keeping with my own general practice. Your office is a Division of this office and you are my representative there, and there is no reason why you should not make any internal adjustment that you consider necessary provided, of course, I am kept informed of it. If there is a need for an acting appointment as a result of the arrangement you propose, then I shall make the necessary representation to the Treasury. At all events, I shall always keep the Treasury informed of any changes, if only to keep their schedules of Administrative and Executive Officers' postings up to date.

Yours sincerely,
Biobaku

(S.O. Biobaku)

J.M. Beckley, Esq.,
Official Secretary,
Office of the Commissioner for
Western Nigeria,
178/202, Great Portland Street,
LONDON, W.1.

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G.14/356.

15 October, 1959.

E.A. Ajose, Esq.,
1, Friars Walk,
Exeter,
DEVON.

Dear Mr. Ajose,

I have received a letter from Chief S.O. Adebo concerning the filling of certain vacancies in the establishment of this office. He has suggested that you should be considered to fill one of the Executive Officer posts in our Recruitment Branch subject, of course, to your agreeing to stay here for at least one year.

2. I gather from your file in this office that you have been booked to travel back to Nigeria on the s.s. "VOLTA RIVER" which is due to sail from London on the 31st of October. This passage will be cancelled should you agree to the posting which Chief Adebo has in mind.

3. I should be grateful if you would telephone me at Langham 8611 the very day you receive this letter so that I may be able to send word back to Chief Adebo by cable. The cost of your telephone call will be borne by this office and I suggest that you tell the operator to reverse the charge.

4. A letter from Ibadan is enclosed. I guess it is from Chief Adebo.

Yours sincerely,


(J.M. Beckley)
Official Secretary.

16 October,

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

My dear Sir,

London Office Establishment.

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I refer to your letter No. S.4/7/153 of the 9th of October and I note that Ijewere would be posted to London in place of Adedeji. The latter has been booked to travel back to Nigeria on the AUREOL which sails from Liverpool on the 7th of January 1960.

Yours sincerely

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(J.M. Beckley)

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20 October, 1959.

Dr. S. O. Biobaku,
Secretary to the Premier
and Executive Council,
Premier's Office,
Ibadan,
Western Nigeria.

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London Office Establishment.

I refer to your letter No. S.4/3/704 of the 9th of October about the Staff of the London Office and I confirm my recent telegram about the departure of Longe by the m.v. "Apapa" of the 29th of October. In view of this I have, as from to-day, given effect to the agreed staff movement whereby Ogun goes to act as Senior Assistant Students' Officer, Fisher as Assistant Students' Officer, Rotilu as Students' Welfare Officer and Odamtten as Assistant Students' Welfare Officer. You have agreed to consider in due course such increase in Odamtten's wages which will be commensurate with his new responsibilities. I hope that when a decision is taken the new wage will be made retrospective to the beginning of his assumption of the duties of Assistant Students' Welfare Officer.

Abiola has been booked to sail on November the 26th and you have asked for a proposal about the staff movement which should take place then. I propose that Gbegbaje should move from Recruitment to Students and join Fisher as Assistant Students' Officer. I gather that he has been firmly recommended for promotion as Administrative Officer. If this is approved, the move will fit his new status quite well.

I suggested in my letter G/14/348 of the 8th of October that Mrs. Thanni might take Gbegbaje's place, but I find myself at a disadvantage in making a firm recommendation about Mrs. Thanni since I have little idea about her capability and about the power of endurance she is likely to show in a post which demands hard work and a certain amount of control over other officers.

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I am inclined therefore to leave her where she is and to move Oimage into Gbegbaje's place in an acting capacity. The Executive Officer vacancy which will result can then be filled by E. A. Ajose, an Executive Officer who has recently completed a course in Public Administration at Exeter, and whose posting to London has to-day been announced to me by the Treasury.

The acting appointments involved in these arrangements will be as follows:-

- (a) I. O. Ogun, acting appointment as S.A.S.O with effect from 29th October, 1959.
- (b) F. A. Fisher, acting appointment as A.S.O. with effect from 29th October, 1959.
- (c) A. A. Rotilu, acting appointment as S.W.O. with effect from 29th October, 1959.
- (d) N. G. O. S. Oimage, acting appointment as Higher Executive Officer (Recruitment) with effect from 29th October, 1959.

