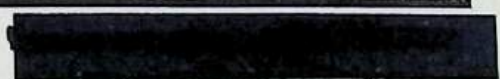


# OYO STATE COUNCIL FOR ARTS AND CULTURE

CULTURAL CENTRE ROAD, MOKOLA,  
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Ref: No. SMER.4/T/149

Federal Ministry of Education,  
Lagos.

10th July, 1969.

The Secretary to the Military Government,  
Lagos State,  
Lagos.

The Secretary to the Military Government,  
North-Central State,  
Kaduna.

The Secretary to the Military Government,  
North Western State,  
Sokoto.

The Secretary to the Military Government,  
Benue Plateau State,  
Jos.

The Secretary to the Military Government,  
North Eastern State,  
Maiduguri.

The Secretary to the Military Government,  
Kano State,  
Kano.

The Secretary to the Military Government,  
Kwara State,  
Ilorin.

The Secretary to the Military Government,  
Western State,  
Ibadan.

The Secretary to the Military Government,  
Rivers State,  
Port-Harcourt,

The Secretary to the Military Government,  
South Eastern State,  
Calabar.

The Secretary to the Military Government,  
Mid-Western State,  
Benin-City.

Antiquities Commission Act (Cap. 12 of 1958), Public Archives Act (Cap. 163 of 1958) and The Citizenship and Leadership Training Centre Management Committee Act (Amendment Decrees Nos. 19, 20 and 21)

The Antiquities (Amendment) Decree 1969, Public Archives (Amendment) Decree 1969 and the Citizenship and Leadership Training Centre (Amendment) Decree 1969 published in No. 34 Vol. 56 of the Federal Republic of Nigeria Official Gazette of 26th June, 1969 Amend Sections 4(2), 9(1) and 4(3) of the above-named Acts respectively by increasing the membership of the Committee established under the respective Acts.

2. The composition of each of the Committees should include one nominee by the Military Governor of each State and I should be grateful if you would obtain His Excellency, the Military Governor's nominations in respect of your State for each of the following:-

- (a) The antiquities Commission.
- (b) The National Archives Committee.
- (c) The Citizenship and Leadership Training Centre Management Committee.

3. I should be grateful to receive an early reply.

(Sgd.) S. Ade-John  
Permanent Secretary  
Federal Ministry of Education.

S.A.S.(G),

Pp.39-40 submitted, please.

2. No copy of the Fed. Gaz. quoted above is available in this Office. Copies are yet to be forwarded to this State.

(Sgd.) W.A. Adesina  
Conf. Reg.

22/7/69.

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

In the circular letter on p.40, we are informed that the Federal Government has decided to include one nominee by the Military Governor of each State on the following Commission/Committee:-

- (a) The Antiquities Commission
- (b) The National Archives Committee
- and (c) The Citizenship and Leadership Training Centre Management Committee..

We have been asked to forward the nominations of His Excellency the Military Governor of this State.

2. Would you approve, please, that we ask P. S. M. E. to suggest two or three names each for membership of the Antiquities Commission and the Archives Committee; and that a similar request be addressed to P. S. M. E. P. & S. D. in respect in the Citizenship & Leadership Training Centre Management Committee?

(Sgd.) F. B. A. Conde  
S. A. S. (G).  
25th August, 1969.

Yes please.

(Sgd.) P.T. Odumosu  
26/8.

SP/S. 169/46

26 September, 1969

The Permanent Secretary,  
Ministry of Home Affairs & Information,  
Ibadan.

Membership of the Antiquities Commission

We have been informed by the Federal Government that it intends to make the membership of the above-mentioned Commission more representative by appointing to it one nominee by the Military Governor of each State.

2. Enquiries from the Ministry of Education showed that your Ministry had in the past handled nominations to the Commission. You are, therefore, requested to suggest the names of a couple of persons from among whom His Excellency the Military Governor can suitably choose his nominee for membership of the Commission.

3. Early action will be appreciated, please.



(F. B. A. Conde)

for Secretary to the Military Government  
and Head of Service

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Ministry of Home Affairs  
and Information



ADMINISTRATION AND GENERAL DIVISION  
IBADAN, WESTERN STATE OF NIGERIA

Telephone: 21011

Telegrams: PERMHOME IBADAN PRIVATE MAIL BAG NO. 5180

Your Ref. No.

Our Ref. No. C.ADM.143/342

10<sup>th</sup> October, 1969.

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

(For the attention of Mr. F.B.A. Conde)

Membership of the Antiquities Commission

I am directed to refer to your letter No. SP/S.169/46  
of 26th September, 1969 and to suggest the following names  
in order of preference:-

- (i) Permanent Secretary,  
Ministry of Home Affairs  
and Information;
- (ii) Chief J. A. Ayorinde;
- (iii) Chief M. A. Fabunmi;
- (iv) Dr. S. O. Biobaku.

(M. O. Onajide)  
for Permanent Secretary.

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ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO BE ADDRESSED TO THE PERMANENT SECRETARY QUOTING THE ABOVE REFERENCE

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

We were informed by the Federal Ministry of Education (on <sup>MP1-2</sup>~~p.40~~) that the Federal Govt. intends to appoint a nominee of each State Military Governor to each of the following Commission/Committee:

- (i) The Antiquities Commission
- (ii) The National Archives Committee
- (iii) The Citizenship and Leadership Training Centre Management Committee.

2. Following consultations with our Ministries of Home Affairs and Information, Education and Economic Planning and Community Development respectively, we now have a panel of suggested names from among whom H.E. can make nominations for appointment to the three Commission/Committees.

(a) For the Antiquities Commission:

- (i) Permanent Secretary,  
Ministry of Home Affairs and Information.
- (ii) Chief J. A. Ayorinde
- (iii) Chief M. A. Fabunni
- (iv) Dr. S. O. Biobaku.

(b) For the Archives Committee:

- (i) Prof. J. F. Ade Ajayi of the History Dept.  
University of Ibadan
- (ii) Prof. I. A. Akinjogbin: Head of Department of  
History, University of Ife.

(c) For the Citizenship & Leadership Training Centre Management Committee:

- (i) The Chief Inspector of Education
- (ii) The Chief Social Development Officer.

3. I am unable to recommend either of the two nominations of the Ministry of Education (Profs Ajayi and Akinjogbin) for the Archives Committee. This is because it is very likely that both of them will be on the Committee in any case as representatives of the History Depts of their respective Universities. I had a talk with the Controller of Archives and apart from confirming the above information he said that one of the reasons for wanting representatives of State Governors on the Archives Committee is

to obtain the views of interests other than those of University academics. I am therefore proposing that P. S. M. E. (Mr. Augustus Adebayo) who is an Honours graduate in History should represent H. E. on the Committee.

4. I respectfully suggest the following nominations for consideration:

Antiquities Commission : P. S. M. H. A. & I.

Archives Committee : P. S. M. E.

Citizenship & Leadership Training

Centre Committee : Chief Social Development  
Officer.

(Sgd.) F. B. A. Conde  
S. A. S. (G).  
3rd November, 1969.

Y. E.,

Please see preceding minute regarding the request of the Fed. Min. of Education (~~p.40~~<sup>p.1-2</sup>) for the nomination of persons to represent this State on the three Fed. bodies indicated in para. 2 of p.40. From the list of names submitted by the Ministries concerned in this State as shown in para. 2 of p.~~50~~<sup>6</sup>, I recommend as follows:

- (a) Antiquities Commission - Chief M.A. Fabunmi, (of Ile-Ife), Fellow of the Institute of African Studies, University of Ife.
- (b) Archives Committee - Dr. E.A. Ayandele, Senior Lecturer in History, University of Ibadan and native of Ogbomosho.
- (c) Citizenship and Leadership Training Centre (Management Committee) - The Chief Social Development Officer, Min. of Econ. Planning and Social Development.

I shall be glad if Y. E. will approve accordingly.

(Sgd.) P.T. Odumosu  
S.M.G. & H.S.  
4/11/69

Approved.

(Sgd.) R.A. Adebayo (Brig.)

(S.A.S.(G),

F.N.A., please.

(Sgd.) P.T. Odumosu  
7/11.

SP/S.169/52.

7th November, 1969.

The Permanent Secretary,  
Federal Ministry of Education,  
(Administrative Division),  
Lagos.

Antiquities Commission Act (Cap. 12 of 1958),  
Public Archives Act (Cap. 163 of 1958) and The  
Citizenship and Leadership Training Centre  
Management Committee Act (Amendment Decrees  
Nos. 19, 20 and 21)

Further to my letter No. SP/S.169/48 dated 29th September, 1969,  
I am directed to forward herewith the following nominations by His  
Excellency the Military Governor of the Western State:

For membership of

- (a) the Antiquities Commission: Chief M.A. Fabunmi,  
Fellow of the Institute of African  
Studies, University of Ife
- (b) the Archives Committee: Dr. E. A. Ayandele,  
Senior Lecturer in History,  
University of Ibadan.
- (c) the Citizenship and Leadership  
Training Centre Management  
Committee: The Chief Social Development Officer,  
Ministry of Economic Planning and  
Social Development, Ibadan.

2. I am to request that letters appointing the nominated persons as  
Members of the various Commission/Committees should be forwarded through  
this office for onward transmission to them.

(Sgd.) F. B. A. Conde  
for Secretary to the Military Government.

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Ministry of Home Affairs  
and Information

ADMINISTRATION AND GENERAL DIVISION  
IBADAN WESTERN STATE OF NIGERIA

Telephone: 21011

Telegrams: PERMHOME IBADAN PRIVATE MAIL BAG NO. 5180

Your Ref. No.

Our Ref. No. C.ADM.143/353

19<sup>th</sup> February, 1970.

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



Membership of the Antiquities Commission

I am directed to refer to my letter No. C.ADM.143/342  
of 10th October, 1969 and to ask for the favour of an early reply.

(J. J. Jegede),  
for Ag. Permanent Secretary.

SAS(G),

Above is sub'd for act p. 49.8

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23<sup>rd</sup> February, 1970

The Permanent Secretary,  
Ministry of Home Affairs and  
Information,  
Ibadan.

Membership of the Antiquities Commission

I take it that the request in your letter No. C. ADM. 143/353 dated 19th February, 1970 is actually for you to know which of the persons suggested in your letter No. C. ADM. 143/342 of 10th October, 1969 was recommended for appointment to the above-mentioned Commission. The answer is : Chief M. A. Fabunmi of the Institute of African Studies, University of Ife.

2. We have not received any further correspondence from the Federal Military Government since the nomination was made.

*Mde*

(F. B. A. Conde)  
for Secretary to the Military Government  
and Head of Service

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There has been no further communication

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29 JUL 1970

P.M.B. No. 12573

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Telephone 24125

Ref. No. CMEA.1/II/638

Date 13th July, 1970

The Secretary to the Federal Military Government,  
Cabinet Office,  
Lagos.

Antiquities Act (Chapter 12)  
Antiquities (Amendment) Decree 1969  
(1969 No. 19)

I forward herewith draft notice prepared by the Federal Ministry of Justice of appointment by each Military Governor and the Administrator for the East-Central State in respect of persons appointed by the respective Military Governors as members of the reconstituted Antiquities Commission under section 4(2)(b) of the above-named Act.

2. I should be grateful if you would ask the Secretary to the Military Government of each State to arrange for the publication of the appointment in the State Gazette. The effective date of appointments made by my Commissioner under section 4(1& 2) of the Act is 1st August, 1970, and it would be appreciated if the Military Governors and the Administrator for the East Central State could make their appointments effective from 1st August, 1970 also.

3. The names of those appointed by the States are as follows:-

- |  |                        |
|--|------------------------|
| (1) Alhaji A. Iman<br>Member of the Corporation Service<br>Commission, North-Central State | North-Central<br>State |
| (2) Mr. H. O. Abaagu<br>c/o Makurdi Sub Local Authority<br>Makurdi                         | Benue-Plateau<br>State |
| (3) Mr. J. O. Mejabi<br>Permanent Secretary, Ministry<br>of Education, Ilorin              | Kwara State            |
| (4) Alhaji Ahmadu Babandi<br>Chiroman Gumel, c/o Local Govt.<br>Authority, Gumel           | Kano State             |
| (5) Mr. John D. Ekwere<br>Ministry of Information and<br>Culture, Calabar                  | South-Eastern<br>State |
| (6) Mr. Obo O. Ngofa<br>Archivist, Rivers State<br>Government, Port-Harcourt               | Rivers State           |
| (7) Alhaji Garba Jabo<br>c/o Military Governor's Office<br>Sokoto                          | North-Western<br>State |

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- (8) M. Abubakar Sa'ad  
Research Student of Ahmadu  
Bello University North-Eastern  
State
- (9) The Permanent Secretary,  
Ministry of Education,  
Benin-City Mid-Western  
State
- (10) Chief M. A. Fabunmi  
Fellow of the Institute of  
African Studies,  
University of Ife Western State
- (11) Dr. Paul Mbaeyi  
Lecturer, Department of History,  
University of Ibadan East-Central  
State
- (12) Mrs. S. O. Odesanya  
Deputy Chief Inspector of  
Education, Lagos State Ministry  
of Education. Lagos State

(Sgd.) (S. O. SOYODE),  
for Permanent Secretary,  
Federal Ministry of Education.

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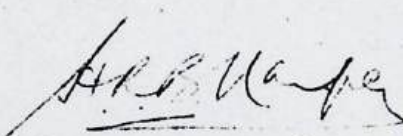
Cabinet Office,  
Lagos.

20th July, 1970.

Secretaries to the State  
Military Governments,  
Federal Military Government,  
NIGERIA.

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Above for information and necessary action. A copy of  
the Government Notice referred to in the letter under reference  
is attached.

  
( H. R. B. HARPER ),  
for Secretary to the Federal  
Military Government.

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Western State

Government Notice No. ...

ANTIQUITIES ACT (CHAPTER 12)

ANTIQUITIES (AMENDMENT) DECREE 1969  
(1969 No. 19)

Appointment of a Member of the Antiquities Commission

Pursuant to section 4(2)(b) of the Antiquities Act  
(as amended by section 1 of the Antiquities (Amendment)  
Decree 1969) I, ....., Military  
Governor of .....State, do  
hereby appoint.....as a  
member of the Antiquities Commission for a period of two  
years with effect from.....1970.

MADE this ..... day of ..... 1970.

Military Governor,  
.....State.

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these papers in it.

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

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Reference pp. ~~58-60~~, H.E.M.G. approved on p.51 the nomination of Chief M.A. Fabunmi of the Institute of African Studies, University of Ife as this State's representative on the recently reconstituted Antiquities Commission. We have now been informed by the Federal Government that H.E. can make the appointment formally, and a specimen Gazette Notice (drafted by the Federal Ministry of Justice) was provided on p. ~~60~~.14

2. I think that the first step is to obtain confirmation from Chief Fabunmi that he is prepared to serve on the Commission, if appointed by H.E. When this confirmation is received, H.E. will be requested to sign both copies of the Notice at back cover.

3. A letter to Chief Fabunmi is placed at back cover for your signature, if you approve of it, please.

*Mde*  
(F.B.A. Conde),  
S. A. S. (G).

7<sup>th</sup> August, 1970.

SAS (G).

*Agreed.*

*letter signed*

*T.Y.*

*J.P. Oju*  
O. THOMAS

SP/S.169/62.

10<sup>th</sup> August, 1970.

Chief M.A. Fabunmi,  
c/o Institute of African Studies,  
University of Ife,  
Ile-Ife.

Dear Sir,

Antiquities Commission

You may be aware of the fact that the Antiquities Commission was reconstituted recently to allow its composition to include one nominee by the Military Governor of each State in the Federation.

2. I am writing to inform you that His Excellency the Military Governor of the Western State has decided to appoint you to be a Member of the Commission for a period of two years. I shall be grateful if you will confirm in writing your acceptance of the proposed appointment.

Yours faithfully,

(Sgd) O. Thomas.

(O. Thomas)

Ag. Secretary to the Military Government  
and Head of Service.

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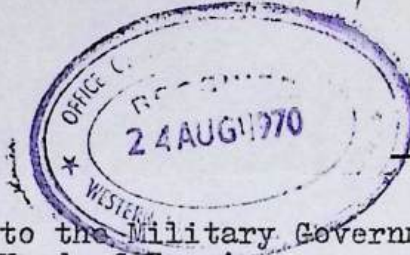
**Chief M. A. Fabunmi,** (M.O.N., M.B.E., J.P.)  
ODOLE ATQBASE OF IFE.

At Ile-Ife. SP/S. 169

~~Ibadan Home Address:~~  
137, ARAROMI STREET,  
Oke Padre,  
PHONE No. 23296,  
IBADAN.

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8/10 OGBON-OYA STREET,  
Phone 2045  
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20th August, 1970 19



The Secretary to the Military Government  
and Head of Service,  
Western State of Nigeria,  
Ibadan.

Dear Sir,

Antiquities Commission

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With reference to your letter No. SP/S.169/62 of 10th August, 1970, I have the honour to say that I accept the proposed appointment with thanks.

Yours faithfully,

*M. A. Fabunmi*

SAS(G)

Above is submitted w.r.t. p. 62 16.

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Y.E.

Via S.M.G. & H.S, *p 19/20.*

O. THOMAS

Y.E. approved on p. 51 that Chief M. A. Fabunmi of the Institute of African Studies, University of Ife should represent this State on the Antiquities Commission which was reconstituted recently by the Federal Government. In the correspondence on pp. ~~58-59~~<sup>12-13</sup> the Federal Government notified us that Y.E. can now make the appointment formally. Chief Fabunmi has confirmed (vide his letter on p. ~~63~~<sup>17</sup>) that he will serve on the Commission if appointed to do so.

2. Y.E. is respectfully requested to sign both copies of the draft Instrument at back cover, to give effect to this appointment.

*[Signature]*  
 (F.B.A. Conde)  
 S.A.S.(G)  
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*[Signature]*  
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*S.P.S. (C)*  
*[Signature]*  
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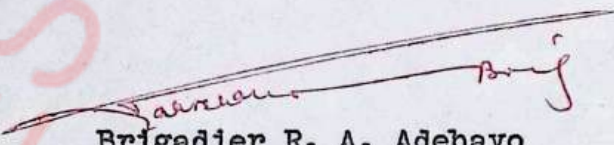
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ANTIQUITIES ACT (CHAPTER 12)  
ANTIQUITIES (AMENDMENT) DECREE 1969  
( 1969 No. 19 )

Appointment of a Member of the Antiquities Commission

Pursuant to section 4(2)(b) of the Antiquities Act  
(as amended by section 1 of the Antiquities (Amendment)  
Decree 1969) I, Brigadier R. A. Adebayo, Military Governor  
of the Western State, do hereby appoint Chief M.A. Fabunmi  
as a Member of the Antiquities Commission for a period of  
two years with effect from 1st August, 1970.

MADE this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of September 1970.

  
Brigadier R. A. Adebayo  
Military Governor  
Western State.

SP/S.169/66

7<sup>th</sup> September, 1970

The Government Printer,  
Ministry of Home Affairs  
and Information,  
Ibadan.

Material for Gazette Publication


I forward herewith a copy of a legal Instrument signed by His Excellency the Military Governor and I should be grateful if you would publish it in the next issue of the gazette.



(F. B. A. Conde)  
for Ag. Secretary to the Military Government  
and Head of Service

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### WESTERN STATE NOTICE NO. 631

#### IN THE MATTER OF SECTION 24 OF THE ADMINISTRATOR-GENERAL'S LAW, CAP. 2 OF THE LAWS OF WESTERN NIGERIA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all creditors and other persons having claims against the estate of any of the deceased persons whose names and addresses are set out below are hereby required to send particulars in writing of their claims to me the undersigned on or before the 9th day of October, 1970, after which date I will proceed to distribute the assets of the said deceased persons amongst the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which notice shall then have been received.

AND ALL persons indebted to the said estates are hereby requested to make payment forthwith.

1. OYEGOKE ADEKANYE, late of 30A Oke-Emesho Street, Akure who died at Akure on the 22nd day of October, 1968.
2. SALU LASUPO SALAWU, late of C 2/459 Oluwo's Compound, Mapo Hill, Ibadan who died at Ibadan on the 16th day of November, 1967.

DATED at Ibadan this 10th day of September, 1970

V. A. O. ABODERIN,  
*Administrator-General*

Administrator-General and Public Trustee Division,  
Ministry of Justice, Western State,  
Ibadan

### WESTERN STATE NOTICE NO. 632

*Antiquities Act (Chapter 12)*  
*Antiquities (Amendment) Decree, 1969*  
(1969 No. 19)

#### APPOINTMENT OF A MEMBER OF THE ANTIQUITIES COMMISSION

Pursuant to section 4 (2) (b) of the Antiquities Act (as amended by section 1 of the Antiquities (Amendment) Decree, 1969) I, Brigadier R. A. Adebayo, Military Governor of the Western State, do hereby appoint Chief M. A. Fabunmi as a Member of the Antiquities Commission for a period of two years with effect from 1st August, 1970.

MADE this 2nd day of September, 1970.

BRIG. R. A. ADEBAYO,  
*Military Governor, Western State of Nigeria*

*see p. 66 201*

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7<sup>4</sup> October, 1970

The Permanent Secretary,  
Ministry of Home Affairs & Information,  
Ibadan.

Membership of the Antiquities Commission

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I refer to my letter No.SP/S.169/55 of 23rd February, 1970 and wish to inform you that Chief M. A. Fabunmi has now been formally appointed as a member of the Antiquities Commission, vide Western State Notice No.632 in the State Gazette of 10th September, 1970 No.48 Volume 19.

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(F. B. A. Conde)  
for Secretary to the Military Government  
and Head of Service

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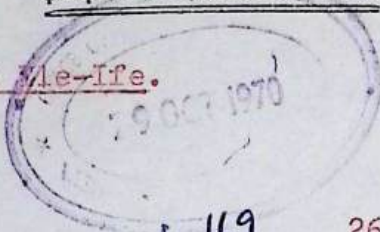
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The Secretary to the Military Government  
and Head of Service,  
Office of the Military Governor,  
Ibadan.

Dear Sir,

Antiquities Commission.

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With reference to the enclosed copy of letter No. Conf.  
620/A/S.1/77 of 16th October, 1970, from the Director of the  
Department of Antiquities in Lagos, I submit herewith the  
two memoranda therein referred to and respectfully solicit  
the favour of an informal interview with His Excellency the  
Military Governor at his earliest convenience.

Thank you very much.

Yours faithfully,

M. A. Fabunmi

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DIRECTOR'S OFFICE,  
NIGERIAN MUSEUM,  
LAGOS, NIGERIA.  
16th October, 1970.

Chief M. A. Fabunmi  
8, Ogbon Oya Street,  
Ile-Ife.

Dear Sir,

During the last Sub-Committee Meeting of the Antiquities Commission held in Lagos on the 11th and 12th of September, 1970, it was decided that the two memoranda which are enclosed with this letter should be circulated to each member of the Commission.

The memoranda, as you will see, are concerned with two important problems connected with the functions of the Commission viz - the provision of museum facilities among all Nigerians in all parts of Nigeria, and the implementation of Commission decisions through an effective machinery - the Department of Antiquities.

2. In view of the fact that proposals made directly from the Department of Antiquities, through the Ministry of Education are often stalled en-route or treated with levity at their destinations, it was decided that an attempt should be made to approach each of the Military Governors and the Administrator for East Central State by Members of the Commission so that these matters could be raised at the highest level.

3. In view of the above, I am sending you two copies each of the memoranda so that you can make a copy each available to your Governor or Administrator and keep a copy for yourself.

4. It is hoped that with this kind of approach, Government will see its way to providing facilities which will enable the Commission to perform the functions vested in it.

5. I shall let you know in due course the date for the next meeting of the Commission, when members will be required to report back to the full Commission on their meeting with their Governors or Administrators.

I am, Sir,  
Your obedient servant,

(sgd.) Ekpo O. Eyo  
Director  
Department of Antiquities.

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INTRODUCTION

The inclusion of museums in a National Development Plan which naturally gives major attention to economic questions may need justification. But since the ultimate basis of the plan is to "bring about a higher social order" (foot-note I) cultural matters cannot be ignored. When a certain stage of economic development is reached, a switch to culture cannot be achieved unless there are already foundations in existence: cultural development must go forward with economic development. Moreover, the museums with which this Department is concerned are museums of antiquities, and antiquities, while they normally steadily increase in monetary value, are a wasting asset unless conserved.

Antiquities can be regarded as a commercial investment on account of their rising monetary value, and as a tourist attraction, if made accessible in museums, because of the international interest in them (foot-note ii). They have a social value because of their educational and recreational use, and a national value because of their place in illustrating our history, their evidence of our people's achievement and their contribution towards building national unity.

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- (i) "Signposts to Second National Development Plan", para.3
  - (ii) The market value of Nigerian antiquities is now over twenty times more than it was twenty years ago. A substantial profit could have been made if a small part of the £11.9 million increase in Nigerian reserve had been used in employing staff to collect antiquities, the unneeded specimens of which could have been sold abroad. Instead expatriates have been able to take away quantities for their own profit.

SUMMARY OF THE PRESENT SITUATION

There are at the moment two National Museums in the Federation, in Lagos and at Jos. The other five museums are local museums at Ife, Benin, Oron, Esie and Kano. There is also a Museum Technical School which is jointly established by Unesco and the Federal Government of Nigeria.

National Museums:

Lagos Museum: Of all the Museums in Nigeria the Lagos Museum is the most important, housing as it does a fabulously rich collection of Nigerian art which at current European prices, is worth millions of pounds. The Nigerian Museum is already an important centre for visitors to Lagos both from abroad and from within Nigeria.

The collection of Nigerian art in the Nigerian Museum already numbers over 20,000 pieces, and is growing at the rate of nearly 1,000 a year without corresponding growth in storage and display spaces.

The plans now envisaged are to provide increase in display space, adequate storage, research, photographic, technical, laboratory and other ancillary facilities.

Jos Museum: Jos Museum consists of a single small exhibit gallery, a delightful pottery garden and gallery, a few reconstructions of traditional buildings, some exhibits for a museum of transport, a library, departmental workshops, the Unesco Bilingual School for Museum Technicians and a zoo.

Local and Special Museums:

Benin: This museum which is merely a one-roomed store contains famous Benin bronzes etc.

Ife: Consists of the antiquities of Ife.

Esie: Contains the collection of stone carvings found there. It has been recently rebuilt.

Oron: Consists of the ancestor carvings belonging there.

Kano: houses local exhibits.

Argungu: is an N.A. Museum for local relics.

Owo: is a temporary store for the local antiquities chiefly those of the Olowo.

The Unesco/Nigeria Pilot Project for the Training of Museum Technicians

The Department of Antiquities was selected by Unesco to operate the bi-lingual centre for training technicians from French and English speaking African countries. No more development is envisaged.