I should be grateful if you would confirm your approval of the arrangements outlined above and take necessary steps to forward recommendation to the Public Service Commission for the acting appointments mentioned.

Yours sincerely,

JMB
(J. M. Beckley)

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20 October, 1959.

Chief S. O. Adebo,
Permanent Secretary
to the Treasury,
The Treasury,
Ibadan.

Ho

I refer to your letter of the 12th of October about the Staff of the London Office and I confirm the statement in my telegram of the 16th of October that Ajose is willing to accept posting to London for at least one year.

I am pleased to hear that Gbgbaje's promotion is likely to be approved soon and that you are agreeable to his being retained here to serve in the Students' Branch. I have ascertained from him that he will wish to stay on in London up to the end of his three year tour. When he is moved I propose to put Omgie in his position as Higher Executive Officer (Recruitment).

You will no doubt have heard that Longe is due to sail on the m.v. "Apapa" of the 29th of October. In view of this I have, as from to-day, given effect to the agreed staff movement whereby Ogun becomes S.A.S.O, Fisher A.S.O, Rotilu S.W.O and Odamtten A.S.W.O. I shall make a recommendation to Bis in due course about wages for Odamtten which will measure up to his new responsibilities.

I do not know whether you have informed Bis about the probable posting of Ajose. In his latest letter to me he seems to be unaware of this. I have written to inform him however about the staff movement, consequent upon the transfer of Longe and about the one planned to take effect when Abiola leaves on November the 26th.

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(J. M. Beckley)

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No. S.4/3/710

PREMIER'S OFFICE

WESTERN REGION

IBADAN, NIGERIA

21st October, 1959

J.M. Beckley, Esq.,
Official Secretary,
Office of the Commissioner,
178/202, Great Portland Street,
London, W.1.

My dear Mr. Beckley

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Would you please refer to your demi-official letter No.G 14/348 of the 8th of October to Dr. Biobaku regarding the establishment of your office. This letter is concerned with one particular point in your letter, i.e. the suggestion that Odamtten should take over from Rotilu as Assistant Students' Welfare Officer on an experimental basis. We have given this suggestion very careful consideration but we are afraid that we cannot agree to it.

2. It is considered that the opportunity of a trial appointment of the kind which you put forward Odamtten should be offered instead to L.A. Biobaku, who is presumed to be still in your office. In our view, he is a much more suitable person in all respects for this appointment and we would be glad if you would offer it to him accordingly.

3. It should be understood, of course, that Biobaku should continue on his existing rate of pay for at least three months. If at the end of that period he has risen to our expectations, we could then consider retrospectively the amount of additional remuneration which should be paid to him. Will you please let us have a full report on him on his performance in due course.

4. In view of the internal movements in your office caused by Longe's impending departure for Nigeria and Osobase's assignment as Assistant Secretary (Administration), I shall be glad if you will let me have, at your earliest convenience, a statement showing your present establishment and exactly what each of your officers is doing at the present moment. Such a statement, will, I think, enable us to see at a glance the gaps in your establishment which we will endeavour to fill as best we can.

Yours sincerely,

Joe.

(J.E. Imoukhuede)

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27 October, 1959.

J.E. Imoukhuede, Esq.,
Premier's Office,
Western Region,
Ibadan,
NIGERIA.

My dear Joe

I refer to your letter No. S.4/3/710 of the 21st of October concerning the posting of Odamtten to the duties of Assistant Students' Welfare Officer in place of Rotilu. This is also the subject of your priority telegram dated 24th of October.

2. With all due respect, I disagree with the view taken that L.A. Biobaku is a more suitable person to try out in the post. Academically he has an advantage over Odamtten, but in everything else considered in selecting one of the clerical staff here, Odamtten is definitely the better person. In the first place Biobaku is a registered student at an evening college and is therefore not free to tour and to take on emergency work at any time during the day or night. Secondly, he has not shown the same sense of responsibility and devotion to duty in his position as Head of the Registry as Odamtten has shown in the discharge of his duties in the Accounts Section. Moreover, he has recently had bouts of ill health which make it doubtful whether he can take on as arduous a job as that of a Welfare Officer. Before I selected Odamtten, I discussed the whole matter with Fagbola and we had no doubt in our minds at all that he was easily the best person among the clerical staff for the post.