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Storage: Lagos Museum

The museums of the Department of Antiquities are concerned with archaeology, proto-history, the history of Nigeria's contact with North Africa and Europe, up to the end of the colonial period, and the traditional arts and crafts. There are therefore limits to material which can be collected, a stage will be reached when few new accessions will enter the museums. For this reason it will be necessary that the storage for exhibits not on display should be concentrated in the two existing centres: Lagos for ethnographical and Jos for archaeological material, and that other federal museums would be primarily exhibit galleries with the minimum of stores. This will make a saving in staff, in costs of construction and in maintenance.

The emphasis on storage is due to the peril in which the national collections at present lie and the extreme inconvenience under which the Department labours because of inadequate stores. The need for new stores in Lagos must take priority in the Development Plan if it has not been satisfied before the start of the Plan.

Jos Museum

The museums should continue to be the headquarters of the Department's archaeological work, of its survey of traditional architecture and of its workshops. It is necessary that its

display should be expanded, particularly of archaeology and of Plateau ethnography, that a research laboratory for the conservation of museum exhibits should be established there, thus making use of the climate and that the Museum of Traditional Architecture should be further developed. For exhibit display two more galleries are necessary one for archaeology, the other for the Plateau. The present library should better be converted into a gallery and a new library built. The Benue Plateau Government has promised the sum of £10,000 if the Federal Government will match it with similar amount so that adequate modification and enlargement can be made to accommodate a gallery of Plateau culture.

Benin:

Benin already has a small temporary museum for its local antiquities. This is being expanded on a new site which is available and it is hoped will be made large enough to contain some examples of traditional buildings. The museum would include Benin antiquities, casts of finest of those taken in 1897, exhibits of the local traditional crafts, and a representative collection from other parts of Nigeria. The Mid-Western State Government has generously made available the sum of £30,000 for the building which is now at advanced stage. The Federal Government is asked to provide an additional sum of £20,000 for the completion of this building.

Enugu:

There is no museum at Enugu at the moment and one should be considered because museum development has been least in the East. It is hoped that the former "Governor's Lodge" can, with additions, be converted into a museum and that examples of traditional buildings may be reconstructed in the grounds.

Oron:

Oron Museum was destroyed during the war. A sum of £10,000 is required to repair the roof, walls and the fitting of exhibition cases which were removed from there.

Ibadan and Kaduna:

Museums are required at Ibadan and Kaduna. It will be necessary to find sites and to design and build at each place an exhibit gallery which can be capable of enlargement at a later period of the Plan.

Ife Museum:

In 1959-60 alterations were made to the museum to provide an office, dark-room and stores for an archaeologist. This was an unsatisfactory arrangement particularly because the additions were made by reducing the exhibit space, which was bound to have to be increased later owing to the continuous accessions of fresh discoveries. The archaeologist's office and workshop and the stores of archaeological fragments and equipment should be separated from the museum; so it is planned that they should be built on the federal land at Ita Yemoo about one mile away. When this is done the museum can be restored completely to its former use and more objects can be suitably displayed. Because of the international interest in Ife, this work is placed early in the Development Plan.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTIVE:

The aim before the Department of Antiquities should be to preserve the national antiquities, and to provide a national service to make them available to the public as widely and evenly as possible. The plan for museums is therefore:

- A. The expansion of the national museums.
- B. The establishment of museums containing national collections at various state capitals.
- C. The establishment of museums where there are important collections of archaeological, historical, ceremonial or religious value.
- D. The establishment of a network of further museums, containing local collections together with representative collections from the whole Federation, with the intention that there should be a museum within 100 miles of any place in the country.

IMPLEMENTATION:

The implementation of this programme should be carried out in such a way that there is simultaneous development of museum facilities in all the areas and Lagos. For this reason priorities should be as follows :-

YEAR ONE

- Lagos: (Completion of) Storage, Workshops and air conditioning for the National Museum.
- Kaduna: Exhibit Gallery.
- Enugu: Conversion of the Governor's Lodge into Exhibit Gallery or building a new Exhibit Gallery.
- Oron: £10,000 required to reconstruct the building destroyed during the war.
- Jos: Conversion of Library into gallery and building of a new library.
- Benin: Completion of the new museum.

YEAR TWO

- Lagos: Completion of plans with detailed drawings, costing etc. for expanded exhibition galleries.
- Ife: Store, Workshops, office and rest house quarters at Ita Yemoo, restoration of museum as exhibit gallery.
- Ibadan: Exhibit Gallery.

YEAR THREE:

- Lagos: Completion of work of expansion of Nigerian Museum

YEAR FOUR:

- Lagos: Federal Museums in the States in Kano, Calabar, Port Harcourt, Ilorin, Sokoto and Maiduguri.

YEAR FIVE:

- Lagos: Federal Museums in the States, Kano, Calabar, Port Harcourt, Ilorin, Sokoto and Maiduguri.

COSTING, CAPITAL AND PHASING

It is not much use to cost the whole plan at this point. At current prices the whole programme might cost £1,000,000 over twenty or more years.

For the next five years, however, the following works are proposed. The costs are those provided by the Federal Ministry of Works according to the sq. ft. of space and according to the highest standard of buildings for Lagos.

Year	Project	Total Cost
1	Lagos	£50,000
	Kaduna	50,000
	Enugu	50,000
	Jos	10,000
	Oron	10,000
	Benin	20,000
2	Lagos	£10,000
	Ife	10,000 (3,300 sq. ft.)
	Ibadan	50,000
3	Lagos	£100,000 (24,000 sq. ft.) + shelving, show cases, air conditioners
4	Federal State Museums	£300,000 (Six buildings at £50,000 each)
	TOTAL =	<u>£660,000</u> =====

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REORGANISATION OF STAFF STRUCTURE  
FEDERAL DEPARTMENT OF ANTIQUITIES

Under the provisions of the Antiquities Act No. 17 of 1953, the Department of Antiquities is charged with the responsibility of discovering, preserving, research into the traditional cultures of the diverse peoples of Nigeria, and of making the results of this work known by display and publication to the public in Nigeria and to the world at large.

To this end, the Department carries out archaeological, ethnographic and architectural researches. It has built Museums in Lagos, Jos, Ife, Benin, Oron, Esie, Kano and is contemplating building more Federal Museums in those State capitals which have no museums at the moment. When the plan to build more museum is carried out in the four year Economic Development Plan, the Department will have sixteen museums under its control. The Department has also protected 54 Monuments and buildings throughout the Federation and 25 antiquities of local interest. Many more monuments are being considered for declaration. In connection with monuments, the Department has established its own Works Organisation under Superintendents of Monuments.

The Department is an executive arm of the Antiquities Commission with special reference to the exportation of antiquities and the detection of smugglers. The Department is also a co-administrator of the Unesco - Nigeria Bilingual Training Centre for Museum Technicians drawn from both the English and the French speaking countries of Africa. Also, the Department has started a zoological garden in Jos which is now jointly administered by the Jos Museum and the Jos Museum Zoological Society.

Recently, the Department has started a series of publications so that the results of the researches of the Department may be made known to the public.

Lastly, an education service for adults and school children has been inaugurated.

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The Antiquities Service in Nigeria is therefore a co-ordinated organisation which is undoubtedly finer than any other in Tropical Africa. Indeed, in other countries for which information is available, the functions performed by this Department are divided among several different bodies, with an inevitable loss of economy. But then, the problem of the preservation of antiquities in Nigeria is more than in any other country; this being the result of the size of the country and also because Nigeria has been properly referred to as "the cultural fulcrum of the West Coast of Africa," and her antiquities as "almost a cultural microcosm of the continent." "It is to Nigeria that all the African nations must look as the principal trustee of the more durable fruits of the Negro artistic genius<sup>(1)</sup>."

In the United Kingdom, work done by the Department of Antiquities is shared by several distinct organisations, such as :-

1. the Ancient Monuments Division of the Ministry of Works,
2. Local Authorities,
3. the British Museum, and the numerous other national and local government museums.

In other parts of Africa, museum work is less developed than in Nigeria, and yet in Tanzania for example, the Conservator of Antiquities has nothing to do with running museums. The National Museum of Tanzania (formerly King George V Museum) is separate and the archaeology of Tanzania is handled by the British School of Archaeology in East Africa. There is no doubt that such division of labour makes it possible to pay more attention to and develop the separate fields but it is less economical than an integrated service. In Nigeria, everything is under the Director of Antiquities, a situation which has turned the Director into jack of all trades. In almost all cases he has had to personally create ideas and physically see that these ideas are translated into action. There are no divisional heads who could be entrusted to carry out policies, a situation which sacrifices efficiency at the altar of economy. In this situation,

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the Department defeats its own purpose and the country does not get the kind of service she deserves.

When the Department was first established, it was alright to have the kind of lineal staff structure we have today, but the scope we cover now is a result of increased activity and growth. Unfortunately, this increased activity and growth have not been matched either by corresponding increase in staff or change in the original organisational structure. As a result, the Department is unable to properly carry out the functions vested in it by law.

At the Headquarters, the administrative staff is very thin in quantity and quality. The administrative chores are personally carried out by the Director and his professional staff already overburdened by professional responsibilities. It is true that in the last year, a Higher Executive Officer has been provided as a result of repeated complaint and request but it has already proved inadequate. What, for example, can an Executive Officer do in the absence of a streamlined administrative framework in which to function? However efficient an Executive Officer may be he is completely lost in a professional Department because, by his training, he cannot initiate administrative actions; he can only execute decisions. Therefore there is need to create a proper administrative structure whose head must be at least a semi-professional and whose psychological make up is genuinely geared towards the saving of the cultural heritage of this country.

In a Department whose activities cover the 12 States of the Federation, there is hardly the skeleton staff on the ground in most of the States. Yet there are monuments everywhere to be maintained, exploration and excavations everywhere to be carried out, and antiquities to be protected. The drain of Nigerian cultural objects to foreign lands has reached the degree of a national scandal, and no country which seeks to establish its own identity, or which takes pride in its past achievement and civilisation, and desires to hand this heritage down to future generations can allow this situation to continue indefinitely.

The reason for this deplorable state of affair is that over the years the staff structure of the Department of Antiquities has remained almost unchanged since the inception of the Department. A fresh look is therefore called for. The present lineal staff structure is most unsatisfactory. The full burden of the administrative and professional responsibility rests on the Director who is not provided with other highly graded professional staff who can relieve him of some of this burden. It is therefore essential that some Divisions should be created in the Department. The Heads of these divisions will have certain functions delegated to them by the Director. Within these delegated powers the Heads of Divisions can take actions without the necessity of referring to the Director once policy decisions have been taken.

For a start, it is proposed that four broad divisions embracing the main activities of the Department should be created as follows:-

- (1) Archaeology Division: The Principal Archaeologist on Group 7 will head this Division. There is already a provision in the estimates for this. Work will include excavations and publications. All grades of archaeologists and excavation staff will be under the Principal Archaeologist.
- (2) Ethnography Division: There is need to create the post of Principal Ethnographer on Group 7 to take charge of all the ethnographic activities in the country. Work will include collection of ethnographic materials, documentation in the field, recording of oral tradition, traditional music and publications. All grades of ethnographers, assistants and field officers will be under the Principal Ethnographer.
- (3) Museum Division: to be headed by a Principal Curator on Group 7. The Curatorial services of all grades of Curators and Curatorial staff will be under him. Two posts of Senior Curator are asked for in the present estimates. This Division will include Education Section. This will be run by a Senior Museum School Officer (Group 8)

assisted by Education officers, instructors and demonstrators. They will take charge of Museum School Services throughout the Federation together with adult education programmes like the Museum Society. Also the Research Laboratory Section which, like the British Museum, will be manned by a Chemist who is now in his last of five year training will be under the Principal Curator. The laboratory will carry out research into conservation problems under tropical conditions. When this is established there is a distinct possibility that the Division will attract assistance and personnel both from Unesco and from the International Council of Museums. A trained Nigerian Chemist will join the staff next financial year.

- (4) Monuments Division: This will be headed by the Senior Superintendent of Monuments on Group 8, assisted by Superintendents of Monuments, Assistant Superintendents of Monuments, Artisans, Carpenters, Masons. Apart from the maintenance of Monuments, the Division will undertake construction of museums, and the recording and measurement of ancient buildings of architectural or artistic value.

All the above Divisions will be directly supervised by their heads who will be responsible to the Deputy Director (Professional). He will in turn be responsible to the Director.

With regard to Administration, the Director will have to be assisted by an Assistant Director (Administration) who will be head of administration and also responsible for arranging meetings of and taking minutes of the Antiquities Commission. The Deputy Director (Professional) may be charged with the responsibility of seeing that all Commission decisions are implemented. But it would be infinitely better if the Commission had its own Secretary who will be directly under the supervision of the Deputy Director and/or Director.

The Director, Deputy Director, Assistant Director, together with a full compliment of Clerical Staff will make up the headquarters administrative office.

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CR,

Hitherto this file though titled 'National Archives' has been harbouring papers on the Antiquities Commission. The two organisations although nominally under the overlordship of the Federal Ministry of Education are quite separate in function and purpose.

2. You will please create a file for the Antiquities Commission; make copies of (now 1 - 6) pp 39-40, 44 and 52, and remove pp <sup>7</sup>46, <sup>8</sup>49, <sup>9</sup>54, <sup>10</sup>55, and <sup>12-37</sup>58-81 of this file into it.
3. Resubmit early, today if you can make it.
4. T.T.

TAIWO OJUSANYA  
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Yr minute above. Action has been taken accordingly and I now resubmit pp. 24-38 fl.

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P.A.S. (G),

Your directive at page 37 refers. I have examined the two memoranda forwarded by Chief Fabunmi, our representative on the Antiquities Commission, under cover of his letter at page 24.

2. The first memorandum of the Director of Antiquities contains a review of the state of museums in the country, and the plan for the building of many more, already incorporated in the Reconstruction Plan. There are at present 2 national museums at Lagos and Jos, and 5 local ones at Ife, Benin, Oron, Esie and Kano. Ultimately, each state capital would have a museum which would function mainly as an exhibit gallery, the infrastructural services for the <sup>Antiquities</sup> Department being based at Lagos and Jos as at present. The Benue Plateau government has promised the Department £10,000 to be matched by a similar sum by the Federal Government for the expansion of the museum at Jos to include an exhibit gallery of Plateau culture. The Mid-West government has already given £30,000 for expansion of the Benin Museum, the building is in progress and the Federal Government is to be asked to provide £20,000 to finish the project. In the West, Ife museum will be expanded, and the Ibadan museum - exhibit gallery - to cost £50,000 will be built in the second year of the Plan.

3. The second memoranda is concerned solely with the proposal for restructuring the staff position in the Department; the proposals are perfectly justified, provided the Federal Government is willing to appropriate funds.

4. There is essentially one great problem plaguing the Department of Antiquities and that is the fact that the Federal Ministry of Education is in charge of it, and consequently whatever programmes to be put out by the Department which will entail the procurement of finance and staff have to have the approval of the Ministry. This is also the case with the National Archives department. The Federal Ministry of Education is about the largest agency of the Federal Military Government and I feel the affairs of organisations, like the Departments of Antiquities and Archives which are remote either from the usual run of duties of and/or

in distance from the Ministry are given short shrift by the Ministry. Secondly, as brought out in the extensive memoranda of the Controller of Archives, the line of communication to the Permanent Secretary to the Ministry by the Departments is constantly shifting with the result that the officers of the Ministry would probably think of the handling of the matters of the Departments as a burden, which is better tossed to someone else or some other division. The Departments, on the other hand, would hardly know who to approach on their matters in the Ministry.

5. What the Director of Antiquities has done in this circumstance, is to prepare two memoranda covering the capital development plan and proposals for the re-organisation of staff structure for his department. The memoranda are given the members of the <sup>Antiquities</sup> Commission who are asked to raise these matters at the "highest level" of their governments, "in view of the fact that proposals made directly from the Department of Antiquities, through the Ministry of Education (Federal) are often stalled en-route or treated with levity at their destinations...."

6. Two other problems which such a department as Antiquities faces are (i) that invariably not much is known about their departments by the general public and even the public officials themselves, so it is not easy for their programmes to have support where they should, and (ii) such departments usually have somnolent Commissions or Committees, which hardly meet and therefore are unable to perform their advisory duties.

7. Chief Fabunmi wishes to have an informal interview with His Excellency on the memoranda; I do not know what he would suggest to H.E. that could be done for the Department of Antiquities, in all probability the Director would have liked that the Supreme Military Council should take care of the matter. It is my suggestion however that the need for fostering the Departments of Antiquities and Archives on the Federal Ministry of Education be examined, and that perhaps as a result, the Departments can be moved to the Cabinet Office where they can have a semi-independent existence such as the Nigeria Council for Science and Technology has, for instance. In the alternative, the various heads of

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13<sup>th</sup> November, 1970.

Chief M. A. Fabunmi,  
8/10 Ogben-Oya Street,  
Ile-Ife.

Dear Sir,


Thank you very much for your letter dated 26th October, 1970 and its attachments.

I wish to explain that in this State, it is our Ministry of Home Affairs and Information that has responsibility for matters concerning antiquities and we have therefore made available to the Ministry a set of the papers which you sent to us.

May I suggest please that you first have a talk with the State Commissioner for Home Affairs and Information and, in the light of that discussion, I have no doubt that you will be in a better position to know what further steps should be taken to realize the objectives of the Antiquities Commission.

I am sending a copy of this letter to the Permanent Secretary with a request that he should let you know when it will be convenient for his State Commissioner to see you.

I am, Sir,  
Your obedient Servant,

  
(F. B. A. Conde)  
for Secretary to the Military Government  
and Head of Service.

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Ibadan: 13<sup>th</sup> November, 1970.

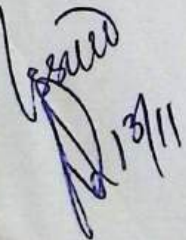
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The Permanent Secretary,  
Ministry of Home Affairs & Information,  
Ibadan.

For your information and appropriate action, please.

2. Copies of the papers received from Chief Fabunmi are forwarded herewith.

  
(F. B. A. Conde)  
for Secretary to the Military Government  
and Head of Service.

  
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SA/S. 169/1  
DIRECTOR'S No. TF.219/30  
CURATOR'S OFFICE,  
NIGERIAN MUSEUM,  
LAGOS, NIGERIA

4th January, 1971.

The Secretary,  
Military Governor's Office,  
Ibadan.



Ife Museum

I am constrained to draw your attention to the unsatisfactory condition of Ife Museum which is financially the responsibility of the Western State Government because it owns it. In the past years since 1957, this museum has seen neglect but because of its importance to Africa, each successive Director of Antiquities had diverted funds from other museums under Federal ownership to Ife in order to keep its doors open. The Western State Government only makes available the sum of £1,500 annually for the maintenance of the museum, a sum which is not enough to pay all the junior staff wages let alone a senior staff together with cost of materials, utility services, acquisition of antiquities which are offered for sale quite often, stationery etc. For this reason, this museum has been stagnant and has in fact started to decay, and yet it is the most important museum in this country, worth nearly £2 million.

How do you reconcile this with x page 27

2. Now a new danger is feared. There is a wave of theft of antiquities in the country and Ife Museum is particularly vulnerable. It is the easiest thing for a thief to arrive there and remove those bronzes and terra-cottas at gun point and before day break, they would have been out of the country and be lost for ever.

3. I would therefore appeal to you to consider a meeting of all interested bodies to consider the future of this museum, its maintenance, expansion, and its security, as a matter of utmost urgency and importance.

4. Copies of this letter are being sent to the following :-

- (1) The Permanent Secretary, Federal Ministry of Education, Lagos (For the attention of Mr. S.O. Soyode).
- (2) Professor S.O. Biobaku, Chairman, Nigerian Antiquities Commission c/o University of Lagos.
- (3) His Highness The Oni of Ife, The Afin, Ife.
- (4) Chief M.A. Fabunmi, Member of the Antiquities Commission for Western State, 8, Ogbon Oya Street, Ile-Ife.

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PASC (S)

(Ekpo O. Eyo)  
Director

Department of Antiquities

As above submitted for consideration please

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(Just) CR 12/1/71

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S.M.G. & H.S.

Please see the letter on p.43 from the Director of Antiquities in Lagos. He complained in the letter that the Western State Government is not spending enough for the maintenance of the Ife Museum, and he will therefore like action to be taken urgently to consider "the future of the museum, its maintenance, expansion, and its security".

2. I intend to refer the letter to P.S.M.H.A. & I. for appropriate action, and to inform the Director of Antiquities of the action taken, explaining that in this State, it is the Ministry of H.A. & I. that has responsibility for matters concerning antiquities.

3. Do you approve that I take action accordingly, please?



(F.B.A. Conde)

P.A.S.(G)

12/1/71.

Yes pls.  
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SP/S.169/1/45

<sup>th</sup>  
14 January, 1971

The Permanent Secretary,  
Ministry of Home Affairs and  
Information,  
Ibadan.

Ife Museum

P.43  
I forward herewith a copy of a letter No. TF.219/30 of 4th January, 1971 received from the Director of Antiquities on the condition of the Ife Museum. I shall be grateful if you will take appropriate action on it.

2. I have acknowledged the receipt of the letter and informed the writer that in this State it is your Ministry that has responsibility for matters concerning antiquities.



(F. B. A. Conde)  
for Secretary to the Military Government  
and Head of Service

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ff  
14 January, 1971

The Director of Antiquities,  
Nigerian Museum,  
Lagos.

Ife Museum

I am acknowledging the receipt of your letter No. TF.219/30 of 4th January, 1971 and wish to inform you that I have forwarded it for appropriate action to the Permanent Secretary to our Ministry of Home Affairs and Information. It is his Ministry that has responsibility in this State for matters concerning antiquities.



(F. B. A. Conde)  
for Secretary to the Military Government  
and Head of Service

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DIRECTOR'S SECRETARIAT OFFICE,  
NIGERIAN MUSEUM,  
LAGOS, NIGERIA

No. CAA. 50/52/38

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19th May, 1971

81/S. 169/1

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

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D.P.S.  
~~ASST~~

Pls. endorse to PSMHAX. for any action he may consider necessary and inform writer to address PSMHAX. on such matters *in future.*

Crash Programme to purchase Nigerian Antiquities

26/5

I am directed to inform you that the Federal Military Government will soon launch a Crash programme to purchase Nigerian Antiquities under the direction of the Department of Antiquities. This measure is designed to safe guard Nigerian antiquities from smugglers who are increasingly engaged in illegal trade and exportation of antiquities through unchecked borders.

For this purpose the Federal Military Government will soon promulgate a decree banning the sale of antiquities to any other except to members of the Department of Antiquities. Furthermore, the decree is to force people to register any private collection with the Department of Antiquities within one month of the promulgation of the decree. In pursance of this gigantic task the Department has posted out Ethnographers to some States and more are soon to be posted to all the twelve states in order to document antiquities where the objects are still being used for worship and more especially to buy up all the available antiquities in each of the twelve states.

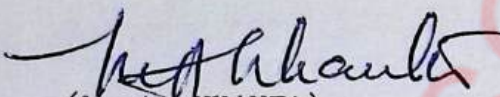
In addition to the Ethnographers, registrars are to be assigned to all the state capitals and other important towns in the states for a period of six weeks to carry out the registration of private collections of antiquities in the area as whatever is not registered after the expiration of the six weeks if discovered will be confiscated.

In order that the Crash programme may succeed, the Department of Antiquities is now soliciting the co-operation and assistance of every state in the federation in the following ways:-

- (1) To provide temporary office accommodation as centres for the registration of antiquities in state capitals that have no museums and in other towns within the state that will be convenient for the registration.
- (2) To provide temporary storage facilities for the antiquities to be purchased before they are finally conveyed to the National Museum in Lagos.
- (3) To provide accommodation and office for the Ethnographers who are on permanent posting to each of the twelve states for purpose of collecting antiquities. An office is therefore essential in the case of Registrars who will be engaged in the registration of private collections for a period of six weeks.
- (4) To assign some Policemen on duty in the office allocated by you for purpose of registration and storage - this is to ensure an orderly registration and avoid possible theft of antiquities.

In view of above requests, all Ethnographers on posting to the states have been instructed to pay courtesy call on the State Military Governors and to seize that opportunity to discuss possible areas of assistance that they may require from the State Governments.

I should however add that the Department of Antiquities is very much concerned about the success of the Crash Programme and would therefore be grateful if individual State Governments could give the expected assistance and co-operation.

  
(M. A. NKANTA)  
for Director,  
Department of Antiquities.

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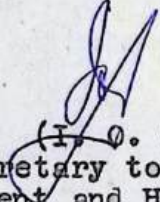
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27<sup>h</sup> May, 1971

The Permanent Secretary,  
Ministry of Home Affairs and  
Information,  
Ibadan.

Crash Programme to Purchase  
Nigerian Antiquities

--- I am directed to attach herewith copy of a letter forwarded to this Office by the Director of Antiquities, Lagos, for necessary action as you may deem fit. The Author is being advised to address such matters direct to you in future.



  
(I. O. Ogun)  
for Secretary to the Military  
Government and Head of Service

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SP/S.169/1/50

28<sup>th</sup> May, 1971.

The Director,  
Department of Antiquities,  
Nigerian Museum,  
Lagos.

Crash Programme to Purchase  
Nigerian Antiquities

I am directed to inform you that your letter No. CAA.50/52/38 of 19th May, 1971, has been passed to the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs and Information for necessary action and to advise that matters of this nature should in future be addressed direct to the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs and Information.



(I. O. Ogun)  
for Secretary to the Military  
Government and Head of Service.

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MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND INFORMATION  
IBADAN, WESTERN STATE OF NIGERIA

Telephone: 21011

Telegrams: PERMHOM IBADAN PRIVATE MAIL BAG NO. 5180

Your Ref. No.

Our Ref. No. CADM. 143/733.

21st July, 1972.



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

Federal Museum - Ibadan

P.52  
I attach herewith copy of a self-explanatory letter No. TF.332/16 of 7th July, 1972 addressed to me by the Director of the Nigerian Museum, Federal Department of Antiquities, Lagos. As explained in the letter, the Antiquities Commission is anxious that a museum should be established in each of the twelve State capitals in the Federation and in order to expedite the implementation of this proposal, State Governments have been requested to make available to the Commission suitable buildings even if it is only on temporary basis pending the time the Federal Government would provide money to erect appropriate buildings.

2. My Commissioner is anxious that this State should not miss the opportunity being offered by the Antiquities Commission to establish a worthwhile Federal museum in the city of Ibadan. He has therefore asked me to request you to release a suitable Government building for the purpose. The building should be in a congenial atmosphere and in a central place for easy accessibility to members of the public.

3. As you will notice in the enclosed letter, a measure of urgency is attached to this request and I should be grateful for your very early consideration.

*F. M. Akintunde-Ighodalo*  
(Mrs. F. M. Akintunde-Ighodalo)  
Permanent Secretary.

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## FEDERAL DEPARTMENT OF ANTIQUITIES

Ref. No. TF.332/16

DIRECTOR'S OFFICE,  
NIGERIAN MUSEUM,  
LAGOS, NIGERIA

7th July, 1972.

CONFIDENTIALThe Permanent Secretary,  
Ministry of Home Affairs & Information,  
Ibadan.For the attention of Mr. T. O. Ajayi.Federal Museum: Ibadan

I wish to refer to your letter C.ADM. 143/723 of 28th June, 1972, in which you asked for an official request for the provision of a building in Ibadan to start off the nucleus of a Federal Museum. This letter is in answer to that call.

2. Perhaps I should explain the nature of this request. The Antiquities Commission is aware that the establishment of Federal Museums is the responsibility of the Federal Military Government. However, although the Government is aware of this responsibility, we have been advised to wait until the next phase of the Economic Development Plan for Nigeria.
3. In view of the long delay before such a programme is started, the Commission is requesting those State Governments which are in a position to provide buildings, even if they are slightly derelict, so that this urgently required amenity can be started without further delay. The Commission believes that this action can force the hands of the Federal Government and ensure the approval of the project in the next economic expansion phase. It was with this in mind that appeals went out to various State Governments to provide buildings and I am glad to say that the Mid-West State Government provided us with £50,000 for the construction of a new Museum which is now completed, the North Central State Government turned over the Old N.P.C. Secretariat to us, the Benue-Plateau State Government has provided us with £10,000 for expansion work in Jos Museum, and we have received a promise of a building, No. 4 Independence Layout, in Enugu.
4. In this year's Federal Estimates, a sum of £10,000 each had been provided by the Federal Government for the conversion of these buildings into museums. I am therefore confident that if a building was provided by the Western State Government, a similar amount will be provided in the 1972/73 Estimates.
5. Objects for the new Museum will be provided from the Central Collection, and they will come from all parts of the country to enable the people of the Western State to learn about the art, history and culture of other parts of Nigeria apart from their own. It is believed that this will be a positive step towards ethnic understanding in the country which is best foundation upon which national unity could be built.
6. I will therefore be grateful if due consideration can be given to this request. The Commission will be meeting on the 19th July, and I would appreciate a reply which I will communicate to members.

(Sgd.)

Ekpo O. Eyo  
Director.

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are submitted please  
CR 25 7 72

ASCA)

Please see pp. 51/52  
and discuss early.

2<sup>nd</sup>  
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ASCA)

I asked you to ~~find out~~ look into  
the possibility of finding a  
suitable quarter for the purpose  
stated on page 51. What about  
the old High Court Building  
you said you would inspect?

2<sup>nd</sup>  
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21<sup>st</sup> July, 1972.

SP/S.169/1/54

The Permanent Secretary,  
Ministry of Lands & Housing,  
Secretariat,  
Ibadan.

(F.a.o. Chief S. O. Oyediran)

Federal Museum - Ibadan

You confirmed in the course of our recent telephone conversation (Chief Oyediran/Okunoren) on this subject that the Ministry of Home Affairs and Information had already contacted you on the matter and that you were looking for a suitable building for the purpose. You also confirmed that one of the buildings recently advertised for sale by the Government, and which is situated somewhere along Ijebu Bye-pass, was considered suitable and I suggested that you should take necessary steps to make it available. In view of the extreme urgency of the matter, I shall be grateful if you will take it in hand promptly and advise me of the results of your effort in due course.



(Z. O. Okunoren)  
for Secretary to the Military  
Government & Head of Service.

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31<sup>st</sup> July, 1972.

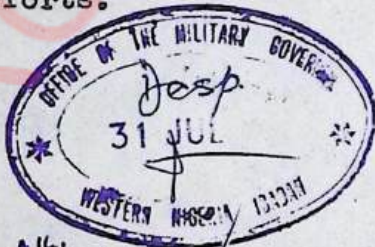
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The Permanent Secretary,  
Ministry of Home Affairs & Information,  
Secretariat,  
Ibadan.

Federal Museum - Ibadan

With reference to your letter No. CADM. 143/733 of 21st July, 1972 on this subject, the Ministry of Lands and Housing has been asked to look into the possibility of finding a suitable building for the purpose. Incidentally, the same Ministry has advised that you had forwarded a similar letter to it and that action on your request is in progress. The extreme urgency of the matter has been indicated to the Ministry which has given an assurance that it will be expeditiously handled.

2. I shall address a further communication to you as soon as the Ministry informs us of the results of its efforts.



(Z. O. Okunoren)  
for Secretary to the Military  
Government & Head of Service.

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MINISTRY OF LANDS

AND HOUSING

ADMINISTRATION AND GENERAL DIVISION

IBADAN · WESTERN STATE OF NIGERIA

Your Ref. No.....

Further communications on this subject should be addressed to the Permanent Secretary quoting

Our Ref. No. G. 311/7.....

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Date...<sup>nd</sup> 22 August, 1972

The Permanent Secretary,  
Ministry of Home Affairs & Information,  
Ibadan.

(For the attention of Mrs. Fola Ighodalo)

Federal Museum - Ibadan:

With reference to your letter No. CADM. 143/732 dated 21st July, 1972, a Museum should be located at a fairly central place in the city which is easily accessible to members of the public, especially strangers. Security of the building and availability of parking space should also be assured. With this background the following buildings are suggested for consideration as an interim measure:

(i) Ground Floor of Cocoa House adjoining the U.S.I.S.

At present the accommodation is occasionally used for public dances and is vacant for most part of the year.

(ii) The Dental Clinic near the Treasury Cash Office Bank Road: This building could be used subject to the Dental Clinic being transferred to the new hospital at the Ring Road or to the Jericho General Hospital. There is very little significance for having the Dental Clinic at this location.

(iii) The present State Library building under construction could be modified to accommodate the Museum.

(iv) Property at SW8/924 Oke-Ado, Ibadan: This forfeited property consists of a 2-storey block of four flats two on each floor at Oke-Ado, off Ibadan/Lagos road opposite the Standard Food Canteen. The building which was badly damaged during the last crisis requires about two thousand pounds (£2,000) to put it in good shape.

(v) A permanent site for the Museum could be carved out of the remaining Stateland at Dugbe around the Central Library.

2. A copy of this letter is sent to the Secretary to the Military Government and Head of Service.

(J. M. Akinola)  
Permanent Secretary.



Ref.No.C.311/8  
Ibadan, 12 August, 1972.

Copy to:

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

Overleaf for your information with reference to your  
letter No.SP/S.169/1/54 dated 31st July, 1972.

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(J. M. Akinola)  
Permanent Secretary,

JMS

Above subtd. pl.

Prts  
for

R.I.U. ✓

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Forwarded to :  
**The Military Governor,**  
**Western State,**  
**IBADAN.**

*With the Compliments of*  
**THE SECRETARY TO THE**  
**FEDERAL MILITARY GOVERNMENT**  
**CABINET OFFICE,**  
**LAGOS, NIGERIA**

See p 60

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RE-APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE ANTIQUITIES COMMISSION

The Federal Military Government has approved the re-appointment of Professor S. O. Biobaku as Chairman of the Antiquities Commission with effect from 1st August, 1972. Other members of the Commission, whose appointments have been renewed are Dr. T. O. Oruwariye, who is being re-appointed as Deputy Chairman; Mallam Liman Ciroma, and Professor J. F. Ade. Ajayi, who is at present Vice Chancellor of the University of Lagos. Another member being appointed by the Federal Government is Mr. C. A. Ekere, a retired Permanent Secretary in the South-Eastern State. In addition, there will be a representative of each of the twelve States on the Commission.

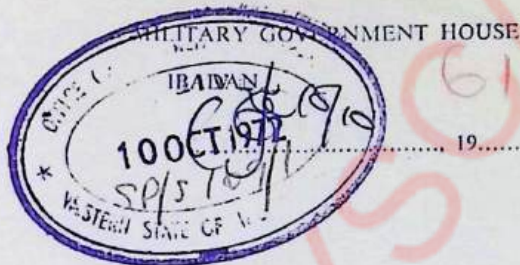
REDUCTION IN THE WAITING PERIOD BEFORE WITHDRAWAL OF BENEFITS UNDER THE NATIONAL PROVIDENT FUND ACT, 1961

The Federal Military Government has approved a reduction from two years to one year in the waiting period before a contributor can withdraw his benefits under the National Provident Fund Scheme. Hitherto, no benefits can be drawn until at least two years after a member has become unemployed.

2. In taking this decision the Government considers that although the N.P.F. was primarily intended to enforce savings against old age, and not to provide protection against temporary contingencies such as unemployment, nevertheless, this concession is being made to mitigate the hardship suffered by members who unfortunately become unemployed before reaching the retirement age.

FIFTH SESSION OF THE AFRICAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR OFFICE, ADDIS ABABA

Nigeria is being represented at the current session of the African Advisory Committee of the International Labour Office, which is holding in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 26th September to 2nd October, 1972, by the Federal Commissioner for Information and Labour, Chief Anthony Enahoro. He is being accompanied by an official of the Federal Ministry of Labour. The session will examine the part of the I.L.O. Long-Term Plan relating to regional action in Africa, and it will also provide a forum for consultations on the arrangements for decentralisation of I.L.O. activities in Africa.



S.M.G. DPS,

Who represents West on  
this Commission?

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*[Signature]*  
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Y.E.,

Via S.M.G. 11/10

" P.S., 11/10

The note at p. 61 refers.

2. Chief M. A. Fabunmi, Odole Atobase of Ife and Fellow of the Institute of African Studies, University of Ife, Ile-Ife, represented the Western State on the Antiquities Commission for a period of two years ending on 31st July, 1972. There has been no intimation from Lagos as to the appointment of new members to represent the States on the Commission.

3. Pending a request from Lagos, I would suggest we ask the Ministry of Home Affairs & Information to suggest names from whom a representative of this State would be appointed, if Your Excellency does not wish to renew Chief Fabunmi's appointment.

*J. K. Akingbade*  
(J. K. Akingbade)  
D.P.S.  
11/10/72.

D.P.S.

There is no need to bother H.E. with a small point like this. Why can't you first find out from Lagos what has happened to Chief Fabunmi's membership since 31st July, 1972 - has it been decided that the membership shd. be automatically extended?

*Adunsi S.M.G.*  
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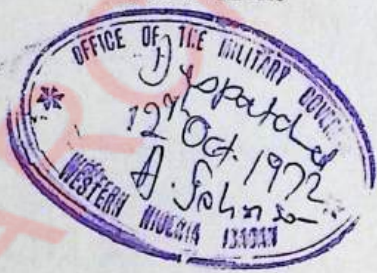
10 October, 1972.

The Permanent Secretary,  
Federal Ministry of Education,  
Administrative Division,  
Lagos.

Membership of the Antiquities Commission

Chief N. A. Fabunmi was appointed a member of the Antiquities Commission for a period of two years with effect from 1st August, 1970. His period of appointment terminated on 31st July, 1972.

2. It is understood that the Commission has been reconstituted. I should be glad to know whether Chief Fabunmi's appointment has been renewed or that the State Government is expected to make another nomination.

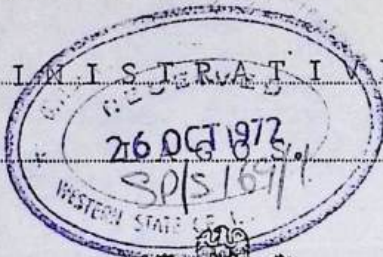


(J. K. Alingbade)  
for Secretary to the Military  
Government.

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# FEDERAL MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION



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P.M.B. No. 12573

Telegrams SECEDUCATE

Telephone 4125

Ref. No. T/S. CMEA1/III/748

Date 18th October, 1972.



Secretary to the Military Government,  
Office of the Military Governor,  
Ibadan,  
Western - State.

## Membership of the Antiquities Commission

P.65  
I am directed to refer to your No. SF/S.169/1/63 of 12th October, 1972 and to forward herewith a copy of our letter No. T/S CMEA 1/III/746 of 12th October, 1972 to the Secretary to the Federal Military Government regarding the Re-appointment of members of the Antiquities Commission.

(S.O. Soyode)  
for Permanent Secretary.

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P.M.B. 12573

Telegrams SECEDUCATE

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REF.No.T/S CMEA 1/III/746

Date. 12th October, 1972

The Secretary to the-  
Federal Military Government,  
Cabinet Office,  
LAGOS.

Re-appointment of members of the-  
Antiquities Commission

I am directed to refer to my Commissioner's Memo. EC(72)407 on the re-appointment of Members of the Antiquities Commission, and to ask you to be good enough to request the Secretary to the Military Government of each State to arrange the appointment or re-appointment of the State Members of the Commission for two years with effect from 1st August 1972 as per Conclusion 3 of EC35(72)6. The names of those appointed in 1970 whose term of Office expired on the 31st July, 1972, were given in my letter No. CMEA.1/II/638 of 13th July, 1970.

2. For your information, by Section 4 of the Antiquities Act as amended by the Adaptation of Laws (Miscellaneous Provisions) 1969 as modified by Decrees Numbers 14 and 27, members of the Commission other than those federally appointed should be appointed by the Military Governors, one in respect of each State.

(Sgd.)  
(S.O. Soyode)  
for Permanent Secretary,  
Federal Ministry of , Education,  
Lagos.

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Pp 64/65 are submitted please.  
(S.O. Soyode) 26/10/72.

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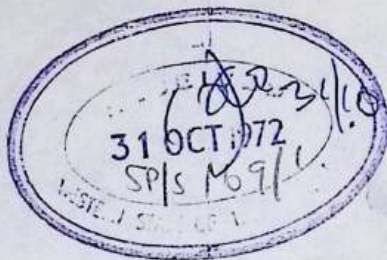
Dr. T. O. na Oruwariye MB. BS. (LOND.) F.M.C. (G.P.) Nig.  
Dr. B. A. Olusanya MB. Ch. B. (St. Andr)  
Dr. S. O. Franklin BA. MB. B. Ch, BAO (Dub) F.M.C. (G.P.) Nig.

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OUR Ref  
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OKE-ADO,  
P. O. Box 591  
Ibadan Nigeria



19th October, 1972.

SMG.

His Excellency,  
Brigadier Rotimi,  
Military Governor,  
Western State;

What can we do to assist?

PSOMG  
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Dear Sir,

This is to follow up the informal conversation I have had with you about finding an accommodation for the basis of a State Museum of Art. I have also in mind the preparation for 1974 when the "All African Festival of Arts" takes place and the activities of the Festival will be expected to spill over into this State.

The National Antiquity Commission has commissioned me to take the matter up with you as urgently as possible. There is an overall plan to have a Museum in the Capital of each State (the "Museum of National Unity"). This is in our planned development programme but will need time to materialize.

In the meantime, events compel us to look for something to bridge the interval.

I remain Sir.

Yours Sincerely,

T. O. na Oruwariye.  
Deputy Chairman,  
Nigerian Antiquities Commission.

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6 November, 1972

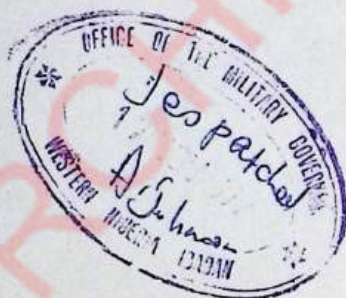
The Permanent Secretary,  
Ministry of Home Affairs & Information,  
Ibadan.

(For the attention of Mrs. F. M. Akintunde-Ighodalo)

Accommodation for Museum in the  
State Capital

We discussed. I forward herewith copy of a letter received from the Deputy Chairman, Nigerian Antiquities Commission on the above subject for necessary action. I should be grateful if you would let me know the action you have taken on it.

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(J. K. Akingbade)  
for Secretary to the Military  
Government & Head of Service.

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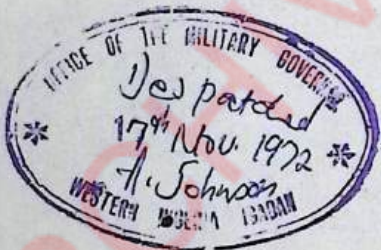
16 November, 1972

Dr. T. O. na Oruwariye,  
Deputy Chairman,  
Nigerian Antiquities Commission,  
Oke-Ado Hospital,  
P. O. Box 591,  
Ibadan.

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 19th October, 1972 and to inform you that it is receiving attention.

I am, Sir,  
Your obedient Servant,



(J. K. Akingbade)  
for Secretary to the Military  
Government & Head of Service.

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I submit b.u on  
p. 65 please.

(~~James A. ...~~  
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27 Nov., 1972.

The Secretary to the Federal  
Military Government,  
Cabinet Office,  
Lagos.

Re-appointment of members of the Antiquities  
Commission

P:65 I am to refer to the Permanent Secretary, Federal Ministry  
of Education's letter No.T/S CHEA 1/III/746 of 12th October, 1972,  
and to inquire whether action has been taken on it.



(J. K. Alingbade)  
for Secretary to the Military  
Government & Head of Service.

B. 27/12 ✓



MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND INFORMATION  
IBADAN, WESTERN STATE OF NIGERIA

Telephone: 21511

Telegrams: PERHOMY IBADAN PRIVATE MAIL BAG NO. 5139

Your Ref. No.

Our Ref. No. IHF. 19/360.

4th December, 1972.

P.T. Odumosu, Esq.,  
Chairman,  
Wemabod Estates Limited,  
c/o Military Governor's Office,  
Ibadan.

Publicity for the Western State of Nigeria:  
Request for Accommodation

The State Commissioner for Home Affairs and Information has had under serious consideration for some time suitable ways and means of publicising the Western State in order to achieve the best result. The necessity to mount such publicity at a level which can result in bringing the much-needed investment into the Western State has assumed great importance especially since the end of the civil war when this State had to compete with other eleven States and the Federal Government itself in attracting such investment both at national and international levels.

2. It is considered that an important way of doing this is by using every available opportunity to project the Western State especially in centres of population and vocal areas used by foreign visitors to the country. Buildings like the Cocoa House in Ibadan, the Investment House in Lagos, the Western House in Lagos and the Unity House (now under construction) also in Lagos, are conspicuously such centres.

3. My Commissioner has himself visited these buildings among others and is fully convinced that any display of publicity materials in these places about Western State will reap a very high dividend. He has, therefore, directed me to ask you to ensure that publicity spaces are made available within the buildings to this Ministry on behalf of the Government of Western State for the display of such publicity materials.

4. In addition to publicity space, accommodation is required in Cocoa House which could temporarily house the Federal Museum for the Western State. The Nigerian Antiquities Commission has recommended that in order to project the cultural heritage of the country, there should be established in each State capital a Federal Museum. Most of the other States have either released suitable buildings or provided funds with which such buildings could be constructed, to the Federal Department of Antiquities. The Director of Antiquities has visited Ibadan and has found the ground-floor of the Cocoa House as the most suitable area for a museum for this State.

5. The Commissioner will like me to inform you that he has discussed this matter with His Excellency, the Military Governor, who has agreed to the proposals. He has, therefore, requested me to say that he would be glad if you will use your good offices to ensure that the required spaces are made available in the buildings mentioned.

*John Ighodalo*  
(Mrs. F.H. Akintunde-Ighodalo)  
Permanent Secretary.

c/s  
Pls. enclose in file and resubmit with a photostatic copy of above letter.

CADM. 143/757.

6th December, 1972

Dr. T. O. na Oruwariye,  
Deputy Chairman,  
Nigerian Antiquities Commission,  
SW7/217 Ibukun-Olu Street,  
Oke-Ado,  
Ibadan.

Dear Sir,

Federal Museum, Ibadan

Your letter of 19th October, 1972 addressed to His Excellency, the Military Governor of the Western State has been referred to this Ministry for action.

The question of providing a suitable building to house a Federal museum in Ibadan was discussed with the Commissioner for Home Affairs and Information by a representative of the Nigerian Antiquities Commission in June this year. Subsequently, the Director of Antiquities has himself come out to inspect a number of buildings as a result of which he indicated one or two of them as suitable. Action is presently in progress to get one of these released and the position has been communicated to the Director. It is hoped that the Director of Antiquities would keep your Commission informed of the progress so far made on this subject.

Yours sincerely,

*F. M. Akintunde-Ighodalo*  
(Mrs. F.M. Akintunde-Ighodalo)  
Permanent Secretary.



Ref. No. CADM. 143/757A  
Ministry of Home Affairs and  
Information,  
Ibadan, 6th December, 1972.

Copy to:-

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and Head of Service,  
Office of the Military Governor,  
Ibadan.

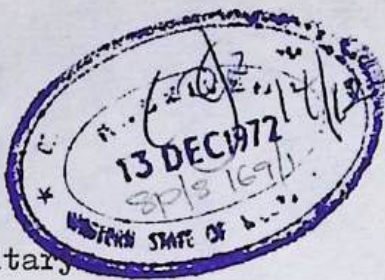
Above for information with reference to your letter  
No. SP/S.169/1/67 of 16th November, 1972.

*F. M. Akintunde-Ighodalo*  
(Mrs. F.M. Akintunde-Ighodalo)  
Permanent Secretary.

*MB*

*K. V. 3/14/12*

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Cabinet Office,  
Lagos.

8th December, 1972

Ref: C.M.7

Secretary to the Military  
Government,  
All States.

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE  
ANTIQUITIES COMMISSION

I am directed to invite your attention to Section 4 of the Antiquities Act as modified by the Adaptation of Laws (Miscellaneous Provisions) Order 1964, as amended by Decree Nos. 14 and 27 of 1967, and to advise that as the term of office of the Members of the Antiquities Commission had expired on the 31st July, 1972, it would be necessary for the Military Governor of each State as well as the Administrator of the East Central State to nominate one member to represent the States on the Commission.

2. For the necessary follow-up action in respect of this appointment, kindly liaise with the Permanent Secretary, Federal Ministry of Education, within whose purview the Commission falls.

(B. Kolawole),  
for Secretary to the Federal  
Military Government.

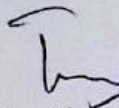
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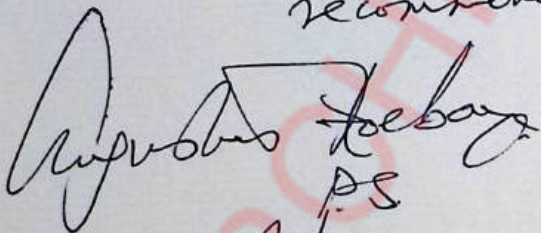
Please see page 73. Chief M. A. Fabunmi, Odole Atobase of Ife and Fellow of the Institute of African Studies, University of Ife, represented the Western State on the Antiquities Commission for a period of 2 years which expired on 31st July, 1972.

2. I would suggest that Chief Fabunmi's appointment be further renewed for a period of 2 years.

  
(J. K. Akingbade)  
D.P.S.  
8/1/73.

DPS

Following from your para 3, p. 62, now that Lagos has informed us of the position (as SMG directed us to ascertain), we shd now refer the matter to MHA & I to make recommendation for H's consideration.

  
PS  
8/1/73

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SP/S.169/1/75

9<sup>th</sup> January 1973.

The Permanent Secretary,  
Ministry of Home Affairs & Information,  
Ibadan.

Appointment of Members of  
the Antiquities Commission

1.73  
I am directed to forward herewith copy of a letter received from the Cabinet Office, Lagos in connection with the above subject. I should be grateful if you would suggest names of persons suitable to be appointed to the Commission for the consideration of His Excellency the Military Governor. Chief M. A. Fabunmi represented this State on the Commission and his term of office expired on 31st July, 1972.



(J. K. Akingbade)  
for Secretary to the Military  
Government & Head of Service.

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Bn. 2/2/73 ✓

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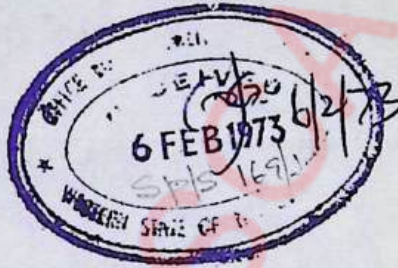
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Lagos.

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29th January, 1973.

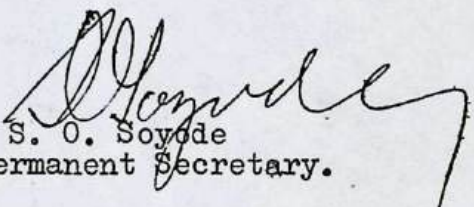
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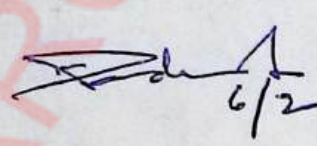


Appointment of Members of the  
Antiquities Commission

P. 73 I am directed to refer to the letter No. C.M.7 of  
8th December, 1972 addressed to you by the Secretary to the  
Federal Military Government on the nomination of a member  
to represent each State on the above-named Commission, and  
to ask you to be good enough to advise me of the name  
of the nominee of your Military Governor.

  
S. O. Soyode  
for Permanent Secretary.

D.P.S.  
What is holding up  
our reply?

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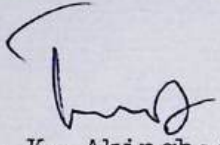
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S.M.G. & H.S.,

Via P.S.,

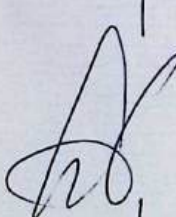
Please see your minute on p. 76. The Ministry of Home Affairs & Information has not responded to our request to make nominations for His Excellency's consideration. The P.S. of the Ministry informed me that the matter was before her Commissioner who is yet to take a decision on it.

  
(J, K. Akingbade)  
D.P.S.,  
12/2/73.

DPS

Above, I spoke with Mrs Ighodalo. She has promised to send a letter today or first thing tomorrow morning.

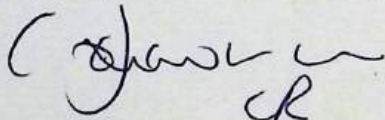
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Bm 14/2 ✓

DPS

I submit the above by please. We have not received 'x' above from PS in H A & I.

  
CR

14/2/73

Bm 20/2.

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MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND INFORMATION  
IBADAN, WESTERN STATE OF NIGERIA

Telephone: 21011

Telegrams: PERMHOME IBADAN PRIVATE MAIL BAG NO. 5180

Your Ref. No. SP/S.169/1/75 Our Ref. No. SADH.143/777



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



Appointment of Members of the  
Antiquities Commission

P. 75  
With reference to your letter of 9th January, 1973, I forward herewith the following names in order of preference for consideration for appointment by His Excellency, the Military Governor on the Antiquities Commission -

- (i) Chief M. A. Fabunmi;
- (ii) Chief G. Akin Deko;
- (iii) Mr. Adeniyi Williams.