3. I must confess that I am most surprised that my judgement in this matter has been called to question. My reading of Dr. Biobaku's letter No. S.4/3/699 of the 2nd of October was that I had freedom to select one of the clerks to serve in the post to be vacated by Rotilu. I do not see how it could have been otherwise, since neither Dr. Biobaku nor anybody else in Ibadan could really be in a position to judge at this date the relative merits of the members of the clerical staff here.

4. In the final paragraph of my letter to Dr. Biobaku No. G.14/344 of the 30th of September, I mentioned the discussion which Chief Adebo and I had about the desirability of giving to the Official Secretary

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a reasonable amount of discretion to arrange internal staff movement. Chief Adebo felt that it would not be right to decide every little detail from Ibadan and promised to raise the matter formally with Dr. Biobaku on his return. The type of staff movement which entered into this discussion was that concerning established staff since it was only that which was in doubt. There has never been any doubt until now that the Official Secretary has the right to dispose of locally recruited staff according to his best judgement.

5. In any case, the changes in which Odumtten is involved had already taken place last week in view of the time needed by the officers at the top to hand over. It will be exceedingly awkward now if I have to replace him with Biobaku, And since I have to do that against my better judgement it will be a double pity.

6. I am sending a copy of this letter to Dr. Biobaku and to Chief Adebo in view of the discussion which they may have had or will be having over this question of the discretion which the Official Secretary should have in certain internal staff movements.

Yours sincerely

Monki
(J.M. Beckley)

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17 October, 1959.

Chief S.O. Adebo,
Permanent Secretary to the Treasury
and Head of the Civil Service,
The Treasury,,
Western Region,
Ibadan,
NIGERIA.

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I attach for your information a copy of my letter to Joe Imoukhuede who has written and cabled instructing that I should replace Odamtten with Biobaku on the grounds that the latter is judged to be a more suitable person in all respects, and that the selection of Odamtten was never expressly approved. This, in my view, is a kind of regimentation to which this office should not be subjected, and I doubt very much whether Joe Imoukhuede himself as Official Secretary would have relished it. I do not see how he could have been in a position to judge the relative merits of the two persons mentioned, having been away from this office for well over a year.

2. This brings up the wider question which you discussed with me here and which you promised to raise with Bis on your return. I refer to the margin of discretion which should be allowed to the Official Secretary in making internal staff arrangements to meet difficult situations which arise here from time to time. I hope you will find it possible to hold this discussion. It is now more necessary than ever to make quite clear whether the Official Secretary has to seek instructions even in such small matters as selecting one of the clerical staff to stand in for an officer.

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(J.M. Beckley)

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THE TREASURY,
WESTERN REGION,
IBADAN.

24th October, 1959.

Your refce G 14/360.

My Ref: No. HS. 10/93.

My dear Morakin,

This is just to let you know, with reference to your doubts on the matter, that Bis has been informed of Ajose's posting to London.

Yours sincerely,
Simon
(S. O. Adebo).

Mr. J. M. Beckley,
Western Nigeria Office,
178-202 Great Portland Street,
London, W.1.

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19 October, 1959.

J.E. Imoukhuede, Esq.,
Premier's Office,
Western Region,
Ibadan,
NIGERIA.

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I refer to paragraph 4 of your letter No. S.4/3/710 of the
21st of October and I state below the names and duties of officers now
serving in the London Office:-

<u>Name.</u>	<u>Rank.</u>	<u>Duties.</u>
J.M. Beckley	Administrative Officer.	Official Secretary.
H.S.A. Adedeji	Senior Trade Officer.	Senior Trade Officer.
T.A. Fagbola	Administrative Officer.	Students' Officer.
A.O. Adebayo	" "	Recruitment Officer.
J.L. Keith	Adviser on Students' Affairs.	Adviser on Students' Affairs.
I.O. Ogun	Administrative Officer.	Senior Assistant Students' Officer.
L.S.M. Osobase	" "	Assistant Secretary.
O.M.A. Abiola	" "(Temp).	Asst. Students' Officer.
A. Thanni	Senior Information Officer.	Senior Information Officer
Mrs. F.R.A. Thanni	Education Officer	Asst. Students' Welfare Officer.
G.B. Kuyinu	H.E.O. (Accts)	H.E.O. (Accts).
F.A. Fisher	H.E.O.	Asst. Students' Officer.
K.A. Gbegbaje	H.E.O. (Recruitment)	H.E.O. (Recruitment)
A.I. Ibegbuna	E.O.	Private Secretary to Visiting Ministers also assists S.T.O. in the absence of an Asst. Trade Officer. when there is no

<u>Name.</u>	<u>Rank.</u>	<u>Duties.</u>
A.A. Rotilu.	Executive Officer	Students' Welfare Officer.
Mrs. L. Bucknor	" "	Asst. Students' Welfare Officer.
L.M. Alli	" "	" "
N.G.O.S. Omege	Executive Officer (Recruitment)	Executive Officer (Recruitment)
W.E. Ometoruwa	" "	" "
F.S. Uwaifo	Executive Officer (Accts)	Executive Officer (Accts)
E.O. Okusanya	Executive Officer	Private Secretary to Commissioner.

2. Please note that E.A. Ajose will be joining the staff as from the 9th of November in anticipation of the departure of U.M.A. Abiola. According to proposed arrangements he will serve as Executive Officer (Recruitment)

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Yours sincerely
J.M. Beckley

by 5th Nov
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27 October, 1959.

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

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I attach for your information a copy of my letter to Joe Imoukhuede who has written and cabled instructing that I should replace Odamtten with Biobaku on the grounds that the latter is judged to be a more suitable person in all respects, and that the selection of Odamtten was never expressly approved. This, in my view, cuts across the practice which has hitherto been observed of leaving the disposition of locally recruited staff to the judgement of the Official Secretary. It also cuts across the point raised in my letter to you No. G.14/344 of the 30th of September, to which your letter No. S.4/3/705 of the 9th of October was a pleasing reply. As I have stated to Joe it will be a great pity if I have to do what he now instructs i.e., remove Odamtten and replace him with Biobaku. In the first place I do not agree that the latter is more suitable, and it will be a double pity if the change has to be made after the staff movement has taken effect for at least four days.

you etc
JB
(J.M. Beckley)

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No. S.4/3/716

Ibadan. 28th October, 1959.

Copy to:-

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

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For information, with reference to your letter No.G.14/358 of the 20th October. You will see that all the proposals in your letter are supported by me, with the exception of the recommendation regarding Mr. Odamtten which was the subject of my letter No.S.4/3/710 of the 21st October and my telegram S.4/3 of the 24th October.

Herbert Macdonald

Secretary to the Premier
and Executive Council.

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28 October, 1959.

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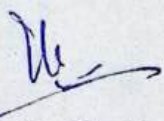
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Ibadan.

London Office Establishment

I am directed to inform you that the following staff changes affecting the Western Region London Office are proposed on the departure of Mr. G.A.E. Longe and Mr. O.M.A. Abiola from that office on the 29th of October and the 26th of November, 1959, respectively:-

- (i) Mr. I.O. Ogun to relieve Mr. Longe as Senior Assistant Students' Officer;
- (ii) Mr. F.A. Fisher to relieve Mr. Ogun as Assistant Students' Officer (Scale A);
- (iii) Mr. A.A. Rotilu to relieve Mr. Fisher as Students' Welfare Officer (i.e. Higher Executive Officer);
- (iv) Mr. K.A. Gbegbaje to relieve Mr. Abiola as Assistant Students' Officer (Scale A);
- (v) Mr. N.G.O. Solomon-Omage to relieve Mr. Gbegbaje as Higher Executive Officer (Recruitment).

2. These changes involve the appointment of the officers concerned to act in the higher posts indicated and I shall be grateful if you will recommend the acting appointments to the Public Service Commission for approval. The acting appointments of Mr. Ogun, Mr. Fisher and Mr. Rotilu should take effect from the 29th of October; the other acting appointments should take effect from the 26th of November. As far as Mr. Gbegbaje is concerned, I am aware that he is being considered for promotion to the Administrative Class; nevertheless, until the promotion is announced I think that the proper course is to arrange for him to be gazetted as acting in a Scale A post for the time being.


Secretary to the Premier
and Executive Council.

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Commissioner for Western Region of Nigeria.