2. As the Antiquities Commission has responsibility for advising the Federal Military Government on activities connected with the discovery and preservation of this country's antiquities of various types and ages, it is necessary that a person who will serve on the Commission should be very knowledgeable in this subject. For this reason, care had been taken in the past to ensure that suitable people were appointed to represent the State on the Commission. These included -

- (i) Dr. S. O. Biobaku  
who is the current Chairman of the Commission and will likely be re-appointed for this post by the Federal Government;
- (ii) Chief J. A. Ayorinde  
had served on the Commission on behalf of the State in the past but it is the opinion of this Ministry that his other multifarious commitments may prevent him from devoting as much time and attention as necessary to the affairs of the Commission;
- (iii) Chief M. A. Fabunmi  
represented this State on the Commission for the last 2 years and from the records in this Ministry, had carried out the assignment very satisfactorily. He had, in the period, communicated regularly with this Ministry on important decisions taken at the meetings of the Commission and had himself made very useful contributions to its work. Mr. Fabunmi is also very good in his exposition of cultural matters. It is, therefore, felt that he will, if re-appointed, serve the interest of this State effectively on the Commission;

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(iv) Both Chief Akin Deko and Mr. Adeniyi Williams have very enlightened interest in art and cultural matters. They even possess private art collections and reside in Ibadan.

3. The Commissioner for Home Affairs and Information supports these nominations in the order indicated in paragraph 1 above.

*Jeta Ighodalo*  
(Mrs. F.M. Akintunde-Ighodalo)  
Permanent Secretary.

DPS

I submit pp 78/79 further  
to mounted on p 77 please.

*L. Jensen*

CR  
16/2/73-

Y. E.

via SMG. 1/19/73

I invite Y. E.'s attention to the request at p. 73. Recommendation from MHAET is at p. 78. I recommend that ~~the~~ <sup>Chief</sup> M. A. Fabunmi be nominated to represent this State on the Antiquities Commission.

Augustus Fabunmi  
PSOMG  
19/2/73

Chief Fabunmi's nomination is approved.

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DPS for pls.

AW  
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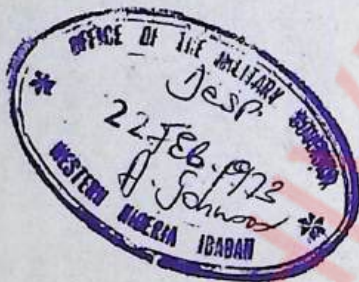
21 February, 1973.

The Permanent Secretary,  
Federal Ministry of Education,  
(Administrative Division),  
Lagos.

Appointment of Members of the  
Antiquities Commission

I am directed to refer to your letter No. T/S.CMEA.1/III/767 of 29th January, 1973, and to inform you that His Excellency the Military Governor has nominated Chief M. A. Fabunmi, Odole Atobase of Ife and Fellow of the Institute of African Studies, University of Ife, Ile-Ife to represent the Western State on the Antiquities Commission.

(J. K. Akingbade)  
for Secretary to the Military  
Government & Head of Service.



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Ref. No. SP/S.169/1/81A  
Office of the Military Governor,  
Ibadan. 22 February, 1973.

Copy to:

The Permanent Secretary,  
Ministry of Home Affairs & Information,  
Ibadan.

For information, reference your letter No. SADM.143/777 of 14th February, 1973.

(J. K. Akingbade)  
for Secretary to the Military  
Government & Head of Service.

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FEDERAL DEPARTMENT OF ANTIQUITIES

Telephone:

DIRECTOR: 20710  
MUSEUM: 21918  
21952

Telegrams: DIRMUSEUMS LAGOS.



Ref. No. CAA.9/21

DIRECTOR'S OFFICE,  
NIGERIAN MUSEUM,  
LAGOS, NIGERIA

22nd October, 1973

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

Ibadan Museum and Conservation Research Laboratory

I am directed to inform you that arrangements are almost completed by this Department to set up a Museum of unity and a Conservation Research laboratory at Ibadan.

2. The proposal for the Establishment of the above-mentioned projects at Ibadan is in compliance with the decision of the Antiquities Commission which is greatly committed to the cause of establishing a National Museum in every State Capital. For this purpose, therefore, Mr. Y. O. Dawodu, Conservator, a senior Officer of this Department is to assume duty at Ibadan in order to effect the setting up of the Conservation Division of this Department, the first of its kind in Africa.

3. Mr. Dawodu will, however, be calling on you so as to introduce himself and to discuss some areas of his assignment which he may deem necessary for the successful implementation of the projects.

4. I should, therefore, be most grateful if you will give him every assistance especially in the re-installation of a telephone to the building now to be used as the nucleus for this Department's activities in Ibadan, and also to obtain a private mail bag for the Department. I should add that this Department would pay for both the re-installation of the telephone and for the provision of the private mail bag.

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(M. A. Nkanta),  
for Director.

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See p 89

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

Via P.S.,

Please see p. 82. The Federal Department of Antiquities is setting up a Museum of unity and a Conservation Research Laboratory at Ibadan soon. A senior official of the Department, Mr. Dawodu, will shortly assume duty in Ibadan to set up the Museum.

2. Mr. Dawodu will need a telephone and a private mail bag for his office. These are matters which the Department should take up directly with the Federal Ministry of Communications and I shall so inform the writer of p. 82.

3. This is submitted for information only.

*Tund*  
(J. K. Akingbade)

D.P.S.,

5/11/73.

*DPS*

*Seen. Thank you.*

2. You need not inform the writer of pg 82 as in your X above. Just acknowledge receipt of the letter and say that Mr. Dawodu should call on you whenever he intends to visit this office. You will then explain to him how to go about things.

*[Signature]*  
6/11/73

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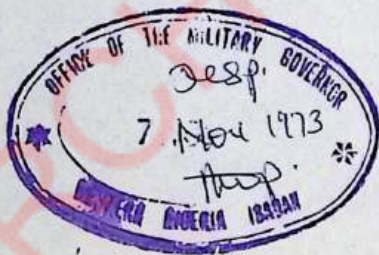
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7 November, 1973.

The Director of Antiquities,  
Federal Department of Antiquities,  
Nigeria Museum,  
Lagos.

Ibadan Museum and Conservation Research  
Laboratory

I am directed to acknowledge receipt of your letter  
No. CAA.9/21 of 22nd October, 1973 informing us of Mr. Dawodu's  
posting to Ibadan. Mr. Dawodu may call on the undersigned whenever  
he intends to visit this office.



(J. K. Akingbade),  
for Secretary to the Military  
Government and Head of Service.

KW  
5/11

FEDERAL DEPARTMENT OF ANTIQUITIES

Ref.No. TF.649/Vol.I/11



Deputy Director's Office,  
Dept. of Antiquities,  
Nigerian Museum,  
P.M.B. 12556,  
Lagos.

6th November, 1973

To:

The Secretary to the Military  
Government,  
Military Governor's Office,  
Benue Plateau State,  
Jos.

The Secretary to the  
Military Government,  
Military Governor's Office,  
North-Central State,  
Kaduna.

The Secretary to the Military  
Government,  
Military Governor's Office,  
East-Central State,  
Enugu.

The Secretary to the  
Military Government,  
Military Governor's Office,  
North-Eastern State,  
Maiduguri.

The Secretary to the Military  
Government,  
Military Governor's Office,  
Kano State,  
Kano.

The Secretary to the  
Military Government,  
Military Governor's Office,  
North-Western State,  
Sokoto.

The Secretary to the Military  
Government,  
Military Governor's Office,  
Kwara State,  
Ilorin.

The Secretary to the  
Military Government,  
Military Governor's Office,  
Rivers State,  
Port-Harcourt.

The Secretary to the Military  
Government,  
Military Governor's Office,  
Lagos State,  
Lagos.

The Secretary to the  
Military Government,  
Military Governor's Office,  
South-Eastern State,  
Calabar.

The Secretary to the Military  
Government,  
Military Governor's Office,  
Mid-Western State,  
Benin.

✓The Secretary to the  
Military Government,  
Military Governor's Office,  
Western State,  
Ibadan.

Sir,

National Survey of Potential Monuments

I have the honour to advise you that it is proposed to carry out a survey of buildings and historical sites throughout Nigeria which might be considered for scheduling as monuments under Section 14 of the Antiquities Act (Cap.12 of the Laws of the Federation and Lagos, Revised Edition 1958).

2. The progress of such a survey will depend upon availability of Architects and Superintendent of Monuments in the Architecture Division of this Department in which cadres we are at present understaffed. I write therefore to request the favour of the cooperation of your State Government and the Ministry charged with the responsibility under the Antiquities Act (which subject is on the Joint Legislative List) and other Local Government bodies in your State to recommend such historic sites and buildings as they would wish to be considered in the survey.

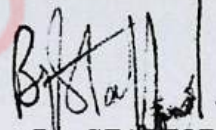
3. The Principal advantage of having a site or building scheduled as a monument as far as the present owner is concerned is that this Department would provide the necessary funds for repair and maintenance. To this end it is an established practice for this Department to obtain on behalf of the Nation a legal right to the land holding associated with the site or building. If this arrangement be not agreeable to those having present ownership, then as an alternative, such a site or building may be scheduled as an antiquity under the Act, thus ensuring its protection for posterity.

4. I should be most grateful if you would nominate an officer of the Ministry concerned in your State to liaise with this Department on this proposal if it receives the favour of your support.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,



(B. C. J. STAFFORD)  
Deputy Director,  
Department of Antiquities.

BCJS/IAS.

A (MS)

Pp-85-86 are submitted

please

(Jewell)

CR 13/11/73

U.S. (G)

Please see the letter at pp. 85 - 86 from the Deputy Director, Department of Antiquities in Lagos. He informed this office in the letter that his Department was proposing to carry out a country-wide survey of buildings and historical sites with a view to declaring them as monuments under Section 14 of the Antiquities Act. The co-operation of the State Government was therefore being sought such that relevant Ministries/agencies would be prepared to recommend historical sites and buildings as they would wish to be considered in the Survey.

2. I suggest that the letter be referred to P.S., M.H.A. & I. for appropriate action, and that the Deputy Director of Antiquities be informed of the action taken, explaining that in this State, it is the Ministry of Home Affairs and Information that has responsibility for matters concerning antiquities and in which case his Department might wish to direct further correspondence on the subject to that Ministry.

*O. A. Adekola*  
(O. A. Adekola)  
A.S. (H.S.)

15 November, 1973.

*As in para. 2 above, pl.*  
*[Signature]* 15/11/73.

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SP/S.169/1/88

19 November, 1973

The Permanent Secretary,  
Ministry of Home Affairs and  
Information,  
Ibadan.

National Survey of Potential Monuments

I forward herewith a photo-copy of a letter No.TF.649/Vol.I/11 of 6th November, 1973 received from the Deputy Director of Antiquities on a proposed national survey of potential monuments, I shall be grateful if you will take appropriate action on it.

2. I have acknowledged the receipt of the letter and informed the writer that in the State it is your Ministry that has responsibility for matters relating to antiquities and in which case he might wish to direct further correspondence to you.

(O. A. Adekola)

for Secretary to the Military Government  
and Head of Service.




SP/S.169/1/89

19 November, 1973

The Deputy Director,  
Department of Antiquities,  
Nigerian Museum,  
P.M.B. 12556,  
LAGOS.

National Survey of Potential Monuments

I hereby acknowledge the receipt of your letter No.TF.649/Vol.I/11 of 6th November, 1973 and wish to inform you that I have forwarded it to the Permanent Secretary of the State's Ministry of Home Affairs and Information for appropriate action. As it is the Ministry charged with the responsibilities for matters pertaining to Antiquities, you might wish to direct further correspondence to that office.

  
(O. A. Adekola)  
for Secretary to the Military Government  
and Head of Service.

Despt. & p.a.



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FEDERAL DEPARTMENT OF ANTIQUITIES

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CONSERVATION DIVISION,  
NATIONAL MUSEUM,  
IBADAN, NIGERIA.



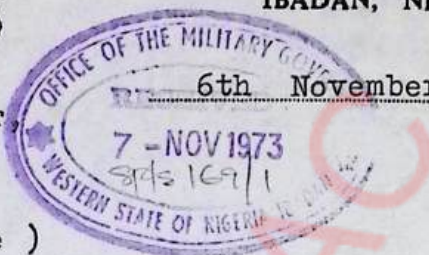
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MUSEUM:

Telegrams: CONSERVATOR, IBADAN.

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



6th November 1973.

( For the attention of Mr. A. Bamidele )

INSTALLATION OF TELEPHONES AND PROVISION OF  
PRIVATE MAIL BAG.

1. Reference to our (Bamidele/Dawodu ) discussion in your office yesterday and also to the letter No. GAA.9/21 of 22nd October 1973 from our Headquarters in Lagos, the information requested are given below:

- a. One telephone at the Action Group Headquarters situated at, SW7/76B, Ijebu Bypass, Oke-Ado, Ibadan.

This will be the Temporary Office of both the Museum and the Conservation Research Laboratory, pending the completion of the renovation being undertaken in the main building at the same address.

- b. One telephone at the residence of the Conservator, who is the senior officer in-charge of the whole project. S7/372 Oba Abimbola, Felele Layout, Ibadan.

- c. Private Mail Bag for the Museum and the Conservation Research Laboratory. Only one mail bag is needed for the two. National Museum, P . M . B . ..... I B A D A N .

2. I shall be grateful if you can use your good office to speed up the installation of these telephones and provision of Private Mail Bag. As this is a new Department in Ibadan, the need for telephone in order to speed up the projects is very vital. A lot of contacts is needed between this office and our Headquarters in Lagos as well as other ministries, departments and firms and the greater part of these contacts could only be done easily through telephone.

3. As already mentioned in our previous letter, the Department would pay for both the installation of the telephones as well as for the provision of the Private Mail Bag.

4. While hoping for your early action on this matter, we do express our thanks in advance for your continued cooperation and assistance.

*Y.O. Dawodu*  
Y.O. DAWODU  
Conservator.

P/S.  
Mr. Y.O. Dawodu,  
c/o P.O. BOX 1926,  
I B A D A N .

D.P.S.

*We discussed the above matter in file a few days ago?*

*7/11/73 Sol R) This letter should not be here. It should be in the Dept of Antiquities file*

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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Ministry of Home Affairs  
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ADMINISTRATION AND GENERAL DIVISION  
IBADAN, WESTERN STATE OF NIGERIA

Telephone: 62100

Telegrams: PERMHOME IBADAN PRIVATE MAIL BAG NO. 5180

Your Ref. No.

Our Ref. No. C.ADM.143/862

13 November, 1973.

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



(For the attention of Mr. S. G. Adeleye)

Ibadan Museum

With reference to our discussion(Adeleye/Ajayi) a few days ago on the request of the Federal Department of Antiquities for an allocation of some Government buildings to them for the purpose of establishing a museum and an Antiquities Conservation Centre in Ibadan, I enclose herewith as Annexures I, II and III relevant correspondence which are self-explanatory.

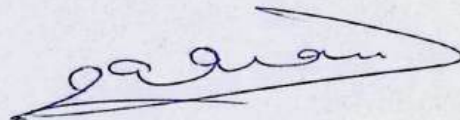
2. In this connection also, I have to invite your attention to the exchange of minutes on the matter between the State Commissioner for Home Affairs and Information and His Excellency in regard to which I enclose as Annexures IV and V respectively a copy each of the Commissioner's minute to His Excellency and His Excellency's reply. Although the Department of Antiquities did not feel inclined to use the Government buildings then recommended to them simply because they would require to be renovated, they have now agreed to bear the cost of such renovation and are now making urgent request for them.

See R103

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3. In view of the statement given in Annexure III by the Ministry of Lands and Housing to the effect that both the former Action Group Secretariat and the former N.N.D.P. Secretariat are not yet committed for any use, it will be appreciated if urgent consideration could be given to releasing the two buildings for the purpose intended.

4. Also, in view of the statement of the Director of Antiquities in para. 4 of his letter enclosed as Annexure I in regard to buildings it will be appreciated if you will be good enough to give the matter your earliest attention so that the funds already provided by the Federal Government for the purpose may not lapse before the end of the financial year.



(E. A. Ajayi)  
for Permanent Secretary.

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See p 103

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## FEDERAL DEPARTMENT OF ANTIQUITIES

Ref. No. CAA 9/20

DIRECTOR'S OFFICE,  
NIGERIAN MUSEUM  
LAGOS, NIGERIA

19th October, 1973.

The Permanent Secretary,  
Ministry of Home Affairs and Information,  
Ibadan.

(For the attention of Mr. Olaiya)

IBADAN MUSEUM

Following the visit of Mr. Y. O. Dawodu to your Ministry and discussion (Dawodu/Olaiya) I am made to understand that the building of the former N.N.D.P. which is situated by the Texaco Petrol station at Molete is vacant. If this is the case, I should indicate that this Department is very much interested in the building and would be extremely delighted if it could be released to us along with the former Head-Quarters of the Action Group. However, I must say that the restoration and conversion of these buildings will be undertaken by this Department and in view of the urgency of the matter, we would appreciate if immediate action is taken to effect the handing over of both the Head-Quarters of the Action Group and the former N.N.D.P. buildings to this Department.

2. I am also to request for an area of ten acres of land which this Department intends to develop as a National Park and also to use part of it for one of the two projects mentioned above.

3. In the circumstance, I would be most grateful if the under-mentioned requests are effected:

- (1) The release of the former Head-Quarters of the Action Group building.
- (2) The release of the N.N.D.P. building at Molete.
- (3) The provision of ten acres of land to be developed as a National Park and part of it to be used for one of the projects above.

4. I should stress the urgency of this matter since the necessary funds have already been provided by the Federal Government during this current Financial year. I would be most grateful if you would give your utmost attention to effect the release of the two buildings and at the same time provide the requested ten acres of land for the proposed National Park and for the setting up of one of the projects mentioned above.

(sgd) M.A. NKANTA  
for Director

C.ADM. 143/859

Ibadan 8th November, 1973

Copy to:

The Permanent Secretary,  
Ministry of Lands and Housing,  
Ibadan.

(For the immediate attention of Chief S.O. Oyediran)

Overleaf for your information and necessary action with reference to our discussion (Chief Oyediran/Ajayi) of even date.

2. I am to request you to be good enough to confirm that the Government buildings mentioned in paragraphs 3 (i) and (ii) overleaf are currently available for the purpose required by the Federal Department of Antiquities. On the receipt of confirmation to that effect this Ministry will take action to request for their release by the Office of the Military Governor.

3. As you are aware the Department of Antiquities has in fact posted an Antiquities Conservator, by name Mr. Dawodu, to start work on the establishment of a Federal Museum in Ibadan and since the Government of the Western State has not found it possible to hire one of the two storey buildings along Ijebu-Bye-Pass in Molete formerly requested by that Department for the purpose of a museum, it has now been agreed, after further consultation with them, that the two Government buildings could be improved and adapted by the Department for use as museums at their own expense. In the circumstances the matter requires very urgent attention and it will be appreciated if you will please treat it as such.

(sgd.)(E. A. Ajayi)  
for Permanent Secretary  
Ministry of Home Affairs and  
Information.

ANNEXURE III

MINISTRY OF LANDS AND HOUSING  
LANDS DIVISION  
WESTERN STATE OF NIGERIA

Our Ref. No. C.311/54

9th November, 1973.

The Permanent Secretary,  
Ministry of Home Affairs and  
Information,  
Ibadan.

Ibadan Museum

With reference to your endorsement No. C.ADM.143/859 of 7th November, 1973, I confirm that neither the former N.N.D.P. Secretariat or the former Action Group Headquarters is committed for any use as far as this Ministry is concerned.

SGD. (Chief S.O. Oyediran )  
for Permanent Secretary  
Ministry of Lands and Housing.

Your Excellency,

Federal Museum in Ibadan

Further to our discussion on the subject matter above, I have the honour to report that no suitable government quarter has been found. Instead, the Ministry of Lands and Housing has found a private building which the Director of Antiquities inspected and found suitable. The Ministry of Lands and Housing had also negotiated the rent with the caretaker of the building, Alhaji Adebayo Adetunji, and this had been fixed at ₦6,000.00 per annum. The Ministry considers this amount to be a reasonable rent and has recommended it to us accordingly.

2. For Your Excellency's information, I understand the building is one of twin buildings near B and Y Pools along Ijebu Bye Pass Road at Molete, Ibadan, and it belongs to Dr. Omololu Olunloyo, a former State Commissioner.

3. The position now, Sir, is that the caretaker of the house, Alhaji Adetunji, reported that he had higher offers from other quarters and cited the NBC (West) as one of the interested parties. He is anxious to know my Ministry's decision this week, hence this memo. In view of the amount involved (₦6,000.00), and in view of the Financial Instructions, such expenditure can only be approved by the Executive Council. However, I have reservations in recommending to Your Excellency the expenditure of ₦6,000.00 per annum for five years in the first instance as the proposed agreement indicates.

4. Firstly, my Ministry has no vote to meet the expenditure of ₦6,000.00 for the current financial year. Secondly, the Federal Government already has a museum at Ile-Ife for which my Ministry gives ₦6,000.00 per annum as subvention. Because of the financial position of the Government at present, I do not think that we can afford this additional expenditure on

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behalf of the Federal Government. We have asked from the Director of Antiquities whether his department would be prepared to foot the bill but he said State governments are expected to provide buildings for the museums in their respective capitals until the Federal Government will be ready to build its own museum. And that may not materialise for some years.

5. In the circumstances, Your Excellency, I am recommending that we suspend further action until our finances have improved or until the Federal Government is ready to finance the building of a museum in Ibadan. Provision is already made for a site for a federal museum in the proposed Cultural Centre. Should Your Excellency rule otherwise, however, a memo will be submitted for consideration by the Executive Council in due course.

Intld. G.A. Fagbure  
State Commissioner for  
Home Affairs & Information,  
3/7/73.

ANNEXURE V

I agree entirely with your recommendation in para. 5 above.

PAS(A)

O.R.  
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Pp 92 - 98 were submitted  
p. 92. The main file is with  
the USG.  
CR 15/11/73. Kindly merge with the  
file attached on 2/5/73.



FEDERAL DEPARTMENT OF ANTIQUITIES

Ref. No. CAA.9/25.

Telephone:

DIRECTOR: 20710  
MUSEUM: 21918  
21952

DEPUTY

DIRECTOR'S OFFICE,  
NIGERIAN MUSEUM,  
LAGOS, NIGERIA

Telegrams: DIRMUSEUMS LAGOS.

17th November, 1973.

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



Sir,

The National Museum, Ibadan and Headquarters  
of the Conservation Research Division of the Federal  
Department of Antiquities

I have the honour to refer to my letter No.CAA.9/21 of 22nd October, 1973 and your letter No.Sp/S.169/1/84 of 8th November, 1973. Mr. Y. O. Dawodu will call on Mr. J.K. Akingbade on or before 23rd November, 1973.

2. Mr. Dawodu informs me that efforts are already been made by your office (Mr. A. Bamidele) to obtain the Private Mail Bag and telephones for us. In addition to paragraph 4 of my letter No. CAA.9/21, please note that I shall be willing to settle any reasonable outstanding charges on a direct line in order to obtain its allocation to this department.

3. Your assistance is needed urgently to obtain the release of the Action Group Secretariat at Oke-Ado which is to be used as the nucleus for the department's activities in Ibadan. A letter asking for the release of this building to us has already been forwarded to your office from the Ministry of Home Affairs and Information, Western State, Ibadan. The funds for the renovation of the part of the Secretariat required immediately as temporary office accommodation have already been forwarded to Ibadan so that work can start as soon as possible.

4. For your information, the building allocated to us in Kaduna by the North Central State Government is the secretariat of the former N.P.C. while that given to us at Enugu by the East Central State Government is the former N.C.N.C. secretariat.

Yours faithfully,

(B. C. J. STAFFORD)  
Deputy Director.

BCJS/LMO.

PASC(A)

5/17/11



Federal Department of Antiquities,  
National Museum,  
Lagos.

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22nd November, 1973

The Secretary to the Military Government,  
Mid-Western State, Benin.

The Secretary to the Military Government,  
South Eastern State, Calabar.

The Secretary to the Military Government,  
East Central State, Enugu.

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Western State, Ibadan.

The Secretary to the Military Government,  
Kwara State, Ilorin.

The Secretary to the Military Government,  
Benue-Plateau State, Jos.

The Secretary to the Military Government,  
North Central State, Kaduna.

The Secretary to the Military Government,  
Kano State, Kano.

The Secretary to the Military Government,  
Lagos State, Lagos.

The Secretary to the Military Government,  
North Eastern State, Maiduguri.

The Secretary to the Military Government,  
Rivers State, Port Harcourt.

The Secretary to the Military Government,  
North Western State, Sokoto.

Sir,

TRADITIONAL TEXTILE TECHNOLOGY RESEARCH

I have the honour to inform you that Dr. Renee Boser-Sarivaxevanis, Curator of the Ethnographic Museum of Basel in Switzerland and Mr. Bernard Gardi are affiliated to this Department and will be touring extensively in Nigeria during the next 5 months to research into traditional textile technology.

Dr. Boser-Sarivaxevanis and Mr. Gardi will be collecting textiles for the National Collection of Antiquities and they are accompanied by Mr. Amasa Salawu, Museum Assistant, a junior officer of this Department.

I should be grateful for any courtesy or facilities you may be able to extend to Dr. Boser-Sarivaxevanis should the occasion or need arise.



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The party will be travelling in Land Rover Registration No. BS.22918 on a temporary importation licence.

Dr. Boser-Sarivaxevanis's itinerary as proposed at present is as follows:-

Lagos	10th-22nd November, 1973
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Ibadan	20th - 21st January, 1974
Abeokuta	21st - 22nd January, 1974
Lagos	22nd - 31st January, 1974
Bida	31st January - 31st March, 1974.

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

(B. C. J. STAFFORD),  
Deputy Director.

No. PF. 1024/ /A  
Federal Department of Antiquities,  
National Museum, Lagos.

22nd November, 1973.

Copy to:-

The Principal Ethnographer,  
Federal Department of Antiquities,  
c/o National Archives,  
P.M.B. 1050,  
Enugu.

For information. I have asked Dr. Boser-Sarivaxevanis to call on you and keep you in touch with their movements particularly in the East Central area.

  
(B. C. J. STAFFORD),  
Deputy Director.

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No. PF.1024/ /C  
Federal Department of Antiquities,  
National Museum,  
Lagos.

22nd November, 1973

Copy to:-

- The Principal Architect and Head of the Architecture Division, National Museum Jos.
- The Principal Ethnographer and Head of the Ethnography Division, National Museum, c/o P.M.B. 1050, Enugu.
- The Senior Archaeologist and Head of the Archaeology Division, National Museum, P.M.B. 31, Jos.
- The Principa, The Regional Centre for the Preservation of the Cultural and Natural Heritage, National Museum, P.M.B. 31, Jos.
- The Higher Superintendent of Monuments, Federal Department of Antiquities, Oron.
- The Head of Curation Division, National Museum, Lagos.
- The Acting Curator, National Museum, Benin.
- The Acting Curator, National Museum, P.M.B. 31, Jos.
- The Curator, National Museum, Lagos.
- The Acting Curator, Esie Museum, Esie.
- The Acting Curator, Ife Museum, P.M.B. 515, Ile-Ife.
- The Acting Curator and Head of the Audio-Visual Section, Gidan Makama Museum, P.O. Box 7, Kano.
- The Ethnographer, Federal Department of Antiquities, P.O. Box 84, Owo.
- The Ethnographer, Federal Department of Antiquities, Oron.
- The Acting Curator, National Museum, P.M.B. 2127, Kaduna.
- The Ethnographer, Federal Department of Antiquities, 74/76 Bonny Street, Port Harcourt.
- The Ethnographer, Federal Department of Antiquities, Uromi.