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No. S.4/3/725

PREMIER'S OFFICE

WESTERN REGION

IBADAN, NIGERIA

7 November, 1959

My dear Nwankwo,

365. Thank you for your letter No.G.14/365 of 27th October to which you attached a copy of your letter to Joe Imoukhuede of the same date. I have discussed the letter with both Joe and Chief Adebo. Since, as you said, the changes in which Odamtten is involved have already taken place, there is no need to alter them.

2. On the general question of procedure which your letter raised, the position remains as before, namely, that you are my representative at the London Office and, as the Head of a Division, there is no intention to fetter your discretion as far as internal staff arrangement is concerned. I am sure, however, that you will agree that the question of admitting a locally recruited officer on temporary appointment to an established post is not a matter of "little detail" and is certainly one in which we shall be failing in our duty if we do not help you either with suggestions or place at your disposal any information which may affect your decision. In this particular case, we have suggested another person to you in the belief that he is worth considering for the post even though, I am sure you will readily recognise, the suggestion involves a personal embarrassment to myself.

3. One small point; there is no need to send me a copy of the letter which you have addressed to Joe Imoukhuede. As you would expect, he deals with matters on my behalf and there is the fullest consultation between us before any action is taken. You may like to know also that I normally consult Chief Adebo, where necessary.

Yours sincerely
J.M. Beckley

(S.O. Biobaku)

J.M. Beckley, Esq.,
Official Secretary,
Office of the Commissioner for
Western Nigeria,
178/202, Great Portland Street,
LONDON W.1.

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THE TREASURY,

IBADAN,

WESTERN NIGERIA.

Your Ref. G.14/364

Our Ref. No. HS.10/97

6th November, 1959.

J. M. Beckley, Esq.,
The Official Secretary,
Western Nigeria Office,
178/202, Great Portland Street,
LONDON, W.1.

My dear Mr. Beckley,

Bis came over yesterday to discuss with me your protest about Joe's letter to you on the question of who should act in your office as Executive Officer. You will be hearing from him shortly. He is as agreeable as myself to leaving to you what I consider to be the right measure of discretion in such matters. But I told him I was going to write myself on one or two points.

First, I do not want you to think that Joe is "gunning" for you, or being deliberately awkward. I am going to talk to him myself, in order that relations between two such valuable officers as you and he should be, and continue to be, on the most harmonious footing.

Secondly, I think there will very soon be another opportunity for an Acting Executive Officer. This should occur when certain moves of which you are aware takes place in the Recruitment Section. That should give an opportunity for you to give a trial to the officer suggested by Joe. Indeed, I told Bis that I thought that would be a more suitable place in which to test the particular candidate, since duties in that section would not involve a lot of travelling. But please do not take this as an instruction, because it is not.

Yours ever,

S. O. Adebo

(S. O. Adebo).

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THE TREASURY,

IBADAN,

WESTERN NIGERIA.

Our Ref. No. E.32/2/106

7th November, 1959.

J. M. Beckley, Esq.,
The Official Secretary,
Western Nigeria Office,
178/202, Great Portland Street,
LONDON, W.1.

My dear Mr. Beckley,

This is to let you know that we have put forward Fagbola, your Students Officer, for consideration by the Federal Government for secondment to a post in the new Nigeria Office in New York, which is being established "to promote trade and investment and to provide a source of accurate information about Nigeria in New York itself where American bankers and businessmen can obtain details they may need about projects in which they are interested in this country." The post is being graded in Group 7, and the officer chosen for it, if not already in the External Affairs branch of the Federal Government, will be seconded for the period of his service in it.

There is of course no guarantee that our nomination will be accepted, since the other Regional Governments have been asked for nominations as well, but I think it is only proper that you should know of what we have done, and also warn Fagbola about it. I regret that it was not possible to consult both of you before we moved. The request from Lagos was most urgent and we felt that we must put our best foot forward, and that without delay.

Yours sincerely,
Simeon

(S. O. Adebo).

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Mr Fagbola informed.
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Chief S.O. Adebo, C.M.G.,
 Permanent Secretary to the Treasury
 and Head of the Civil Service,
 Western Region,
 Ibadan,
 NIGERIA.