For information and the favour of your good offices as and when necessary.

(B. C. J. STAFFORD),  
Deputy Director.

BCJS/EIE.

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To see from <sup>100A</sup> pl.

2. On return of file I shall send a copy of the letter to the Ministry of Industries for information and n. a.

As proposed, pl.  
6/12/73.

T. A. OWOLABI  
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Federal Department of Antiquities,  
National Museum,  
Lagos.

22nd November, 1973

The Secretary to the Military Government,  
Mid-Western State, Benin.

The Secretary to the Military Government,  
South Eastern State, Calabar.

The Secretary to the Military Government,  
East Central State, Enugu.

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Sir,  
Your obedient Servant,

(Sgd.) B. C. J. STAFFORD),  
Deputy Director.

No. PF. 1024/ /A  
Federal Department of Antiquities,  
National Museum, Lagos.

22nd November, 1973

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Federal Department of Antiquities,  
c/o National Archives,  
P.M.B. 1050,  
Enugu.

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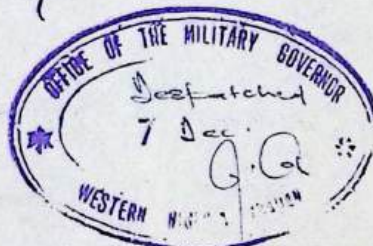
(Sgd.) B. C. J. STAFFORD),  
Deputy Director.

Ref. No.SP/S.169/1/T/4A  
Office of the Military Governor,  
Agodi, Ibadan: 7 December, 1973.

Copy to:-

The Permanent Secretary,  
Ministry of Industries,  
Ibadan.

For information and necessary action.



(T. A. Owolabi),  
for Secretary to the Military  
Government and Head of Service.

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D.P.S.,

At page 92 the P.S.M.H.A. & I. has requested this Office to make available the Action Group Secretariat, Ibadan for the purpose of establishing a Museum and an Antiquities Conservation Centre in Ibadan. As will be recalled the Action Group Secretariat along with the assets of the Action Group as well as the assets of other former Political Parties were forfeited to the Government under the Public Order (Scheduled Societies; Assets and Liabilities) Decree 1971.

2. The Commissioner of M.H.A. & I. addressed a minute to the Governor about rental of a house situated at Moleté <sup>(PP 97458)</sup>. The cost of the rent which was fixed at ₦6,000 per annum was regarded as high and as this would further require the approval of the Executive Council, the idea was shelved. The Commissioner for H.A. & I. has further proposed in para. 5 of his minute <sup>at p. 98</sup> to His Excellency the Military Governor that further action be suspended until the finances of the Government would have improved or until the Federal Government is ready to finance the building of a Museum in Ibadan and the Governor agreed with the recommendation of the State Commissioner for

M.H.A. & I. Although the M.L. & H. has confirmed at p.96 - Annexure III of its letter that the Action Group Secretariat has not been committed, it would appear the proposal contained in the letter from the P.S.M.H.A. & I. has not been brought before the Commissioner for H. A. & I. so that the Commissioner can advise H.E.M.G. accordingly. It is therefore my view that the P.S.M.H.A. & I. be requested to bring his Commissioner in to the matter and to seek clearance from H.E.M.G. before further consideration can be given to the letter at this end.

3. As regards the request for Telephone and Private Mail Bag for the Federal Department of Antiquities and the request that this Office should help the office to obtain telephone and P.M.B., it seems paradoxical, to me, that a Federal Department should go through the State Government to any Federal Department or Institution to obtain service. I feel that the Federal Department of Antiquities should approach the Territorial Controller of the P. & T. for the two services required directly.

*S. G. Adeleye*  
(S. G. Adeleye)  
P.A.S.(A)  
5 December, 1973.

P.S.O.M.G.,

Please see preceding minute. I support the proposal that the request contained in para. 3 of p. 99 re the Action Group Secretariat at Oke Ado be forwarded to the Ministry of Home Affairs and Information for clearance with H.E.

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2. As regards para. 2 of p. 99, I have informed Mr. Dawodu in a discussion that he had to make a direct contact with the P. & T. authorities for telephone and Private Mail Bag whenever the location of his offices is determined.

(J.W.K. Akingbade),  
D.P.S.,  
12/12/73.

DPS

X above - The Ministry of Home Affairs and Information already knows about the request made at para. 3 of page 99. See para. 3 on page 93. We should take action as proposed by PAS(A) at XX overleaf.

Approved  
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13/12/73

PAS(A)  
above, pl.  
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24 Dec., 1973.

The Permanent Secretary,  
Ministry of Home Affairs & Information,  
Ibadan.

Ibadan Museum

I am directed to refer to your letter No. C.ADM.143/862 of 13th November, 1973, and to observe that it would appear that the proposal to make use of the Action Group Secretariat for the proposed Museum has not been brought before the State Commissioner for Home Affairs and Information and it is considered desirable that the proposal be brought before him so that he can approach His Excellency the Military Governor.

2. As will be recalled, in an earlier proposal contained in Annexure IV to the letter under reference the State Commissioner for Home Affairs and Information informed His Excellency the Military Governor of a proposal to rent a private building for the said purpose but as the rent of ₦6,000 demanded on the building was considered high, the idea of renting that private building had to be shelved. In that light, it is considered desirable that the State Commissioner for Home Affairs and Information be brought into this new proposal so that he can approach His Excellency the Military Governor accordingly.



(S. G. Adeleye),  
for Secretary to the Military  
Government & Head of Service.

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15th February, 1974.


The Permanent Secretary,  
Ministry of Lands and Housing,  
(Lands Division),  
Ibadan.

National Museum in Ibadan.

Further to my endorsement No. C.ADM.143/859 of 8th November, 1973, I am directed to thank you for your letter No. C.311/54 of 9th November, 1973 and to inform you that the Director of the Federal Department of Antiquities has written to inform this Ministry that the two government buildings requested for in my letter under reference are not suitable for conversion to a National Museum owing to the enormous cost which such conversion would involve his Department. Consequently he has requested the Government of this State to provide ten acres of land to enable his Department to set up a permanent National Museum with National Park in Ibadan. A copy of the letter received from the Federal Department of Antiquities in this respect is attached for information.

2. In the circumstances, I am to request you to kindly provide ten acres of land in a suitable area of Ibadan City for the establishment of the proposed National Museum. I should mention that the required land is expected to be located in an area where the National Museum is most likely to serve the interest of the public especially in its educational role.

3. An early action will be very much appreciated.

  
(D. A. Olaiya),  
for: Permanent Secretary

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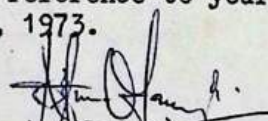
Min. of Home Affairs & Information,  
Ibadan. 15th February, 1974.

Copy to:

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

(For the attention of Mr. S. G. Adeleye)

Above is for information with reference to your letter  
No. SP/S.169/1/103 of 21st December, 1973.

  
(D. A. Olaiya),  
for: Permanent Secretary,  
Ministry of Home Affairs and Information.



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Overleaf is submitted, please

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Ministry of Home Affairs and Industries  
11th Floor, 11th February, 1974

For the attention of Mr. S. E. ...  
Above is for information with reference to your letter  
No. ... of 21st December, 1973.

Ministry of Home Affairs and Industries  
11th Floor, 11th February, 1974

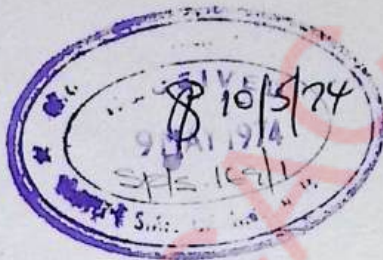
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The Principal Ethnographer,  
Federal Department of Antiquities,  
National Museum,  
P.M.B. 1285,  
Enugu.

3rd May, 1974.

Our Ref. CEF.4/9

Secretary to,  
State Military Government  
Western State  
Ibadan.



Re Preservation Of Antiquities

I am directed to write to you with regard to the preservation of antiquities associated with traditional Nigerian religions. It very often happens that Nigerians who wish to adhere to Christianity or Islam wish to be rid of the ritual objects which were formerly important for them in their traditional ceremonies. Many of these objects, however, are of considerable artistic value, and in any case all of them are within the scope of the Antiquities Law of 1953, which includes "any object used in a traditional ceremony."

- 2. We therefore ask you to direct administrative officers at all levels to inform the public that the destruction of such antiquities is contrary to the national interest, and to indicate that if persons really desire to repudiate such objects, they should bring them to divisional offices, whence they will be transferred to the nearest station of the Federal Department of Antiquities. We append a list of the F.D.A. headquarters in the various states:

- Lagos State..... National Museum.
- Western State..... Ife or Owo.
- Mid-Western State..... Benin Museum.
- East Central State..... National Museum (as from June 1st, 9 May 27th Avenue, Enugu).
- Rivers State..... Ethnographer, F.D.A. 74-76 Bonny Street, P.H.
- South-Eastern State..... Acting Curator, Oron.
- Benue-Plateau State..... Jos Museum.
- North-Eastern State..... at present Jos Museum.
- Kano State..... Gidan Makama.
- North-Central State..... Kaduna Museum.
- North-Western State..... at present Kaduna Museum.
- Kwara State..... at present Kaduna Museum.

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A. C. Edwards

A. C. Edwards,  
Principal Ethnographer  
for: Director of Antiquities.

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Page 106 is a letter from the Director of Antiquities stressing the importance in preserving antiquities associated with traditional Nigerian religions which are being got rid of by their owners when they wish to adhere to either the Christian or Muslim faith.

2. In order to achieve this objective - i.e. of preserving such antiquities, he requests that directives be issued to Administrative Officers at all levels to inform the public of the illegality of the destruction of such antiquities.

3. This is a job for the Ministry of Home Affairs and Information and you may wish that we endorse page 106 to that Ministry for information and necessary action. The Ministry

*will not require to "instruct Admin. Officers", it will devise its own means of propaganda.*

*T. A. Owolabi*  
(T. A. Owolabi)  
for A.S. (H.S.)

13 May, 1974.

Prin. Sec.

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Principal Secretary

Page 106 should be endorsed to Min of Home Affairs & Information - a min of local Govt. & Chieftaincy Affairs for appropriate action. The former ministry should devise a proper means of propaganda and the latter should liaise with the field staff of the former. The term 'Administrative Officers' at X on pg 106 is a reference to the Divisional Officers. You will observe that XX down that letter made reference to 'Divisional Offices'.

2. Please take this matter up in a letter to the two ministries mentioned above with appropriate directives.

*T. A. Owolabi*  
PSONC  
2/5/74

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AS(HS.)

O'leaf fua. pl.  
Kindly let me see your draft b/c  
it issues.

~~AS~~ 13/5/74.

Prim: Sec:

Your minute advise.

2. Draft is entered. at b.c. for  
vetting pl.

for A.S.(H.S.)

14/5/74

AS(HS.)

Please issue draft as amended.

~~AS~~ 14/5

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Ref. No. SP/S.169/1/109

Office of the Military Governor,  
Ibadan.

15 May, 1974.

Copy to:-

The Permanent Secretary,  
Ministry of Home Affairs and  
Information,  
Ibadan.

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

For information and necessary action.

2. The Ministry of Home Affairs and Information should devise an effective means of propaganda and liaise with the field staff of the Ministry of Local Government and Chieftaincy Affairs in order to ensure that the information being conveyed is disseminated as widely as possible even in the more remote areas of the State so that the purpose indicated in paragraph 2 of the letter may be achieved.



*T. A. Owolabi*  
(T. A. Owolabi)  
For Secretary to the Military Government  
and Head of Service.

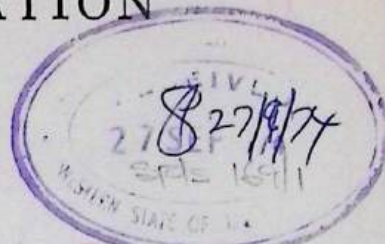
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# FEDERAL MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

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P.M.B. No. 12573

Telegrams SECEDUCATE

Telephone 50685



Ref. No. SNE.235/S.4/Vol.IV/882

Date 9th September, 1974

Secretary to the  
Military Government,  
Military Governor's Office,  
Lagos State,  
Lagos.

Secretary to the  
Military Government,  
Military Governor's Office,  
South Eastern State,  
Calabar.

Secretary to the  
Military Government,  
Military Governor's Office,  
Western State,  
Ibadan.

Secretary to the  
Military Government,  
Military Governor's Office,  
North Eastern State,  
Maiduguri.

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Military Government,  
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Mid-Western State,  
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Port Harcourt.

Secretary to the  
Military Government,  
Military Governor's Office,  
Benue Plateau State,  
Jos.

Secretary to the  
Military Government,  
Administrator's Office,  
East Central State,  
Enugu.

Secretary to the  
Military Government,  
Military Governor's Office,  
Kano State,  
Kano.

## Re-appointment of Members of the Antiquities Commission

I am directed to inform you that the term of office of all members of the Antiquities Commission expired on 31st July, 1974.

2. You are therefore requested to send in your nominations early in order to allow the Committee to attend to some urgent business.

*S. E. Odiete*  
(S. E. Odiete)

for Permanent Secretary,  
Federal Ministry of Education.

see P.132

P.S.O.M.G.,

Please see p. 110. The Federal Ministry of Education is informing us that, <sup>the</sup> term of office of all members of the Antiquities Commission expired on 31st July, 1974 and has requested that we forward our nomination early.

2. With your kind approval, the P.S., M.H.A. & I would be requested to suggest names of suitable persons for HEMG's consideration.

*Osunro*  
(Femi Osunro),  
A. S. (G),  
26/9/74.

AS(G)

Agreed. Early action pl.

*[Signature]* 2/10.

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SP/S.169/1/112  
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3 October, 1974

The Permanent Secretary,  
Ministry of Home Affairs and  
Information,  
Ibadan.

Re-appointment of Members of the  
Antiquities Commission

I am directed to forward herewith a ~~photocopy~~ of a letter from the Federal Ministry of Education on the above and to request you to suggest names of persons suitable to be appointed to the Commission for the consideration of His Excellency the Military Governor.

2. I should be grateful for your urgent action.

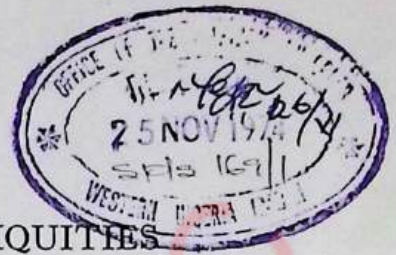
*Jo*  
(Femi Osunro)  
for Secretary to the Military  
Government & Head of Service.



B. U on. 12/10/74

*Jo*  
4/10

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FEDERAL DEPARTMENT OF ANTIQUITIES

Telephone :  
DIRECTOR : -20710  
MUSEUM : 21918  
          21952  
Telegrams : DIRMUSEUMS LAGOS.

Ref. No. MCT. 62 01A/1  
DIRECTOR'S OFFICE,  
NIGERIAN MUSEUM,  
LAGOS, NIGERIA  
21st November, 1974

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

Eighth Meeting of the National  
Antiquities Commission

I am directed to inform you that the National Antiquities Commission has decided to hold its eighth meeting in Ibadan between 3rd to 8th February 1975.

- 2. It would be appreciated if you could help to obtain His Excellency's formal concession and the Government's support for the success of the meeting.
- 3. The agenda and the proposed programmed of the meeting would be sent to you in due course.

*(Signature)*  
(B. O. Osinuga)  
for Director,  
Department of Antiquities.

BOO/SRT.

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AS (9)

above short. fine

2. Rev. on p. 112 is also submitted and the delay in its submission is regretted, pls.

*Leba*  
*COE*  
*11/26/74*

SP/S.169/1/114

2 Dec. 1974

The Permanent Secretary,  
Min. of Home Affairs & Information,  
Ibadan.

Re-appointment of Members of the Antiquities  
Commission

May I refer to my letter No. SP/S.169/1/112 of  
3rd October, 1974 and enquire as to when to expect a  
reply?



*Fo*  
(Femi Osunro)  
for Secretary to the Military  
Government & Head of Service.

B.U. on 12/12/74 ✓

*Fo*  
AS (G)  
4/12/74.

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AS(G)

The b.u. on page 114 is submitted  
for action please.

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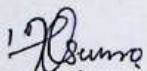


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PSOMG,

Please see page 113 wherein the Director of the Federal Department of Antiquities is informing this office of the decision of the National Antiquities Commission to hold its eighth meeting in Ibadan between 3rd to 8th February, 1975. The Director has therefore requested for HEMG's formal concession and Government's support for the success of the meeting.

2. You may wish to obtain HEMG's formal concession for the meeting, please.
3. Kindly permit me to invite your attention to our page 112 where we requested the PS, MHA & I to forward names of persons suitable to be appointed to the Antiquities Commission for the consideration of HEMG. Though a reminder was sent to this letter at p.114, I wish to report that no reply has yet been received from the MHA&I. The PS may also wish to take this matter up with his counterpart in that Ministry as such a step will no doubt serve a more useful purpose than merely issuing another reminder.

  
(Femi Osunro)  
A. S. (G),  
12/12/74.

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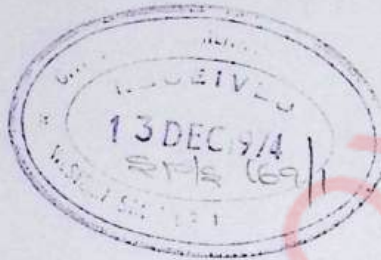
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Telegrams : DIRMUSEUMS LAGOS.

Ref. No. MCF. 6201A/3

DIRECTOR'S OFFICE,  
NIGERIAN MUSEUM,  
LAGOS, NIGERIA

7th December, 1974



The Secretary to the  
Military Government,  
Military Governor's Office,  
I b a d a n.  
Western State.

Reminder on Forthcoming Eighth Meeting of  
the National Antiquities Commission

With reference to the National Antiquities Commission letter ref. No. MCF. 6201A/1 dated 21/11/74 which has not been replied, I am directed to ask you to confirm if your government would be able to host Antiquities Commission Meeting scheduled to take place at Ibadan from 3rd-8th February, 1975.

Early reply would be appreciated.

(O. Okubanjo)  
for Director,  
Department of Antiquities.

OO/SRT.

In mail:

Note:

I am seeing these  
papers for the first time.

9/12 JPS 16/12

JPS.

What is holding up  
a reply pl.?

c/s pl. speak!

16/12

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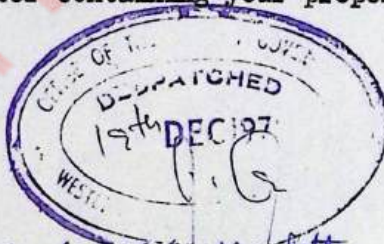
18 December, 1974

Dr. Ekpo O. Eyo,  
Director,  
Federal Department of Antiquities,  
Nigerian Museum,  
Lagos.

Eighth Meeting of the National  
Antiquities Commission

The undersigned had a telephone discussion with you today about letters Nos. MCF. 62 01A/1 of 21st November, 1974 and MCF. 6201A/3 of 7th December, 1974 forwarded to this Office on your behalf. You kindly agreed to forward another letter which would contain definite proposals as to the role which your Commission would wish His Excellency the Military Governor of this State to play during the eighth Meeting of your Commission which will take place in Ibadan early in February next year.

2. I should be much obliged if you would let me have your letter containing your proposals at your earliest convenience.



CR

PP. despatched letter

at L.C. and L.U. on

21/1/75

gmo

18/12/74

(G. A. O. Oyinlola),  
for Secretary to the Military  
Government & Head of Service.



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To:- Priority = Secretary to the Military Government  
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Secretary antiquities commission will be  
in your office 27<sup>th</sup> December 1974 in connection  
with the commissions forth coming  
meeting =

Dir Museum +

A.P.W. Ltd., Graphic House, Lagos. 002/474

*See p. 118*

*CR*

*PP. give me file by hand on 27/12/74.*

*SMO*

*JPS*

*19/12*

*JPS.*

*The above is respectfully  
submitted for your kind attention  
release.*

*G. A 27/12/74*

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PSOM 9

Following the discussion I had with you when I saw p.117, I had a telephone discussion with Dr. Eyo, Director of the Dept. of Antiquities and also addressed p.118 to him.

2. According to the telegram overleaf, the Secretary of the Antiquities Commission will be here today.

9/12  
JPS  
21/12/74

H.E.M.G.

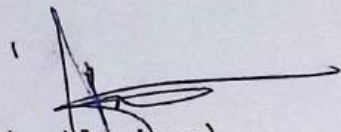
Via

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

The Federal Department of Antiquities proposes to hold its 8th meeting in Ibadan from 3rd to 8th February, 1975. In its letter at page 113, it prays Y.E. for "formal concession and government support for the success of the meeting".

2. A representative of the Department met me in my office today. He explained that apart from the moral support of the Western State Govt. which the proposed conference would require, the involvement of Govt is limited to the part which our M.H.A.&.I. will play in arranging press, radio and t.v. coverage for the conference in which the Ministry itself is expected to participate. The Ministry has been contacted direct on this issue.

3. This is therefore for Y.E.'s information. On return of file, I shall inform the Director that there is no objection to the proposed meeting taking place in Ibadan.



(M. A. Adesiyun)  
P.S.O.M.G.

27/12/74.

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**S. O. BIOBAKU**  
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Investment House (Flat 2)  
21/25, Yakubu Gowon Street,  
(Odunlami Street Entrance)  
P. O. Box 7741,  
Lagos, Nigeria.

SP/S 169/1

Ref. ....

17th December, 1974.

A. O. Adebayo, Esq.,  
Secretary to the Military Government,  
Governor's Office,  
IBADAN.



*My dear SMG,*

Antiquities Commission Meeting in Ibadan

I am writing to introduce the bearer, Mr. O. Okubanjo the new Secretary to the Antiquities Commission, who is coming to Ibadan in connection with our proposed meeting of the Commission scheduled to take place in Ibadan from 3rd to 10th February, 1975. Our last meeting in Enugu was most successful and I am naturally anxious that we should maintain the same standard of performance at Ibadan. I should, therefore, be very grateful if you would kindly intervene with the officers concerned so as to ensure an adequate and speedy preparation.

Our programme usually includes a courtesy call on His Excellency the State Military Governor but on this occasion, we would like an opportunity to discuss the question of adequate financing of the Ife Museum which, as you know, is a State Museum run by the Federal Department of Antiquities. Our social engagements usually includes a reception by the appropriate Commissioner and, if you approve of it, a small dinner party at the end given by us to enable us to thank all those who have been so kind to us during our stay in the State.

In view of the fact that Ile-Ife would be a great point of attraction during the forthcoming 2nd World Festival of Black and African Art and Culture to be held in Lagos next November, we propose to visit Ile-Ife to see the Museum, inspect other national Monuments there and, of course, pay a courtesy call on the Oni of Ife. Similarly, we plan to visit the Alafin of Oyo and see the Palace. At all events, Mr. Okubanjo will outline our programme to your officers and if we can all be accommodated at the Premier Hotel, it would facilitate our consultations in between meetings. We shall also appreciate full media coverage for our activities.

I trust that you will assist us in every way to make our meeting in Ibadan a resounding success.

*With all best wishes for Xmas and  
the New Year,*

*Yours very sincerely*  
*S. O. Biobaku*

(S. O. Biobaku)  
Chairman,  
National Antiquities Commission

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SP/S. 169/1/123

30 December, 1974.

Dr. S. O. Biobaku,  
Investment House (Flat 2)  
21/25, Yakubu Gowon Street,  
P. O. Box 7741,  
Lagos.

Antiquities Commission Meeting in Ibadan

Many thanks for your letter of 17th December, 1974. It is gratifying to know that the next meeting of the Commission will be holding in Ibadan next February. We will certainly do our best to make adequate preparation for the meeting. Further communications on this matter will be addressed, if need be, by the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs and Information.

*Augustus O. Adebayo*

(A. O. ADEBAYO),  
Secretary to the Military Government  
and Head of Service.

Ref.No. SP/S.169/1/123A

Office of the Military Governor,  
Ibadan. 30 December, 1974.

Copy to:

Mrs. T. Alakija,  
Ag. Permanent Secretary,  
Ministry of Home Affairs and Information,  
IBADAN.

Above for information. I attach a copy of the letter from Dr. Biobaku and I would be glad if you would kindly take all necessary action in preparation for the meeting of the Commission.

*Ag bu. 26/1*  
*2/1. 2/3/1*

*Augustus O. Adebayo*

(A. O. ADEBAYO),  
Secretary to the Military Government  
and Head of Service.



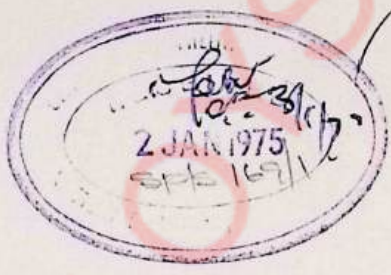
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Mr B. O.  
Osunuga  
Sec., Comm.

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FEDERAL DEPARTMENT OF ANTIQUITIES

Telephone :

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Telegrams : DIRMUSEUMS LAGOS.

Ref. No. MCF 6201A/11

DIRECTOR'S OFFICE,  
NIGERIAN MUSEUM,  
LAGOS, NIGERIA

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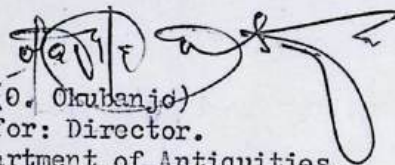
30th December, 1974

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



Following my discussion with the Permanent Secretary in the Military Governor's Office-Mr. Adesiyan who has verbally given the assurance that the state would be happy to host the next National Antiquities Commission meeting on scheduled date, 3rd-8th February, 1975, I am directed to thank the State Government for their good gesture, and to remind for a favour of sending the official letter which gives the approval to the Commission to hold the meeting early.

Thanks sir,

  
(O. Okubanjo)  
for: Director.  
Department of Antiquities.

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c/s

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File Note

On Monday, January 6, Mr. B. O. Osinuga, Secretary, National Antiquities Commission called on me in the office to discuss the arrangement for the meeting of the Commission scheduled to take place in Ibadan from the 3rd to the 8th of February, 1975. He confirmed that what the Commission wants is the opportunity to pay a courtesy call on His Excellency at any <sup>convenient</sup> time to His Excellency ~~convenient~~ during the period that the Commission's meeting would last.

2. With regard to the question of the Conference Hall to be used by the Commission, vide p.123, Mr. Osinuga accepted my suggestion that he should go and inspect the Conference Hall at the Premier Hotel to enable him to determine its suitability or otherwise for the use of the Commission. He also gave an undertaking to report his findings back to me, but he never did so before he went back to Lagos and has not done so ever since. When all attempts made to get him on telephone in Lagos had failed, I got Mr. Osho of the Cultural Affairs Division, Ministry of Home Affairs and Information who, on my instruction, has now confirmed from the Premier Hotel that Mr. Osinuga had made firm bookings for hotel accommodation as well as for the use of the conference hall.