D/O

I refer to your letter No.E.32/2/106 of the 7th of
 November about the nomination of Fagbola for secondment to a
 post in the new Nigeria Office in New York. He has been duly
 informed.

yours sincerely

J.M. Beckley

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No. S.26/32

PREMIER'S OFFICE

WESTERN REGION

IBADAN, NIGERIA

30th November, 1959

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

Applications for Posts in the Federal
Public Service

I am directed to refer to your letter
No.G.14/319 of the 26th of May and to request you to
deliver the enclosed letters to their addressees.

Secretary to the Premier
and Executive Council

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7 December, 1959.

H.S.A. Adedeji, Esq.,
Office of the Commissioner,
Western Region of Nigeria,
178/202, Great Portland Street,
LONDON, W.1.

Dear Sir,

I am directed by the Secretary to the Premier and Executive Council to deliver to you the attached Secret letter.

Yours faithfully,

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[Signature]
Official Secretary.

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The Treasury,
Ibadan,
Western Nigeria,

26th November, 1959.

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H.S.A. Adedeji, Esq
c/o Premier's Office,
Ibadan.

u.f.s. Secretary to the Premier & Executive Council, Ibadan.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to your application dated 22nd May 1959 for the post of Administrative Officer, Class I (Supernumerary) in the Federal Public Service, and to inform you that advice has been received from the Federal Public Service Commission that your application has been carefully considered but it is regretted that other arrangements have been made to fill the vacancies.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,

(Sgd.) D.I. Scanlan
for Permanent Secretary to the Treasury.

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7 December, 1969.

T.A. Fagbola, Esq.,
Office of the Commissioner,
Western Region of Nigeria,
178/202, Great Portland Street,
LONDON, W.1.

Dear Sir,

I am directed by the Secretary to the Premier and Executive Council to deliver to you the attached Secret letter.

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[signature]*

Yours faithfully,

[signature]

Official Secretary.

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The Treasury,
Ibadan,
Western Nigeria,
26th November, 1959.

E.32/2/112.

T.A. Fagbola, Esq.,
Premier's Office,
Ibadan,

u.f.s. The Secretary to the Premier & Executive Council, Ibadan.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to your application dated 25th May, 1959 for the post of Administrative Officer, Class I (Supernumerary), in the Federal Public Service, and to inform you that advice has been received from the Federal Public Service Commission that your application has been carefully considered but it is regretted that other arrangements have been made to fill the vacancies.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient Servant.

(Sgd.) D.I. Scanlan
for Permanent Secretary to the Treasury.

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bu. 16th Dec.

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From: H.S.A. Adedeji,
Office of the Commissioner,
Western Region of Nigeria,
178/202, Great Portland Street,
LONDON, W.1.

15th December, 1959

The Permanent Secretary to the Treasury,
The Treasury,
Regional Headquarters,
Ibadan,
WESTERN NIGERIA.

- Thro' 1) The Official Secretary, London, (reference letter No. G.14/378
of the 7th of December)
ii) The Secretary to the Premier & Executive Council, Ibadan.

Sir,

Application for the post of Administrative
Officer in the Federal Public Service.

I refer to your letter No. E.32/2/110 of the 26th of November, and would like to point out that my application of the 22nd of May was submitted for the post of an Administrative Officer Class I or Class II. I should be grateful therefore if you would inform me of the position of my application for the post of an Administrative Officer Class II.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

H.S.A. Adedeji
H.S.A. Adedeji
Senior Trade Officer

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66 December, 1959.

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

Application for Posts in the Federal
Public Service.

I am directed to refer to your letter No. S.26/32 of the
30th of November and to forward the attached enquiry which
Mr. H.S.A. Adedeji has addressed to the Permanent Secretary to the
Treasury about his application for the post of Administrative
Officer in the Federal Public Service.

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Official Secretary.

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18 December, 1959.

G.14/382.

J. E. Imoukhuede, Esq.,
Premier's Office,
Western Region,
Ibadan,
Nigeria.

No

I wish consideration to be given to the position of the Executive Officer attached to this Office as Private Secretary to Visiting Ministers. You will recall that this post was created as a result of the Executive Council decision (memorandum E.C.(57) 480 and Conclusion S.G.E.C.5(57)30), the intention being that the officer occupying it should assist the Official Secretary in general duties when he is not attending on a visiting Minister.