9/10  
(G. A. O. Oyinlola)  
D.P.S.

9/11/75.

Y. E.,

Via

P.S.O.M.G.,



I respectfully invite Y. E's attention to the letter at p.122 in which Dr. S. O. Biobaku, Chairman, National Antiquities Commission has notified his Commission's proposal to hold a meeting at Ibadan from 3rd to 10th February, 1975.

2. According to para.2 of Dr. Biobaku's letter, members of the Commission would feel honoured if Y.E. would give them the opportunity of the courtesy call on you and of discussing the question of adequate financing of Ife Museum. The Commission would also appreciate a reception to be given by the appropriate State Commissioner while <sup>the</sup> Commission itself would also hold a small dinner party at the end of its meeting. A copy of p.122 had already been forwarded to the P.S.M.H.A.I. for necessary action in preparation for the meeting of the Commission.

3. The Secretary of the Commission called on me in the office on Monday, January 6, as recorded in the note at p.125 to confirm that the meeting would take place from 3rd to 8th (not 10th as stated in para.1 of p.122) of February. He made the point that in order to enable his Commission to finalise action on the programme of the meeting, it would be necessary to know the date and time it would be Y.E's pleasure to receive members of the Commission. Y. E. is therefore respectfully invited to indicate your convenience.

G. A. O. Oyinlola

(G. A. O. Oyinlola),  
D. P. S.

9 Jan. 1975

3/2/75 at 10 a.m.

Handwritten initials and date 13/1.

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D.P.S.

O'leaf. Please convey HE's  
appointment to the National Antiquities  
Commission.

~~AS~~ 13/1/75

cls

14/1/75.

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13/1/75

by hand <sup>at</sup> 8 am. tomorrow,



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SP/S.169/1/128.

14 January, 1975

Dr. Ekpo O. Eyo,  
Director,  
Federal Department of Antiquities,  
Nigerian Museum,  
Lagos.

Antiquities Commission Meeting in Ibadan

P. 128  
Further to our letter No. SP/S.169/1/123 of 30th December, 1974 addressed to Dr. S. O. Biobaku (a copy is attached hereto for ease of reference), I hereby confirm the statement made to you on telephone this morning that His Excellency the Military Governor has graciously agreed to receive members of your Commission in his office at 10.00 a.m. on Monday, 3rd February, 1975.



<sup>4/75</sup>  
(G. A. O. Oyinlola),  
for Secretary to the Military  
Government & Head of Service.

Pl. despatch the letter and l.c. u. file to me  
by hand on 30/1/75.

S/A  
14/1/75 (for file 14/1)



Ministry of Home Affairs  
and Information

ADMINISTRATION AND GENERAL DIVISION  
IBADAN, WESTERN STATE OF NIGERIA

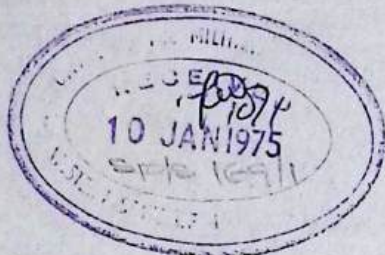
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Our Ref. No. C.ADM.143/973.

Date: 8<sup>th</sup> January, 1975.



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

(For the attention of Mr. M.A. Adesiyen)

Re-appointment of Members of the  
Antiquities Commission

P.112 I wish to refer to your letter No. SP/S.169/1/111  
of 3rd October, 1974 and recommend, for the consideration  
of His Excellency the Military Governor, the under-mentioned  
who is a suitable person to be appointed to the Antiquities  
Commission to represent the Western State :-

P.131  
Prof. S. A. Akintoye, B.A.; Ph.D.  
Director,  
Institute of African Studies,  
University of Ife,  
Ile-Ife.

Teju Alakija  
(Mrs. Teju Alakija)  
Ag. Permanent Secretary.



Ministry of Home Affairs  
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IBADAN, WESTERN STATE OF NIGERIA

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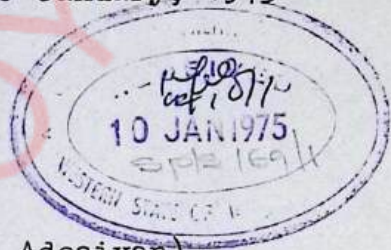
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8 January, 1975

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



(For the attention of Mr. M.A. Adesiyani)

Antiquities Commission Meeting in Ibadan

I refer to your endorsement No. SP/S.169/1/123A of 30th December, 1974, with respect to the proposed meeting of the above mentioned Commission. My ministry is making all necessary arrangements and in this regard we have requested for a copy of the programme for the meeting. I think that the Commission would wish to pay a courtesy call on His Excellency the Military Governor, if His Excellency would graciously agree to see them.

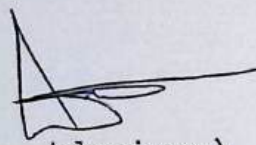
Teju Alakija  
(Mrs. Teju Alakija),  
Ag. Permanent Secretary

CR. Please resubmit in the  
main file. Urgently.

H.E.M.G.

Y.E.'s pleasure had already been sought in the main file on the date and time when it would be convenient for Y.E. to receive members of the Antiquities Commission during their meeting holding here from 3rd - 8th February.

2. As this State is required to nominate a representative to serve on the Commission, M.H.A.&I. has been requested to suggest names of suitable persons for Y.E.'s consideration. Prof. Akintoye of Unife has been proposed. (Vide letter at p.1). I shall be grateful for Y.E.'s approval.

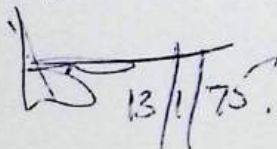
  
Ag. (M. A. Adesiyani)  
P.S.O.M.G.  
13 /1/75.

Approved.

EM  
13/1/75

D.P.S.

Please transmit the name of our rep. (page 1) to Lagos. You already have the main file.

  
13/1/75.

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SP/S.169/1/132.

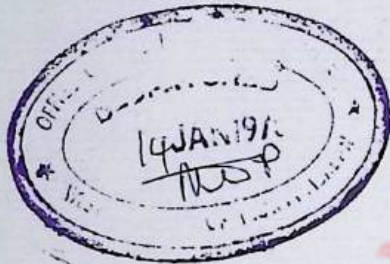
14 January, 1975

The Permanent Secretary,  
Federal Ministry of Education,  
Administrative Division,  
Lagos.

Re-appointment of Members of the  
Antiquities Commission

P110 With reference to your letter No. SME.235/S.4/Vol.IV/882 of 9th September, 1974, I am pleased to inform you that His Excellency the Military Governor has appointed Professor S. A. Alkintoye, B. A.; Ph.D, Director, Institute of African Studies, University of Ife, Ile-Ife to represent the Western State of Nigeria on the Antiquities Commission.

2. I should be much obliged if you would acknowledge this letter as soon as you receive it.



g/ro  
(G. A. O. Oyinlola),  
for Secretary to the Military  
Government & Head of Service.

Our Ref. No. SP/S.169/1/132A:  
Ibadan.

Copy to:

14 January, 1975

The Permanent Secretary,  
Ministry of Home Affairs and  
Information,  
Ibadan.

P160 For information with reference to your letter No. C.ADM.143/975 of 8th January, 1975.

g/ro  
(G. A. O. Oyinlola),  
for Secretary to the Military  
Government & Head of Service.

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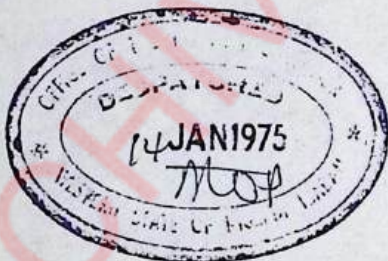
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Ministry of Home Affairs and  
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For information with reference to your letter No. C.ADM.143/974  
of 8th January, 1975.



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(G. A. O. Oyinlola),  
for Secretary to the Military  
Government & Head of Service.

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Pl. despatch the letters at h.c. and h.u.

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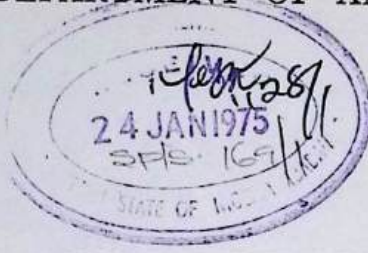
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DIRECTOR'S OFFICE,  
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LAGOS, NIGERIA  
9th January, 1975

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

Eighth Meeting of the National Antiquities  
Commission

With reference to your letter SP/S.169/1/118 of 18th  
December, 1974 and our conversation, (Oyinlola/Osinuga), in your  
office on Monday 6th January, 1975, I hereby confirm in writing  
that there is no such involvement as to disrupt His Excellency,  
the Military Governor's programme. Members only pay courtesy  
call on His Excellency for as brief a period as an hour.

2. We would work out this together when the final  
programme is being considered. Other matters in connection with  
the meeting would be sorted out with the Permanent Secretary of  
the Ministry of Information in your state and you would be kept  
fully informed.

3. Thank you.

*[Signature]*  
(B. O. Osinuga),  
for Director,  
Department of Antiquities.

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Pl. enclose this in the main file when  
it comes available. All arrangements  
had been concluded in the main file.

2. Is there any reason for keeping at l.c.  
the circular on the abolition of Crown  
Agents Imprest Accounts?

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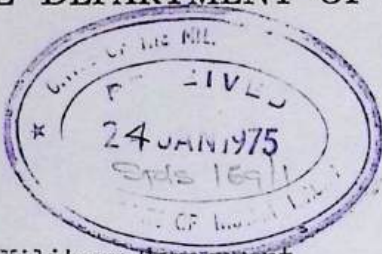
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DIRECTOR'S OFFICE,  
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LAGOS, NIGERIA

18th January, 1975

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

For the attention of Mr. G. A. O. Oyinlola

Eighth Meeting of the National  
Antiquities Commission

With reference to your telephone enquiry to this Department in connection with the above-mentioned meeting, I am directed to confirm that it would be suitable for members of the National Antiquities Commission to pay a courtesy call on His Excellency, the Military Governor of the Western State on Monday February 3rd at 10.00a.m.

2. Other matters relevant to this meeting are being sorted out with your Ministry of Information. A copy of our programme as approved by the Chairman National Antiquities Commission is attached for your information.

3. I am indeed very grateful for your assistance and co-operation. We look forward to a very successful meeting at Ibadan.

(B. O. Osinuga)  
for Director,  
Department of Antiquities.

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8th Meeting of the Reconstituted National  
Antiquities Commission held between  
3rd and 8th February, 1975

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|---------------------|----------|-------|---|
| Arrival 2nd         | -        | -     | Arrival at Ibadan   |
|                     | 5.00p.m  | -     | Tour of the city (to be conducted round by an official of the Western State Government)   |
|                     |          |       | Courtesy call on the Olubadan of Ibadan.  |
|                     | 6.00p.m  | -     | Dinner  |
|                     | 8.30p.m  | -     | Film Show.  |
| Monday 3rd February | 8.30p.m. | -     | Opening of the meeting by the Hon. Commissioner for Information Western State.            |
|                     |          | -     | Courtesy call on His Excellency Military Governor of the Western State.                   |
|                     | 10.00a.m | -     | Plenary Session   |
|                     | 11.30a.m | -     | Lunch Break   |
|                     | 1.00p.m  | -     | Afternoon Break   |
|                     | 3.30p.m  | -     | Welcome Party.  |
|                     | 5.00p.m  | -     | Entertainment Traditional Dances by the Western State Government.                         |
| Tuesday 4th         | 9.30a.m  | -     | Plenary Session   |
|                     | 1.00p.m  | -     | Lunch Break   |
|                     | 3.00p.m  | -     | Afternoon Session   |
|                     | 5.00p.m  | -     | Press Conference  |
| Wednesday 5th       | 7.30a.m  | -     | Break-fast  |
|                     | 8.30a.m  | -     | Visit   |
|                     |          | (i)   | Ife   |
|                     |          |       | Courtesy call on the Oni of Ife   |
|                     |          | (ii)  | Visit to the Ife Museum and Opa-Oranyan   |
|                     |          | (iii) | Visit to the Institute of African Studies and Courtesy call on the Vice-Chancellor Unife. |
|                     | 2.00p.m  | -     | Lunch at Ife  |
|                     |          |       | Oyo - Courtesy call on the Alafin.  |
|                     |          |       | Oshogbo - Courtesy call on the Alaoja of Oshogbo  |
|                     |          | (ii)  | Visit to the Oshun Shrine and Keeper - Sussan Wenger.                                     |
|                     |          | (iii) | Ede - Courtesy call on Timi of Ede.   |

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- Thursday 6th 9.30a.m - Plenary Session
- 10.00a.m - Visit to the University of Ibadan
  - (i) Visit to Institute of African Studies .
  - (ii) Courtesy call on the Vice Chancellor
- 2.00p.m - Lunch Break
- 3.30p.m - Afternoon Session
- 5.00p.m - T. V. Appearance
- 7.00p.m - Cock-tail Party given by the National Antiquities Commission
- Friday 7th - Departure.

DPS.

Pages 134 - 136 are respectfully submitted for your kind attention please

J J

24/1/75

SM 9 & HS  
via  
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Pl. see from p.134 for information.

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DPS  
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DPS. Sorry, page 126 has answered my query opposite. Please confirm from Priv. Sec. that HE can still keep his app.

DPS. Was XX p.134 cleared with HE? It is most likely that HE wd still be in Lagos at that time. Please clarify.

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Note:

I have spoken to the Private Sec. to H.E. who confirmed that H.E. had already taken note of the appointment with the National Antiquities Commission and that on Friday, Jan. 31, H.E. also has an appointment with the U.S. Ambassador. The Private Sec. would confirm from H.E. on Friday that he would still be able to keep the appointment for Monday, Feb. 3.

GMO.  
DPS  
29/1/75

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Pf. give me file by hand early on Friday, Jan. 31.

GMO.  
29/1/75

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29 January, 1975

Dr. Ekpo Eyo,  
Director,  
Federal Department of Antiquities,  
Nigerian Museum,  
Lagos.

Antiquities Commission Meeting in Ibadan

Please refer to my letter No. SP/S.169/1/128 of 14th January, 1975. I have just received instruction from His Excellency the Military Governor to inform you that it will be 12 noon on Monday, February 3, 1975 that he will be able to receive members of your Commission in his office.

2. Since I got this instruction I have made efforts, but without success, to pass it on to you by telephone. This is why this letter is being sent to you by special dispatch so that it may be delivered to you personally.

Despatched  
Jan 29/11

9AD  
(G. A. O. Oyinlola),  
for Secretary to the Military  
Government & Head of Service.

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- Pl. refer to your minutes at p.136.
- 2. Mr Osundina has had consultation with HEMG who has changed the time he will receive members of the National Antiquities Commission from 10 am. to 12 noon on Feb. 3.
- 3. The original of the foregoing letter is being carried to Lagos by a driver whom Mr Osundina is sending there early tomorrow.

9AD  
DPS  
29/1/75

Note: I've told PSDMG that the driver left at 6 am. before I got that info. In fact...

DPS. Noted. Please let the driver check from us if we have anything urgent for Lagos.

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Ministry of Home Affairs  
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ADMINISTRATION AND GENERAL DIVISION  
IBADAN, WESTERN STATE OF NIGERIA

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Your Ref. No.

Our Ref. No. C.ADM.156/902

27<sup>th</sup> March, 1975.

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



(Attention of Mr. M. A. Adesiyani)

I refer to the directive of His Excellency, the Military Governor, during the Treasury Board Exercise, that my Ministry should prepare a comprehensive brief on the maintenance, the State's financial involvement in, as well as the ownership of the Ife Museum. I now want to report that whilst my brief required on the subject was immediately prepared, it had not been possible to obtain detailed information from the Department of Antiquities in Lagos on the disbursement of this State's annual subvention to the Museum. The Director of Antiquities, Dr. Eyo, who alone I am told can furnish us with this information had been on tour away from Lagos. The relevant brief will be forwarded as soon as we can contact Dr. Eyo for this vital information.

XK

Teju Alakija  
(Mrs. Teju Alakija)  
Ag. Permanent Secretary.

*Handwritten notes:*  
What is the connection of the subject of this letter with that of S.P.S. 69/11 - Catering Rest Houses?  
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I respectfully refer to your kind correction herein

2. The index which has not been cleared

ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO BE ADDRESSED TO THE PERMANENT SECRETARY QUOTING THE ABOVE REFERENCE

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ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DIVISION  
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
NEW DELHI



Secretary to Government  
Office of the Director  
New Delhi

The Director of the Department of Public Relations, New Delhi, is requested to advise the Government of India, New Delhi, regarding the appointment of a representative of the Government of India to the National Institute of Advanced Studies, Dehra Dun, for the purpose of attending the course of study in the Department of Public Relations, New Delhi, during the year 1954-55. The Government of India, New Delhi, is requested to advise the Government of India, New Delhi, regarding the appointment of a representative of the Government of India to the National Institute of Advanced Studies, Dehra Dun, for the purpose of attending the course of study in the Department of Public Relations, New Delhi, during the year 1954-55.

By me is certainly wrong. Letter is hereby re-ward, in the appropriate file, pls.

Per  
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SMG:HS.

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Ministry of Home Affairs  
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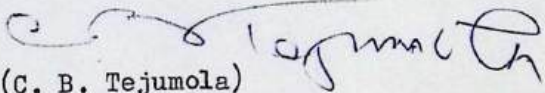
Secretary to the Military Government  
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Office of the Military Governor,  
(Government and Administration Division),  
Ibadan.

(For the attention of Mr. J. B. Alao)

Antiquities Commission: Meeting at Ibadan

P.143

I am directed to forward herewith a photostat copy of a letter  
from the Federal Department of Antiquities in which profound gratitude  
is being conveyed through this Ministry to His Excellency the Military  
Governor of the Western State.

  
(C. B. Tejumola)  
for Ag. Permanent Secretary.

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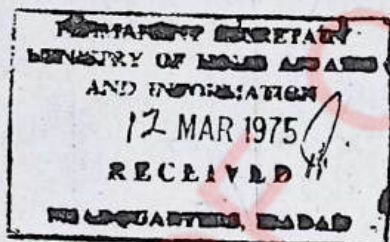
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DIRECTOR'S OFFICE,  
NIGERIAN MUSEUM,  
LAGOS, NIGERIA

28th February, 1975

The Permanent Secretary,  
Ministry of Home Affairs and Information,  
Ibadan,  
Western State.

On behalf of the Chairman and members of the National Antiquities Commission, I wish to express our gratitude, through you, to His Excellency the Military Governor of Western State, the Honourable Commissioner for Home Affairs and Information, yourself and members of your staff who contributed immensely to make the last Commission's meeting in Ibadan a huge success.

2. May I seize this opportunity to request for complimentary copies of the photographs taken by the official photographers during the meeting.

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*(Signature)*  
(B. O. Osinuga),  
for Director  
Department of Antiquities.

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*Please submit to me in relevant file*  
*Rejo Alabi Jr*  
*14/3/75*

*N. f. a.*

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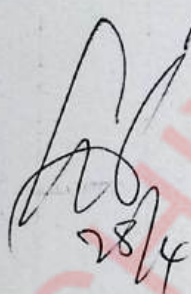
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Smaghts

I respectfully bring up  
file in compliance with your  
last instructions -> p.141, p13.

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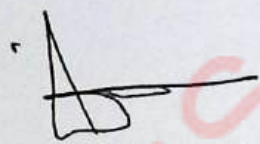
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Bu. to me 15/5.

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H.E.M.G.,

I respectfully observe that it is usual, when submissions are made to Y.E. by State Commissioners as in the minute placed at b.c. of this file, for Y.E. to give disposal instructions. This is why I am not sure if Y.E. had seen these papers which came to me with copies of E.P.P.U.'s reports on Ossini and the Assignment of Assets and Liabilities of the former W.N.D.C.

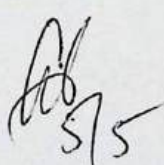
2. I should be grateful for confirmation that Y.E. had seen the papers, and for disposal instructions.



(M. A. ADESIYAN)  
Ag. P.S.O.M.G.

2<sup>nd</sup> May, 1975.

No, I am seeing them for the first time. Pse process.

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Y.E.,

At the Treasury Board sitting on 18/2/75 when the Draft Estimates of my Ministry was being discussed, Your Excellency directed that further details should be furnished with regard to the ownership of, control and the State's commitments for the maintenance of the Ife Museum. I regret that it had not been possible to make this submission immediately, because my officials had not been able to contact Dr. Eyo who is the only person who could give facts on the actual disbursement of Western State's annual subvention to the Museum. Dr. Eyo, who had been in Kaduna in connection with the opening of the Federal Military Government Museum in that city, only returned to Lagos after this last Easter holidays.

2. The Ife Museum which was established in 1932 by the Ife Native Authority, has a long history behind it especially in regard to the ownership. This question of ownership, however, appeared to have been resolved when, during the 1954 Constitutional Conference, the Western Region delegation opposed the inclusion of the Museum in the Exclusive List of Federal Subjects, and the ownership of the museum was vested in the then Western Regional Government, which in turn vested responsibility for its upkeep in the Ministry of Home Affairs and Information. In 1956/57, therefore, a sum of £670 (₦1,340) appeared in my Ministry's Estimates for the upkeep of the Museum. From available record, this vote had always been spent by the staff of the Department of Antiquities on behalf of the Western State. In 1958 and at the instance of the Director of Antiquities, an archaeologist, by name Mr. Willet, was employed to do some excavations for the museum. But funds to provide equipment and other materials

and facilities for him were made available by the Western Regional Government. In this regard, please find attached marked annexure 'A' the memorandum seeking approval of Council for this expenditure.

3. I give Your Excellency the preceding information to show that the Western State had, over the years, made financial contribution to the upkeep as well as the expansion of the Museum, which had come to be referred to as subvention. However, from time to time, arguments had been advanced that the Museum should be handed over to the Federal Government. In 1969, the opinion of the Solicitor-General was sought on the issue, and his advice was that the Museum had come under the ownership and control of the former Western Regional Government and later the Western State Government since 1954. He commented and I quote, "Neither the Treasury nor the Exco. has any legislative power to alter the decision reached at the Constitutional Conference, which decision has been made part of the Constitutional Law. Any attempted alteration of this decision will be a purported amendment of the constitutional provisions.

At the moment, it is only the Federal Military Government that is competent to amend the provision of the Constitution of the Federation Act No. 20 of 1963". He then advised that the solution to the problem of maintenance of the Museum was to get the Federal Military Government to declare it as a Museum of the Federation. A copy of the Solicitor-General's advice is attached hereto as annexure 'B'.

4. Indeed, the Federal Department of Antiquities itself has attempted, over the years, to persuade the Western State to hand over the control of the Museum to the Federal Government. But when the question of shortage of funds

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for the Museum was brought to the notice of the Oni of Ife, Oba Adesoji Aderemi, he wrote a letter of appeal to the then Military Governor of the Western State, requesting Government to increase funds for its upkeep, a copy of the Oni's letter is attached hereto marked annexure 'C'. This Ministry has also, over the years, debated both the question of ownership of the Museum and the acute shortage of funds for its upkeep. The general feeling in the Ministry is that, since the Western State Government originally insisted at the 1954 Constitutional Conference that the Museum should remain with the West, the State should continue to maintain it. It is felt that it would be a great pity if, for the reason of a subvention which cannot be said to be very substantial, the Western State Government decides to hand over to the Federal Government, these great and highly valued relics of the Yoruba civilization. One can imagine that once the Museum becomes a Federal one, objects in it can be re-allocated to other Museums as the Director of Antiquities likes. Whereas, now, none of the objects can leave the Ife Museum unless for very special reasons and with the knowledge of the Oni of Ife and the Western State Government. This also means that all who hear of the great works of art and want to see them, have to visit the museum in Ife.

5. In view of the general concensus that the Western State should continue to accept responsibility for the museum's upkeep, a memorandum on the subject was presented to Council which then approved the continued maintenance of the Museum by the State Government. It further directed that the cost of full maintenance should be accepted, should that become necessary in the future. Your Excellency is respectfully referred to a copy of the memorandum and its Conclusion marked annexures 'D' & 'E'

respectively and attached hereto for ease of reference.

6. From the statistics of expenditure available in this Ministry, it is seen that from 1955/56 Financial Year to 1971/72 this State had provided a total sum of ₦46,820 (i.e. £23,410) whilst the Federal Government had spent about ₦70,178 (£35,089). In the years that followed, the State's subvention was progressively increased as shown hereunder:-

1972/73	-	₦6,000
1973/74	-	₦10,000
1974/75	-	₦10,000

In effect, and as stated earlier, the existing arrangement has been that the Antiquities Department of the Federal Ministry of Education manages the Museum on behalf of this State on reimbursement basis.

7. I would like to comment that, hitherto, this arrangement had been most convenient as the Ministry of Home Affairs could not keep on its establishment the type of staff like an archaeologist, curator or a museum assistant, who would be required to work in a museum. On the other hand, the staff of the Ife Museum, were well catered for by the Federal Department of Antiquities which had other museums in other parts of the Federation. But now that there is going to be a Cultural Centre in the Western State, the case may be made for this Ministry to have more control over the staff of the museum along with the staff of the Cultural Centre. In the meantime, however, and until such time as the management of the Cultural Centre has been firmly put on the ground, Your Excellency might wish to allow the continuation of the present arrangement whereby the Department of Antiquities in Lagos manages the museum on behalf of this State.

8. However, before recommendation is made to Your Excellency for increase in the usual ₦10,000 subvention, the Director of Antiquities in Lagos was contacted to give us the actual expenditure of the Museum since 1970. Below is the information received from him, whilst attached as annexure 'F' is a further detailed breakdown of the expenditure.

1970	-	₦9,416.25
1971	-	9,438.13
1972	-	9,483.40
1973	-	9,931.34
1974	-	22,181.49

The Director has explained that the obvious marked increase between the 1973 and 1974 expenditures is due partly to the increase as a result of Udoji Awards and also partly because since 1974, a full time archaeologist had been transferred to the Museum. If the view that the Department of Antiquities should, for the time being, continue to manage the Museum on our behalf, is approved by Your Excellency, I would recommend for Your Excellency's consideration an increase in the subvention currently made to the museum which, as the Commission of Antiquities remarked when it visited Your Excellency, is rather inadequate. This year's provision might then be increased to ₦22,181.49 which is the actual amount expended in 1974 and the breakdown of which is as shown below:-

1.	Motor vehicle Maintenance/Running costs	₦1,064.80
2.	Office and General ... ..	250.00
3.	(a) Staff Salaries .. ..	18,076.55
	(b) Staff Leave Bonus ...	1,920.00
4.	Power and water consumption ...	<u>870.14</u>
	Total:	<u>₦22,181.49</u>

I give below a further breakdown of the figure of ₦18,076.55 for salaries for the minimum staff needed in the Museum.

1 Archaeologist	₦2,857.58
1 Technical Officer	1,704.96
1 Museum Assistant	870.00
4 Museum Attendants	3,289.43
4 Watchmen	3,103.99
1 Messenger	696.88
1 Security Guard	894.17
4 Labourers	2,711.09
1 Gardener	802.01
1 Driver	<u>1,146.44</u>
	<u>₦18,076.55</u>

9. For capital works, the following proposal was suggested by the Director of Antiquities.

Auditorium and Education wing, and new Gallery for Temporary Exhibition .. ..	₦200,000.00
Audio Visual Equipment:	
Cine Projector .. ..	<u>960.00</u>
Total	<u>₦200,960.00</u>

With regard to these capital works, Dr. Eyo explained that, as at now, the Museum at Ife is very lifeless and that the purpose of the Auditorium proposed at a total cost of ₦200,960, is to provide facilities and audio-visual equipments for drama, musical evenings and other such events which would enhance the growth of the Museum and increase its use. If fund was made available, Dr. Eyo proposes to shift the present Workshop attached to the Museum, to Ita Yemoo, in Ife, a shrine cum work-shop owned by the Department of Antiquities. However, my feeling is that it may now be a little late in terms of time, to envisage a major capital works for the Museum this financial year.

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But the request can be borne in mind against the 1975/76 financial year. Dr. Eyo also remarked that the staff kept at the Museum is the minimum required; that if it was possible to increase the strength, he would in fact wish to have more security guards and another museum assistant. My view on this too, is that consideration for any expansion should be against next year. Apparently the Federal Military Government is not willing to increase its financial commitment to the Museum because the Western State will not relinquish ownership of it. On this subject and for reasons already stated in this submission, it is advised that the State should not relinquish ownership of the Museum.

10. Now, from the above break-down, it would be agreed that an annual subvention of ₦10,000 given in the previous year is now no longer adequate. Your Excellency is therefore respectfully invited to :-

- (a) note the preceding information given on the History of the Ife Museum with regards to its ownership, control and this State's commitments for its upkeep,
- (b) note that the subvention of ₦10,000 given in 1974/75 financial year is inadequate,
- (c) agree that the amount should be increased to ₦22,181.49 to be spent as detailed in paragraph 8 above and authorise the Ministry of Finance to reflect it in Subhead 9 of Head 330 of my Ministry's 1975/76 Estimates.



(DR. KOLA MAJASAN),  
S.C.H.A.&I.,

11<sup>th</sup> April, 1975.

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EXECUTIVE COUNCIL: WESTERN REGIONModifications to Ife MuseumMemorandum by the Minister of Home Affairs  
and Midwest Affairs

The Director of Antiquities has written to my Permanent Secretary asking for the provision of funds to effect urgent alterations to, and provide equipment for, the Ife Museum. Recently, the Federal Government has posted an Archaeologist to work at Ife in connection with the very important finds recently made there and the prospects of making just as interesting finds in the future. His work is seriously hampered at present by having neither a workshop, laboratory, dark room nor a studio. Moreover, there is now insufficient room in the Museum to display adequately finds already made and it is obviously necessary to provide room for further finds in the future.

2. Council is, of course, aware that in academic and artistic circles, the art finds of Ife have been the best possible publicity agent for the Region and their name is well known in such circles over the whole of Europe and America. I, therefore, consider it would be false economy not to assist the Federal Government in building up this Museum (which is a Regional responsibility) into something of which both the Federal and our own Government can very well be proud.
3. The Director of Antiquities has obtained an estimate from the Regional Ministry of Works and Transport of £1,420 for the necessary alterations. The equipment and furniture necessary to secure reasonable working facilities for the Archaeologist now stationed at Ife is estimated at £1,225.
4. The Minister of Finance has signified his support of the proposals above.
5. Council is, therefore, invited to -
  - (a) support the proposals contained in paragraph 3 above;
  - and (b) authorise an approach to the Minister of Finance accordingly to seek the creation of new items of expenditure under current year Head 701, subhead 14 and Head 706, subhead 14 in the amounts of £1,420 and £1,225 respectively for structural alterations to, and the provision of additional essential equipment for, the Ife Museum.

(Intld.) A.E.

Ministry of Home Affairs and Midwest Affairs,  
Western Region, IBADAN.

28th November, 1958.

(44/1)

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, WESTERN REGION

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CONCLUSION EXTRACT

For: File Reference (44/1)

TO:

(1) P.S. M.H.M.A.

Action/Infm

(2)

Action/Infm

Thirty-Sixth Meeting of 1958 held on 8/12/1958

Subject: Modifications to Ife Museum

Memorandum E.C.(58) 680 by M.H.M.A.

CONCLUSION REFERENCE S.G.E.C.36(58) 23

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CONCLUSION 23

Modifications  
to Ife  
Museum.  
E.C.(58)680

The Council -

(1) supported the proposals contained in paragraph 3 of the Memorandum;

(44/1)

and (3) authorised an approach to the Minister of Finance accordingly to seek the creation of new items of expenditure under current year Head 701, Subhead 14 and Head 706, Subhead 14 in the amounts of £1,420 and £1,225 respectively for structural alterations to, and the provision of additional essential equipment for, the Ife Museum.

ACTION BY THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS AND MIDWEST AFFAIRS.

P.S.M.H.A. & I.,

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2. Before 1st October, 1954, Nigeria was a British Colony with a basically unitary Government. The Nigeria (Constitution) Order-in-Council 1954 which came into operation on 1st October, 1954 gave Nigeria a colonial government with federal structure. Item 25 on the Exclusive Legislative List enabled the Government of the Federation to exercise exclusive and executive powers over the Museums of the Federation, that is to say:

- (a) The following existing Museums, namely-
  - The Jos Museum
  - The Oron Museum
  - The House of Images at Esie.
- (b) any museums established by the Government of the Federation.

The Ife Museum does not come within the categories listed in this Item 25 of the 1954 Constitution. Before 1954, the Ife Museum had been established by the Nigerian Government which was then a unitary government. As indicated in your minutes on page 652, the Ife Museum was not included in the list of the Museums of the Federation by mutual consent of those who attended the conferences at which the Constitution was prepared. Thus from 1954, the Ife Museum comes under the ownership and control of the Western Region Government and later the Western State Government: Nigeria (Constitution) Order-in-Council, 1954, Nigeria (Constitution) Order-in-Council, 1960, and Constitution of the Federation Act No. 20 of 1963.

3. It appears doubtless that the Ife Museum comes within the concurrent Legislative List, of the Nigerian (Constitution) Order-in-Council, 1954, Nigerian (Constitution) Order-in-Council, 1960 and the Constitution of the Federation Act, 1963. That is why the provisions of Section 11(1) of the Antiquities Ordinance (now Antiquities Act) Cap.12 Laws of the Federation has been applied to making bye-laws for the Ife Museum (see

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pages 515-520) of Volume III of this file. The exercise of legislative powers by the Regional Government on subjects within the Concurrent List is restricted to those aspects of the subject that have not been covered by Federal legislation and furthermore the exercise by Regional Government of Executive power must not impede or prejudice the exercise of the executive authority of the Federation or to endanger the continuance of the Federal Government of Nigeria. The liability of the Government of the Federation to maintain the Ife Museum is limited to the extent to which the executive authority has been so committed through Federal legislation and not otherwise. The mere fact that the Ife Museum is being managed under the supervision of the Antiquities Commission cannot, as the law stands now, saddle the Commission or the Federal Government with liability for the costs of maintenance. At the moment there is no law in support of the suggestion that the commitments for the maintenance of Ife Museum should be reallocated among the twelve States of the Federation.

4. The provisions of section 3 of the Constitution (Suspension and Modification) Decree No. 1 of 1966 empowers the Federal Military Government to make for peace, order and good government of Nigeria or any part thereof with respect to any matter whatsoever in addition to forbidding the State Government from legislating on any matter on the Concurrent List, except with the prior consent of the Federal Government. It is absolutely impossible for a State Government, in this case the Western State to commit the Federal Military Government to liability for the maintenance of the Ife Museum.

5. Neither the Treasury nor the Exco. has any legislative power to alter the decision reached at a Constitutional Conference, which decision has been made part of the Constitutional Law. Any attempted alteration of this decision will be a purported amendment of the constitutional provisions. At the moment, it is only the Federal Military Government that is competent to amend the provision of the Constitution of the Federation Act

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No. 20 of 1963.

6. Perhaps the most advisable solution to the problem of financing the maintenance of the Museum is to get the Federal Military Government to declare the Museum as a Museum of the Federation. Such a declaration after prior consultation or negotiation will relieve the Western State Government of the onerous burden of maintaining the Museum.

7. I returned herewith volume III of this file.

(Sgd.,) K.G. Okuwa,  
Senior State Counsel II,  
for Solicitor-General,  
28th November, 1969.

ARCHIVES OF OYO STATE

The Afin,  
Ile-Ife,  
Nigeria.  
28th March, 1970.

His Excellency,  
Brigadier R.A. Adebayo,  
Military Governor,  
Western State,  
Ibadan.

Your Excellency,

Maintenance of Ife Museum of Antiquities

Quite recently the Director of Antiquities made representations to me about the acute shortage of funds for running the Ife Museum of Antiquities. He explained to me that the Federal Government was only responsible for general administration whilst the Western State Government was to bear the other expenses. In that regard an annual grant of £3,000 from the Western Nigeria Government was initially agreed to. This was reduced to £1,500 and was given spasmodically. There was even a time when only £1,200 was given. The grant for 1969/70 had not been paid by the Western State Government. He also told me that it will not be possible to get the salaries of the staff for the month of April.

Frankly speaking, I did not know the detailed working of the Ife Museum of Antiquities. All I know was that at the Constitutional Conference held in the early fifties, it was decided to leave the management of the Museum at Ife to the Government of Western Nigeria. I made that special request for it, and it was granted. People like Chief Obafemi Awolowo, the late Hon. Alhaj Abubakir Tefawa Balewa and some officials supported me.

The Ife Museum of Antiquities is a source of pride to the West in particular and Nigeria in general. People from overseas country do not regard their visit to Nigeria as complete without a visit to the Museum at Ife. There is therefore urgent need to provide funds and show practical interest in the affairs of the Museum so that it may continue to be our pride.

I was told that the Museum is already over-stuffed with new finds and that it needs expansion. I was told that some of the staff are ungraded and have no definable condition of service. I was told that the funds now being expended on the Museum are being squeezed from other sources by the Director who is very keen on the job of preserving the rich cultural heritage of Yorubaland.

It is my belief that the Museum deserves more than passive interest. It needs money from all sources to justify its existence. This money can only come from the Government of the Western State, The Ife Divisional Council and the Federal Government. I shall be happy to see concerted efforts being taken to put the Museum on solid basis.

I hope this matter will be given very urgent consideration.

Your Good Friend,

(Sgd.) Aderemi

Oni of Ife.

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ANNEXURE D.

M.G.(70) 68

COPY NO: 19

20th April, 1970.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL: WESTERN STATE OF NIGERIAThe Maintenance of Ife MuseumMemorandum by the Commissioner for Home Affairs and  
Information.

In 1968, Treasury Board in its Conclusion TB(68) Second Meeting, decided that the vote for Ife Museum "be reserved until a case has been made to the Federal Government for the re-allocation of the commitment among all the States of the Federation". In view of the facts available to my Ministry, I propose that Council should consider these facts and direct whether or not my Ministry should negotiate a transfer of Ife Museum to the Federal Government as proposed by the Treasury Board. The vote for Ife Museum is £1,500 per year towards the cost of maintenance of the Museum.

2. Ife Museum was established by the Ife Native Administration in 1932 and was rebuilt from funds provided by the Government of Nigeria in 1949 in the Oni's palace grounds at Ife and opened in 1955. At the 1954 Constitutional Conference, the Western delegation opposed the inclusion of the Museum in the Exclusive List of federal subjects as the Museum and its contents belong to the Ife Native Authority whose intention was to refund the cost of the building to the Central Government. The Conference agreed to delete Ife Museum from the Federal list and since then the cost of maintenance of the Museum had been defrayed by the Western Nigeria Government on the decision of the Cabinet that the antiquities are of interest to all Yoruba people and should not be a charge on the Ife Native Authority alone. The management of the Museum has however always been undertaken by the experts of the Nigerian Museum Service on behalf of the Western State Government.

3. The advice of the Solicitor-General has accordingly been sought on the decision of the Treasury Board. According to this advice, Ife Museum was not included in the list of the museums of the Federation by mutual consent of those who attended the Constitutional Conference at which the Nigerian (Constitution) Order-in-Council 1954 was prepared. For this reason, it came under the ownership and control of the former Western Region Government and later, the Western State Government. Ife Museum would appear to come within the Concurrent Legislative List of the Nigerian (Constitution) Order-in-Council 1954, the Nigerian (Constitution) Order-in-Council, 1960 and the Constitution of the Federation Act, 1963, and this was why the provisions of Section 11(1) of the Antiquities Ordinance (now Antiquities Act) Cap.12, Laws of the Federation, have been applied to making bye-laws for the Museum. The liability of the Government of the Federation to maintain the Ife Museum was limited to the extent in which the executive authority had been committed through Federal Legislation and not otherwise. The mere fact that the Museum was being managed under the supervision of the Antiquities Commission could not, as the Law stands, saddle the Commission or the Federal Government with the liabilities for the costs of maintenance. Under the provision of Section 3 of the Constitution (Suspension and Modification) Decree No.1 of 1966, it is absolutely impossible for a State Government, in this case the Western State, to commit the Federal Military Government to liability for the maintenance of the Ife Museum. Neither the Treasury Board nor the Executive Council had any Legislative power to alter the decision reached at a Constitutional Conference. Any attempted alteration of this decision would be an amendment of the Constitutional provisions. It is only the Federal Military Government that is competent to amend the provision of the Constitution of the Federation Act No.20 of 1963.

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4. The Solicitor-General also stated that the Treasury Board's decision would appear not to be in conformity with the existing laws of the Federation as they stand at the moment. He advised accordingly that the best way to achieve the aim of the Treasury Board was to get the Federal Military Government to declare the Museum as a Museum of the Federation, thereby relieving the Western State Government of the burden of maintaining it.
5. Regarding the cost of maintaining the Museum, I understand from the Federal authorities that staff salaries together with other running costs are now up to £6,000 per annum so that the Department of Antiquities is supplementing our provision of £1,500. It is also understood that the Federal Director of Audit has ruled that Federal funds could not be properly spent on the Ife Museum and this view has also been expressed by our Solicitor-General in his advice. We are therefore likely to be asked to provide more fund in the future for maintaining the museum.
6. I have given serious consideration to this matter and I feel that since the Western State originally insisted at the 1954 Constitutional Conference that the museum should remain with the West, the State should continue to maintain it and pay the full cost if this is necessary.
7. This Memorandum has the support of the Commissioner for Finance.
8. Council is invited -
  - (a) to approve the continued maintenance of the Ife Museum by the State Government;and (b) to agree that the cost of full maintenance be accepted should this become necessary in the future.

(Intld.) M. A. O.

Ministry of Home Affairs and Information,  
Ibadan,  
Western State of Nigeria.

17th April, 1970

(ADM.33).

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CONCLUSION EXTRACT

For: File Reference

(1) P.S., M.H.A.&I. Action ADM.33

To: (2) ..... Action/Infm .....

7th Meeting of 1970 held on 24 / 4 / 1970

Subject THE MAINTENANCE OF IFE MUSEUM,

Memorandum M.G.( 70) 68 by:CHA&I:...

CONCLUSION REFERENCE M.G.E.C. 7 (70) 14

CHA&I. CONCLUSION 14

The Maintenance of Ife Museum. Council -

- M.G.(70) 68 (a) approved the continued maintenance of the Ife Museum by the State Government;
- (ADM.33) and (b) agreed that the cost of full maintenance be accepted should this become necessary in the future.

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CONCLUSION EXTRACT

For: File Reference

- (1) P.S., M.H.A.& I                      Action/Infm      ADM.33
- (2)    Action/Infm

7th Meeting                      of 1970 held on 24/4/1970

Subject:              The Maintenance of Ife Museum.

Memorandum M.G.(70) 68              by C.H.A. & I

Conclusion Reference M.G.E.C.7 (70) 14

CHA&I.

CONCLUSION 14

The Maintenance  
of Ife Museum.

Council -

M.G.(70) 68

- (a) approved the continued maintenance of the  
Ife Museum by the State Government;

(ADM.33)

- and (b) agreed that the cost of full maintenance be accepted  
should this become necessary in the future.

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FIVE YEARS RECURRENT EXPENDITURE - IFE MUSEUM :1970

1.	Motor vehicle Maintenance/Running costs		₦ 600.83
2.	Office and General	.. ..	250.48
3.	(a) Staff salaries	.. ..	6,100.00
	(b) Leave bonus	.. ..	1,900.00
4.	Power and water consumption	..	<u>564.94</u>
	<b>Total:</b>		<u>₦9,416.25</u>

1971

1.	Motor vehicle Maintenance/Running costs		₦ 534.83
2.	Office and General	.. ..	300.00
3.	(a) Staff salaries	.. ..	6,100.00
	(b) Staff leave bonus	.. ..	1,900.00
4.	Power and water consumption	..	<u>603.30</u>
	<b>Total:</b>		<u>₦9,438.13</u>

1972

1.	Motor vehicle Maintenance/Running costs		₦ 529.97
2.	Office and General	.. ..	355.50
3.	(a) Staff salaries	.. ..	6,100.00
	(b) Staff leave bonus	.. ..	1,900.00
4.	Power and water consumption	..	<u>597.93</u>
	<b>Total:</b>		<u>₦9,483.40</u>

1973

1.	Motor vehicle Maintenance/Running costs		₦ 964.80
2.	Office and General	.. ..	210.70
3.	(a) Staff salaries	.. ..	6,175.54
	(b) Staff leave bonus	.. ..	1,920.00
4.	Power and water consumption	..	<u>660.30</u>
	<b>Total:</b>		<u>₦9,931.34</u>

1974

1.	Motor vehicle Maintenance/Running costs		₦1,064.80
2.	Office and General	.. ..	250.00
3.	(a) Staff salaries	.. ..	18,076.55
	(b) Staff leave bonus	.. ..	1,920.00
4.	Power and water consumption	..	<u>870.14</u>
	<b>Total</b>		<u>₦22,181.49</u>

Grand Total for the five years:

1970	-	₹	9,416.25
1971	-		9,438.13
1972	-		9,438.40
1973	-		9,931.34
1974	-		<u>22,181.49</u>
Total:			<u>₹60,450.61</u>

CAPITAL

Auditorium and Education wing, and new Gallery for			
Temporary Exhibition	..	..	₹ 200,000.00
Audio Visual Equipment:			
Cine Projector	..	..	960.00
Total:			<u>₹200,960.00</u>

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H.E.M.G.

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S.M.G.&H.S., 30/5

The submission made to Y.E. at pp.146-164 by C.H.A.&I. is in consequence of questions raised at the last Treasury Board on the ownership, control and state commitments for the maintenance of the Iife Museum.

2. The Commissioner has traced the history of the Museum as follows:

(a) that it was established in 1932 by the old Iife Native Authority;

(b) that the ownership of the Museum which the Federal Government had always wanted to take over became constitutionally vested in the old Western Region Government at the 1954 Constitutional Conference in London; at that time the Government of the former Western Region, on advice, declined to transfer the Museum to the Federal Government and it was therefore not placed on the Exclusive List. It has since been under M.H.A.&I. but maintained on behalf of the Ministry by the Federal Department of Antiquities;

(c) that the first provision (or subvention) made for the upkeep of the Museum was for ₦1,340 (£670) in 1956/57 financial year;

(d) that in 1958, another provision of ₦5,290 was made for certain alterations and equipment;

(e) that the question of transfer of the Museum to the Federal Government had constantly arose especially in view of the inadequate financial provision by the State Government for the upkeep of the Museum;

- (f) that when consideration was given to the issue of transfer in 1969, the Solicitor-General at that time advised that the Western State Government could not alter a decision reached at the Constitutional Conference and that transfer could only be effected if the Federal Government would declare the Museum as a Museum of the Federation. (vide annexure b);  
— p. 155
- (g) that H.R.H. Oni of Ife, anxious that the failure <sup>of the Govt.</sup> to provide the meagre financial provision required for the maintenance of the Museum should not rob the Yoruba people of greatly valued relics and works of art of Yoruba civilization, personally made a representation to the former Military Governor in 1970 (vide annexure c);  
— p. 158.
- (h) that in 1970, the Western State Government approved the continued maintenance of the Museum by the State Government and authorised that the full cost of maintenance be borne by Government whenever this became necessary (vide p.161).

3. After showing that the State Government's subvention had increased from ₦1,340 in 1956/57 to ₦10,000 in 1974/75 (see para.6, p.149), the Commissioner also gave a detailed breakdown of actual expenditure on the Museum since 1970. This showed an average of ₦9,500 annually from 1970 to 1973, rising to over ₦22,000 in 1974 as a result of the Udoji awards. (Para 8, p.150).

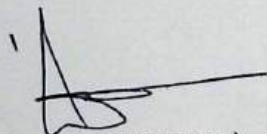
4. The summary of the Commissioner's recommendations are:

- (i) that the Department of Antiquities should continue to look after the Museum for the State Government since M.H.A.&I. cannot guarantee the specialist staff required for the operations;

- (ii) that at the completion of the Cultural Centre, the Ministry can take on a greater control of staff;
- (iii) that Government's subvention should immediately be increased to ₦22,181.49 which was the actual expenditure for 1974 consequent on Udoji awards;
- and (iv) that consideration should be given to the provision of ~~₦1,000~~<sup>₦200,960</sup> for capital works (Auditorium and gallery, Audio-Visual Equipment and workshop) proposed by Dr. Eyo during the next (i.e. 1976/77) financial year.

5. Y.E. is respectfully requested to approve the recommendations of C.H.A.&I. in para.4(i)-(iii) above and authorise that the Ministry of Finance should provide the sum of ₦22,181.49 under subhead 9, Head 330 of M.H.A.&I.'s 1975/76 Approved Estimates. The value of the Museum in the promotion of tourism is immense. Besides, a subvention of ₦22,000 cannot be regarded to be too much to preserve ~~these~~<sup>this</sup> invaluable inheritance for posterity. It is however not only early but also improper now to ask for commitment for capital works for the next financial year without the necessary consultations between M.H.A.&I. and M.E.D.

6. I apologise for my inability to return these papers to Y.E. earlier than now.

  
(M. A. ADESIYAN)  
Ag. P.S.O.M.G.

28<sup>th</sup> May, 1975.

Approved.

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3<sup>rd</sup> June, 1975

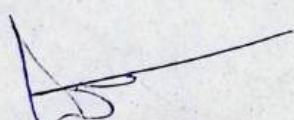
Mrs. Teju Alakija,  
Ag. Permanent Secretary,  
Ministry of Home Affairs & Information,  
Ibadan.

IFE MUSEUM

His Excellency the Military Governor has given consideration to the submission made to him by your Commissioner in the Commissioner's minute of April 11, 1975 on the above subject and he has approved the recommendations:

- (a) that the Department of Antiquities should continue to look after the Museum for the State Government;
- (b) that the State Government's subvention for the upkeep of the Museum should be increased to ₦22,181.49 this financial year;
- (c) that at the completion of the Cultural Centre your Ministry should feel free to submit proposals to the State Government to exercise a greater control over the staff of the Museum along with the staff of the Cultural Centre;
- and (d) <sup>that</sup> the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Finance, (to whom a copy of this letter is being forwarded) should provide the sum of ₦22,181.49 under subhead 9, Head 330 of your Ministry's 1975/76 Approved Estimates to meet the subvention approved in (b) above.

2. With regard to the suggestion that consideration should be given to the provision of ₦200,960 for capital works in the next (1976/77) financial year, His Excellency has remarked that it will not be proper to ask the Government to commit itself to capital works for the next financial year without the necessary prior consultations between your Ministry and the Ministries of Economic Development and Finance. You may therefore wish to take up this issue at the appropriate time and in the appropriate manner.

  
(N. A. ADESTYAN)  
for Secretary to the Military Government and  
Head of Service.



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Our Ref.No.SP/C.169/1/168A

Ibadan: 3<sup>rd</sup> June, 1975

Copy to:

The Permanent Secretary,  
Ministry of Finance,  
Ibadan.

Overleaf for information and necessary action.



(M. A. ADESIYAN)

for Secretary to the Military Government and  
Head of Service.

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To see from p. 146 and  
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9<sup>th</sup> June, 1975.

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

(For the attention of Mr. M. A. Adesiyan)

IFE MUSEUM

I refer to your letter No. SP/S.169/1/168 of 3rd June, 1975 and note that His Excellency has graciously agreed to increase the subvention to the upkeep of the Ife Museum to ₦22,181.49. Items (a) and (c) have also been noted.

2. With regard to item (c) it is hoped that by the next financial year the cultural centre would have been functioning sufficiently well to enable this Ministry seek approval of Government to exercise greater control over the staff of the Museum along with the staff of the cultural centre. However on the point raised in your paragraph 2, may I explain that we had not suggested in the submission made to His Excellency, by my Commissioner, that the sum of ₦200,960.00 proposed for capital expenditure by the Director of Antiquities should be accepted for this financial year. It was only suggested that the request could be borne in mind and the implication in paragraph 9 of the submission was that if the proposal was re-submitted by the Director of Antiquities in the next financial year, then this Ministry would bring it to the attention of the Treasury Board along side with its other proposals, after the usual consultation with the Ministries of Economic Development and Finance.

Teju Alakija

(Mrs. Teju Alakija),  
Ag. Permanent Secretary.

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Ministry of Finance,  
The Treasury,  
(Expenditure Division),  
Ibadan.

11 June, 1975

The Permanent Secretary,  
Ministry of Home Affairs and  
Information,  
Ibadan.

( For the attention of Mr. M. M. Adedosu )

Application for Additional Provision

I am directed to refer to ~~your Application No.~~ <sup>the Office of the Military Governor's</sup> letter No.

SP/S.169/1/168 of 3rd June, 1975

for additional provision and to say that the sum of

₦12,190.00 has been noted for inclusion

in the next Supplementary Estimates to be presented in due course to His Excellency the Military Governor for consideration and approval.

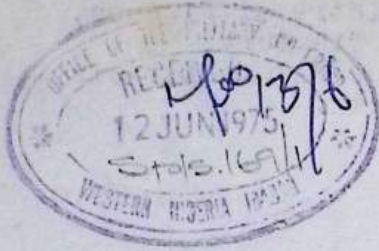
2. The amount quoted above will be reflected in the Supplementary Estimates when published.
3. The vote to augment is Head 330, subhead 8: "Life Museum. The Additional provision provided has raised total provision under the vote to ₦22,190.00

*O. I. Osotimehin*  
( O. I. Osotimehin ) (Mrs.)  
for Permanent Secretary,  
Ministry of Finance.