From your personal knowledge of the situation here you will probably agree that it is difficult to place this officer on a definite schedule of work owing to the fact that a Minister may arrive at short notice and cause the work in hand to be abandoned for a considerable period.

I am of the opinion that this lack of a definite schedule tends to make the officer occupying this post grow careless and irresponsible, and now that we are thinking of adding one extra Executive Officer to our staff to carry out general duties, I wish to suggest that the Private Secretary to Visiting Ministers should drop that title in favour of the title of Executive Officer (General Duties) which will be applicable to him and the new officer. In other words there should be as from the 1st April, 1960 two Executive Officers who will be working to the Assistant Secretary and will be given specific schedule of a type usually described as general duties. Either of them will then be available to serve as Private Secretary to Visiting Ministers as the occasion arises.

I would like to know what you feel about this arrangement, which of course will not come into effect until the two new posts, i.e. that of the Assistant Secretary and of the Executive Officer (General Duties) are properly established.

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You will also wish to consider the implication of this suggestion from the point of view of the fact that the post of Private Secretary to Visiting Ministers was an Executive Council creation.

Yours sincerely

JMB

(J. M. Beckley).

*sent 18/12/59
JMB*

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18 December, 1959.

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Chief S. O. Adebo, C.M.G.,
Permanent Secretary to the Treasury
and Head of the Civil Service,
Western Region,
Ibadan,
Nigeria.

D/p

Haastrup passed through London a few days ago and I gather that he ~~was~~ going to the new Nigeria Office in New York in a capacity similar to that mentioned in your letter No. E.32/2/106 of the 7th of November. I wonder whether this affects the nomination of Fagbola to the Federal Government.

In view of the staff disposition you discussed with me in the Summer regarding the post of the Official Secretary, it is desirable that the earliest information should be given about Fagbola so that we may begin to give thought to staff organisation here. I recognise, of course, that there is an element of uncertainty in the issue and that this may make it impossible for you to take a decision for some time.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely

JMB

(J. M. Beckley)

by 4th Jan 963

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*Sent 18/12/59
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No. S.26/37

PREMIER'S OFFICE

WESTERN REGION

IBADAN, NIGERIA

23 December, 1959.

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

Vacancies for Supernumerary Administrative
Officers, Classes I and II in the Federal
Public Service.

I am directed to refer to your letter No. G.14/381 of the 16th of December, 1959, and to inform you that the applications of the following candidates for Supernumerary posts in the Federal Public Service have been unsuccessful:-

Mr. H.S.A. Adedeji

Mr. T.A. Fagbola

I should be grateful if you would inform the officers concerned accordingly and if you will kindly cause the following certificates which are attached to be returned to Mr. Fagbola:-

1. Cambridge School Certificate
2. London Matriculation Certificate
3. Certificate of Service
4. LL.B. (London) Certificate
5. Certificate of Standing, & C.Lincoln's Inn.

G. A. E. Long.

for Secretary to the Premier
and Executive Council.

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29 December, 1959.

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H.S.A. Adedeji, Esq.,
Office of the Commissioner,
Western Region of Nigeria,
178/202, Great Portland Street,
LONDON, W.1.

Dear Sir,

Vacancies for Supernumerary Administrative
Officers, Classes I and II in the Federal
Public Service.

I am directed by the Secretary to the Premier and Executive Council to inform you that your application for the posts mentioned above has been unsuccessful.

This information answers your enquiry in the letter which you addressed through me and through the Secretary to the Premier and Executive Council to the Permanent Secretary to the Treasury on the 15th of December.

Yours faithfully,


Official Secretary

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29 December, 1959.

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T. A. Fagbola, Esq.,
Office of the Commissioner,
Western Region of Nigeria,
178/202, Great Portland Street,
LONDON, W.1.

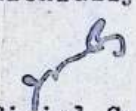
Dear Sir,

Vacancies for Supernumerary Administrative
Officers, Classes I and II in the Federal
Public Service.

Further to my letter No. G.14/379 of the 7th of December I
am directed by the Secretary to the Premier and Executive Council
to return to you the following documents which were sent with your
application for one of the above posts :-

1. Cambridge School Certificate,
2. London Matriculation Certificate,
3. Certificate of Service,
4. LL.B. (London) Certificate,
5. Certificate of Standing, & C. Lincoln's Inn.

Yours faithfully,


Official Secretary

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