Our Ref. No. EST.2/9/75-76/72

Ministry of Finance,  
The Treasury,  
(Expenditure Division),  
Ibadan.

11 June, 1975.



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

For the attention of Mr. S.G. Adeleye

Overleaf is for your information, please with  
reference to your endorsement SP/C.169/1/168A of 3rd June,  
1975.

*O. I. Osotimehin*  
( O. I. Osotimehin)(Mrs.)  
for Permanent Secretary,  
Ministry of Finance.

*OR*  
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I respectfully invite your attention  
to PP 170 & 171 further to your P.168A. For  
information only pl.

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*PAS(F.E.)*

*Thanks.*

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Ref. No. TF. 128/C.81/6

DIRECTOR'S OFFICE,  
NIGERIAN MUSEUM,  
LAGOS, NIGERIA

12th June, 1975.

The Secretary to the Military Government,  
Military Governors Office,  
Agodi,  
Ibadan.

Olokuku's Palace - National Monument No. 81

During a routine visit to Okuku, His Highness, the Olokuku of Okuku informed our staff that the new Western State Express Road from Oshogbo to Okuku would pass through his palace. There are indications too that part of the palace is being compulsorily acquired to provide the 100ft. required on both sides of the new road.

I gather that His Highness had made representation to the Government against this action and, after our inspection of the place, we feel his protest is based on very good reason.

I wish to appeal to you, Sir, to use your good offices to look into this representation of the Olokuku and help preserve the palace as it is now. As you are aware, the Olokuku's palace is going to become a National Monument, having been so decided at that last meeting of the Antiquities Commission.

I hope that you will have time within your busy schedule to attend to this matter before the palace is destroyed. I thank you in anticipation of a favourable reaction.

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DR. DPC ETO  
DIRECTOR

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PAS.(S+A)

Overleaf. Pl. ascertain the correct situation from the Chief Highways Engineer, M.W.T. and thereafter report.

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jps  
18/6

ARCHIVES OF OYSA

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Our Ref. No. SP/S 169/1/174  
Office of the Military Governor,  
Agodi, Ibadan.

20 June, 1975

Copy to:

Chief E. A. Taiwo,  
Chief Civil Engineer,  
Ministry of Works and Transport,  
Ibadan.

For information and necessary follow-up action with reference to our Chief Taiwo/Alao discussion of 19th June, 1975. I would be grateful if you could kindly let me know the true position soon as you are informed.



*J. B. Alao*

(J. B. Alao)  
for Secretary to the Military  
Government and Head of Service.

PAS(G & A)

Copy of the endorsement above was delivered by hand this a.m. as you instructed. You may now wish to mark the file for appropriate b.u. please.

To  
AS(G & A)  
20/6/75

D.P.S.,

Yours on page 173 refers.

2. Chief Taiwo expressed surprise at the contents of p.172. He promised to find out the true position and get in touch with us thereafter. Page 174 was delivered to him by hand on Friday, 20/6/75. On return of file, I shall ring him up again to remind him that we are awaiting the result of his investigation.

3. Directives please.

*J. B. Alao.*

(J. B. Alao)  
P.A.S.(G & A),

23 June, 1975

PAS (G+A)

Thank you.

2. Pl. acknowledge p.173 and say that another letter will follow when the outcome of enquiries being made is known.

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SP/S 169/1/176

23 June, 1975

The Director,  
Federal Department of Antiquities,  
Director's Office,  
Nigerian Museum  
LAGOS.

Olokuku's Palace - National  
Monument No. 81

I wish to refer to your letter No.  
TF. 128/C.81/6 of 12th June, 1975 and say that  
the subject matter of the letter is being  
investigated and that another letter will  
issue to you in due course when the outcome  
of the investigation is known.



*J. B. Alao*

(J. B. Alao)  
for Secretary to the Military  
Government and Head of Service

PAS (G.S.A)

You will kindly recall that sometime ago, you verbally directed that I should check up the present position about the letter I took to the Chief Civil Engineer on the issue of Olokuku's Palace.

2. I called for the file with the hope of issuing an appropriate reminder but I noticed ~~the~~ in your minute at page 175 that you have already taken up the matter personally with the C.C.E. I tend to think that ~~it~~ a personal contact will achieve much more than a ~~the~~ reminder and you may therefore wish to take the matter up on telephone with the Chief Civil Engineer, please.

To  
AS (G.S.A)  
18/7/75

Note. I telephoned Chief Taiwo's office today. I learnt he is on leave and will be resuming on the 11th Aug.

Jeta Kas.  
21/7/75

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C.S.

Pls issue a reminder to Jo. 174

Jele Alao.

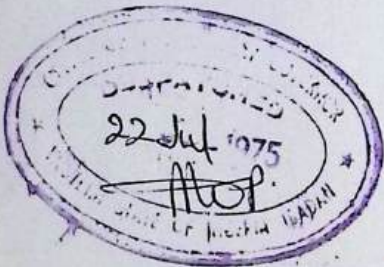
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SP/S.169/1/178.

22 July, 1975

Chief E. A. Taivo,  
Chief Civil Engineer,  
Ministry of Works and Transport,  
Ibadan.

I wish to refer to my endorsement No. SP/S.169/1/174 of 20th June, 1975 to which no reply has been given and to request for favour of an early reply.



*Jele Alao*

(J. B. Alao),  
for Secretary to the Military  
Government and Head of Service.

B.U. 11/8/75  
Jele Alao (R. & A) ✓  
P.A.S.  
23/7/75.

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MINISTRY OF WORKS AND TRANSPORT

HIGHWAYS DIVISION  
IBADAN · WESTERN STATE OF NIGERIA



Your Ref. No. SP/S/169/1/174

All communications should be addressed to the Permanent Secretary quoting

Our Ref. No. C.2280/185

Date 21<sup>st</sup> July, 1975

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

For the attention of Mr. J.B. Alao

Olokuku's Palace National Monument No. 81

With reference to endorsement dated 20th June, 1975, I am directed to forward to you a copy of letter No. N.1841/513/S dated 4th July, 1975 from the Chief Resident Engineer which highlights the present true position.

A copy of the sketch of the buildings involved is also attached.

*E.O.A. Oniyinde*  
Engr. E.O.A. ONIYINDE  
for Permanent Secretary,  
Min. of Works & Transport.

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P.180  
P.181

C.R.  
PB file & b.m.  
Jeh Alao (G.R.A)  
PAS  
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CR  
11/23/7

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WESTERN STATE ROAD RECONSTRUCTION PROJECTS (PHASE II)  
(MINISTRY OF WORKS AND TRANSPORT)

Consulting Engineers:  
OVE ARUP & PARTNERS (Nigeria)  
Our Ref .M1841/513/S.....  
Your Ref: C.2280/181.....

PROJECT OFFICE  
18 OBA OLAGBEGI STREET  
BODIJA  
P.M.B. 5313  
IBADAN NIGERIA  
Telephone: 21114

The Permanent Secretary,  
Ministry of Works & Transport,  
Highways Division,  
Secretariat,  
Ibadan.

Dear Sir,

OLOKUKU'S PALACE - NATIONAL MONUMENT No.81

ACQUISITION OF

With reference to your letter dated 25th June, 1975, attached herewith are three copies of a plan showing the buildings acquired for demolition near the Olokuku's Palace. The area occupied by the Olokuku's Palace is coloured blue. The buildings affected are:-

1. L5 owned by Mr. Labisi Oyintola
2. L6 " " Mr. Simeon Agboola
3. L7 " " Mr. Thomas Okunlola Ojo
4. L8 " " Mr. E.I. Oyeleke

The buildings are all out buildings to the palace. During my last visit to the Olokuku of Okuku, he expressed the fear that the demolition of buildings marked L5, L6, L7 and L8 will expose the palace buildings. I advised him that once the buildings have been demolished, the Local Council can arrange to build a wall to shield the palace buildings from the public view. As a temporary measure, I agreed to leave the back-walls of the buildings to be demolished for a short while pending the time, a decent wall can be put up in their place.

I will like to draw your attention to the fact that no copy of the letter from the Military Governor's Office was attached to your letter.

Yours faithfully,

ENGR. O. OLUGBEKAN  
CHIEF RESIDENT ENGINEER.

OO/SO



OLOKUKU'S PALACE

**CONTRACT: WS/RC/115 OSHOGBO - OKUKU ROAD.**

Some of the Buildings marked for demolition near the Oba's palace .

P.S.O.M.G.,

Via D.P.S.,

*Alh. 28/7*

Kindly see file from p.172.

2. Page 179 from P.S.M.W.T forwards the statement by the Engineering firm responsible for the construction of Oshogbo - Okuku road in respect of the allegation that the Olokuku's Palace which has been designated National Monument No. 81 by the Federal Department of Antiquities has been acquired for demolition.

3. Although p.180 by the Firm of Engineers denies the allegation, the attached plan p.181 contradicts the claim that portions marked L.5, L.6, L.7 & L.8 respectively are all out-buildings to the Palace. There is no doubt that L.5, L.6 and L.7 are out buildings, but this cannot be true of L.8 which is right <sup>inside</sup> ~~outside~~ the blue paint indicating the Olokuku's Palace.

No!

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4. You may in the light of above wish to agree that we write back to the P.S.M.W.T. that the portion marked L.8 appears to fall within the Palace and should as such be preserved as a National Monument. If the P.S. agrees with this, we may then write the Director, Federal Department of Antiquities that the Olokuku's Palace is not being destroyed.

5. Your directives, please.

*J. B. Alao*  
(J. B. Alao),  
P.A.S. (G & A).

24 July, 1975

L8 falls <sup>just</sup> within the periphery of the area designated Olokuku palace <sup>and not inside it.</sup> I do not see why it should not be demolished like L5, L6 and L7 since like the other three properties, it is owned by a private individual - Mr E.I. Oyeleke. I suggest we support the proposal of Engr. O. Oshogbolem, the Chief Resident Engineer.

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D.P.S.

I agree with you.  
Please inform the Director, F.D.A.,  
as at XX above also.

*Alh. 28/7/75*  
As D.P.S.  
28/7/75

*28/7/75*

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PAS (G & A)

Please see the minutes of the meeting and the Permanent Secretary's marginal remarks and take necessary action.

*[Signature]*  
SR,  
28/7/75.

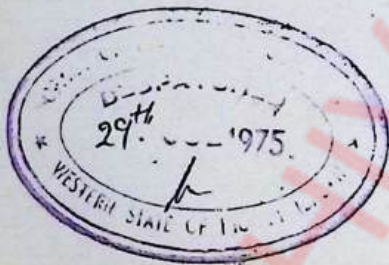
SP/S.169/1/183.

29 July, 1975

The Director,  
Federal Department of Antiquities,  
Nigerian Museum,  
Lagos.

Olokuku's Palace - National  
Monument No. 81

I wish to refer to correspondence resting with my letter No. SP/S.169/1/176 of June 23, 1975 and to say that investigation reveals that the allegation that the Olokuku's Palace is being destroyed is not correct.



*[Signature]*  
(J. B. Alao),

for Secretary to the Military  
Government and Head of Service.

*[Signature]*  
24/7/75

MINISTRY OF WORKS



AND TRANSPORT

HIGHWAYS DIVISION  
IBADAN · WESTERN STATE OF NIGERIA

SP/S.169/1/178

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

HW.1126/58

Our Ref. No.....



th  
Date 14 August, 1975.

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

With reference to your letter dated 22nd July, 1975

I am directed to inform you that this office did not receive  
your endorsement No. SP/S.169/1/174 of 20th June, 1975.

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*is no need to schedule*  
*both of the with 1/1/75.*  
*of piece*  
*mg.*

J.A. Odunuga

J.A. Odunuga (Mrs.)  
for: Permanent Secretary,  
Ministry of Works and Transport.

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HIGHWAYS DIVISION  
IBADAN · WESTERN STATE OF NIGERIA

Your Ref. No.....  
All communications should be  
addressed to the Permanent Secretary  
quoting  
Our Ref. No. **HW.1128/59**.....



Date **18<sup>th</sup>** August, 1975.

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

*P. 174*  
With reference to your letter dated 22nd July 1975 I am  
directed to inform you that your endorsement No. SP/S/169/1/174  
of 20th June, 1975 was not received in this office.

2. Will you please send a copy.

*J. A Odunuga*  
J. Odunuga (Mrs.),  
for Permanent Secretary,  
Ministry of Works and Transport.

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SP/S.169/1/186.

2 August, 1975

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

(For the attention of Mrs. J. Odunuga)

Olokuku's Palace National Monument No. 81

I am directed to refer to your letters Nos. HW.1126/58 and HW.1128/59 of 14th and 18th August, 1975 respectfully and to inform you that a reply has since been made to my endorsement No. SP/S.169/1/174 of 20th June, 1975 by your Ministry through its letter No. C.2280/185 of 21st July, 1975 and the attachments thereto.

2. In the circumstance, I wish to add that no further action is required of you as the matter has been disposed of at this end.

Desp.  
21/8

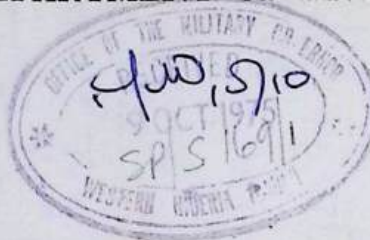
(Yeba Adesunloye),  
for Secretary to the Military  
Government and Head of Service.

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FEDERAL DEPARTMENT OF ANTIQUITIES

Telephone :  
DIRECTOR : 20710  
MUSEUM : 21918  
21952  
Telegrams : DIRMUSEUMS LAGOS.



Ref. No. CAA.9/46  
DIRECTOR'S OFFICE,  
NIGERIAN MUSEUM,  
LAGOS, NIGERIA  
2nd October 1975

The Secretary to the Military Government,  
Military Governors Office,  
Ibadan,  
Western State.

Establishment of a Branch of Federal  
Department of Antiquities: Posting of  
Mr. S.A. Adeloje: National Museum Ibadan

I am directed to inform you that the Federal Department of Antiquities has now decided to open a branch at Ibadan from which the National Museum will emerge.

Mr. S.A. Adeloje, an Ethnographer, who had been the Curator of the National Museum in Lagos for the last two years, has been assigned to this task.

Mr. S.A. Adeloje, apart from setting up the office at Ibadan, will liaise between this Department and your Government on matters affecting the proposed National Museum at Ibadan in particular and Antiquities in general. He will also be responsible for antitheft and antismuggling activities in the Western State.

We are quite aware of the initial problems which will crop up: such as that of accommodation - especially a temporary one to house the new office. Already we have set aside all the requirements for this new office; but since we require at least few rooms from where the staff can operate, we are not able to despatch the staff and equipments until we are able to secure a suitable accommodation.

We therefore implore your Government to please look into this problem so as to enable us fulfil our task to the people of your state in particular, and the Nation in general.

I am sure you will enjoy the services of Mr. S. A. Adeloje.

*M. A. NKANTA*

(M. A. NKANTA),  
For Director of Antiquities.

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Sec (SD),

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na . Reply letter and please indicate  
that Mr. Adeloje should call on Mrs  
Alakija when he arrives in Ibadan.

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SP/S.169/1/188.

15/10  
October, 1975.

The Permanent Secretary,  
Ministry of Home Affairs &  
Information,  
Ibadan.

(For the Attention of Mrs. Teju Alakija)

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The attached letter is for your information  
and necessary action.



*O*  
(O. Ogunnowo)  
for Secretary to the Military  
Government and Head of Service

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SP/S.169/1/189.

October, 1975.

The Director of Antiquities,  
Federal Department of Antiquities,  
Director's Office,  
Nigerian Museum,  
Lagos.

(For the Personal Attention of Mr. M.A. Nkanta)

Establishment of a Branch of Federal  
Department of Antiquities: Posting of  
Mr. S. A. Adeloye: National Museum Ibadan

I am directed to refer to your letter No. GAA.9/46 of 2nd October, 1975 and to inform you that the letter has been referred to the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs and Information, whose Ministry is responsible for culture. I am therefore to advise you that Mr. Adeloye should call on Mrs. Teju Alakija in the Ministry of Home Affairs and Information when he arrives at Ibadan.

*OL*

(O. Ogunnowo)

for Secretary to the Military  
Government and Head of Service

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SECRET

*W. Ogunnowo*



Ministry of Home Affairs  
and Information

ADMINISTRATION AND GENERAL DIVISION  
IBADAN, WESTERN STATE OF NIGERIA

Telephone: 62100

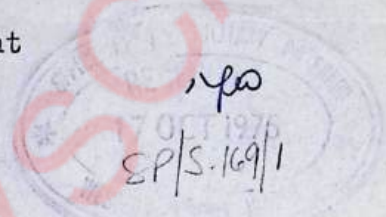
Telegrams: PERMHOME IBADAN PRIVATE MAIL BAG NO. 5180

Your Ref. No.

Our Ref. No. CADM 143/65

16<sup>th</sup> October, 1975.

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



Establishment of a Branch of Federal Department  
of Antiquities: National Museum Ibadan

I am directed to refer to your endorsement No.SP/S.169/1/188 of October 15th, 1975 and the attached photocopied letter addressed to you from the Director of Antiquities National Museum Lagos a copy of which had already been sent to this Ministry for information and necessary assistance.

2. I am to inform you that action has been taken already vide our letter CADM.143/59 of October 15th, 1975 which has been despatched to your office. Also another letter had been addressed to the Ministry of Lands and Housing requesting that Ministry to confirm its earlier decision to make available land within the Race Course for the National Museum in Ibadan. I shall let you have whatever information is transmitted to us.

*(Signature)*  
(S. A. QSO)

for Permanent Secretary

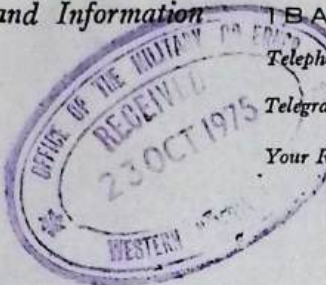
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ADMINISTRATION AND GENERAL DIVISION  
IBADAN, WESTERN STATE OF NIGERIA



Telephone: 62100

Telegrams: PERMHOME IBADAN PRIVATE MAIL BAG NO. 5180

Your Ref. No.

Our Ref. No. **CADM.143/68**

Date:

*LL* <sup>ud.</sup> October, 1975.

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

(For the attention of Mr. M. A. Adesiyen)

Establishment of a Branch of Federal  
Department of Antiquities: National  
Museum Ibadan.

Further to my letter No. CADM.143/65 of 16th October,  
1975, and reference our telephone conversation of today  
Wednesday, 22nd October, 1975 Mrs. Alakija/Mr. Adesiyen.  
It would be appreciated if a house could be allocated  
temporarily for the use of the Federal Department of  
Antiquities, whilst the question of a permanent site for  
a National Museum in Ibadan is being determined. As  
I informed you in our telephone conversation, the Department  
of Antiquities will be quite happy to have a few rooms,  
in which to operate in the meantime.

*Teju Alakija*

(Mrs. Teju Alakija)  
Permanent Secretary.

CR.  
*Let me see file pl.*

*23/10*  
*[Signature]*

*2*  
*Delay is bringing up  
this to you as directed has  
been done in the AS(AdA)*

ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO BE ADDRESSED TO THE PERMANENT SECRETARY QUOTING THE ABOVE REFERENCE

*1/20/75 in-action on p.190 and it is deeply  
regretted.*

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CADM. 11368

October, 1975

Date:

PAS. (FZE),

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

Ref. pages 190-192, where do you suggest we can temporarily house the State office of the Fed. Dep. of Antiquities?

2. Please examine urgently and advise meanwhile. ack. p 192

(Mrs. Fajr Alkhatib)  
Permanent Secretary

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Ministry of Home Affairs  
and Information

ADMINISTRATION AND GENERAL DIVISION  
IBADAN, WESTERN STATE OF NIGERIA

Telephone: 62100

Telegrams: PERMHOME IBADAN PRIVATE MAIL BAG NO. 5180

Your Ref. No.

Our Ref. No. GADM 143/59

15<sup>th</sup> October, 1975.

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

Stamp: THE MILITARY GOVERNMENT OF THE WESTERN STATE OF NIGERIA  
15 OCT 1975  
Handwritten: SP/S.169/1/75

National Museum Ibadan  
Provision of Temporary Accommodation

I am directed to refer to the Director of Antiquities' letter CAA 9/46 dated October 2nd, 1975 addressed to you and copied to this Ministry for information and necessary assistance, in connection with the above stated subject. The Antiquities Commission would like to have a place from which to operate temporarily pending the determination of a permanent place on which the Commission will build its own museum. It would be appreciated if a house can be provided for the Commission for its temporary use.

2. I should be grateful if you would treat this letter with utmost urgency.

*S. A. OSO*

(S. A. OSO)  
for Permanent Secretary

PAS (F&G)

Above fig and  
rec. action wrt h/t?

21/10/75

AS (S+A)

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Any recommendation pl?

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SP/S.169/1/194.

1975  
6 Nov., 1975.

The Permanent Secretary,  
Ministry of Home Affairs & Information,  
Ibadan.

Establishment of a Branch of Federal  
Department of Antiquities: Accomodation  
for National Museum in Ibadan.

With reference to your letter No. CADM.143/68 of 22nd October, 1975, I wish to inform you that active consideration is being given to provision of accomodation for the above-mentioned department and further communication will be addressed to you in due course.



(S. G. Adeleye)  
for Secretary to the Military  
Government and Head of Service.

P.S.O.M.G.,

With reference to your minute at page 193, I have given serious consideration to the request of the P.S., Min. of HA&I at page 192. However, I cannot come out with any solution right now. This is because there is acute shortage of office accomodation for the officials of the Western State Government to the extent that so many offices are at present accomodated in rented apartments in town. I cannot therefore think of any accomodation immediately for the Federal Department of Antiquities for a museum in Ibadan. My suggestion therefore would be:-

- (i) that that department should look out, as we have had to do, for suitable rented apartment;
- (ii) that the department should consult the Federal Officer in charge of Federal Government houses in Ibadan at Eleiyele if he can make available a Federal Government quarters which can be used for that purpose, given a suitable location.

2. I should be grateful for your kind consideration pl.

*Joseph*  
(S. G. Adeleye),  
P.A.S. (F & E),

10 Nov., 1975.

PAS (F & E),

I share your views.  
Please write further to p. 194 regretting our inability to find accom. and making suggestions as in yr (i) & (ii) above.

*AS* 11/11.

AS (S + A)

For necessary action pl.  
*Joseph*  
11/11

SP/S 169/1/196

196  
// November, 1975

The Permanent Secretary,  
Ministry of Home Affairs & Information,  
Ibadan.

Establishment of a Branch of Federal  
Department of Antiquities: Accommodation  
for National Museum in Ibadan.

P194  
Further to my letter No. SP/S. 169/1/196 of 6th November, 1975,  
I am directed to inform you with regret, of our inability to find  
accommodation for the above-mentioned department.

2. At present there is an acute shortage of office accommodation  
for the officials of the Western State Government to the extent that  
so many offices are accommodated in rented apartments in town. In  
the light of the above, you may therefore wish to consider that:

- (i) the department should look out, as we have had to do, for suitable rented apartment; or
- (ii) that the department should consult the Federal Officer in charge of Federal Government houses in Ibadan at Eleiyele if he can make available a Federal Government quarters that can be use for that purpose.



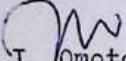
(Femi Osunro)  
for Secretary to the Military  
Government & Head of Service.

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P.S.(G. & A.)

We spoke re-provision of Accommodation for the National Museum in Ibadan. I went to quarter 672 J.R. with Mr. Adeloje, an official of the Antiquities Commission, with a view to his seeing the place and assessing its suitability for the purpose of his Dept.

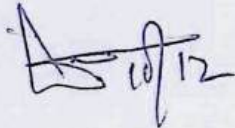
2. Although the house is in urgent need of renovation and repairs of some items, Mr. Adeloje will be glad if the house can be made available for use by his Dept. He is prepared to arrange necessary renovation from the votes of his Dept.

4. You may kindly wish to approve the allocation of quarters 672 to the Fed. Dept. of Antiquities for use as a temporary office for the National Museum, please.

  
(S. I. Omotola)  
P.A.S.(F. & E.)

10/12/75.

Approved.

  
10/12

SP/S.169/1/198

198  
// December, 1975.

The Officer-in-charge  
Fed. Department of Antiquities,  
Ibadan.

(For the attention of Mr. S. A. Adeloye)

Establishment of a Branch of the Fed. Dept. of  
Antiquities in Ibadan, Western State:  
Provision of temporary Office

Further to our discussion (Omotola/Adeloye) of Tuesday 9th of December, 1975, I am glad to inform you that approval has been given for the allocation of quarter 672 Jericho Reservation, which we both visited, to your Department for use as temporary office.

2. Please report to the senior Maintenance Superintendent, Ministry of Works and Transport, Eleiyele, Ibadan who will hand over to you the keys to the house after you have been duly checked in. You will, however, need to hand over to the Ministry of Works & Transport any house-hold furniture in the building which are not required for your use.

(S. I. Omotola),

for Secretary to the Military  
Government & Head of Service.

Ref: No. SP/S.169/1/198A

Office of the Military Governor,  
Ibadan. 1/ December, 1975.

Copy to:

The Senior Maintenance Superintendent,  
Ministry of Works & Transport  
Eleiyele, Ibadan.

Above for your information and necessary action.



(S. I. Omotola),  
for Secretary to the Military  
Government & Head of Service.

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Ref:No.SP/S.169/1/198B

Office of the Military Governor,  
Ibadan. 11 December, 1975.

Copy to:

The Permanent Secretary,  
Ministry of Home Affairs & Information,  
Ibadan.

For your information further to our previous correspondence  
resting with my letter no. SP/S.169/1/196 of 11th November, 1975.



(S. I. Omotola),

for Secretary to the Military  
Government & Head of Service.

AS(G&A)

From P. 197 for your information,  
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FEDERAL DEPARTMENT OF ANTIQUITIES

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21952

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Ref. No. IM/CAF.3/5

DIRECTOR'S OFFICE,  
NIGERIAN MUSEUM,  
LAGOS, NIGERIA

25th May 1976

The Permanent Secretary,  
Office of the Military Governor,  
Oyo State,  
Agodi - Ibadan.



For the attention of Mr. Awofadeju

Accommodation for National Museum  
Ibadan.

With reference to a letter No.SP/S.169/1/198 of 11th December 1975 allocating quarter 672 Jericho Reservation for use by this Department, I am glad to report that the quarter has been effectively occupied and that business has begun in earnest.

In the last three months, we have witnessed the influx of the public: children and adults of different nationalities. The visitors had come mainly to have a glimpse at our cultural Heritage and artifacts.

Although the inscriptions on our directional signboards reads "National Museum Ibadan" we do not have any facility to display Nigerian Art. This is due to the fact that the above premises can only serve the purpose of an office and no space is available for actual Museum services which we are supposed to provide for the public.

The present accommodation is adequate for the infra-structures required for ethnographic and archaeological research needs, but cannot be utilised to house Museum exhibitions and displays.

Already, funds have been provided to build a fitting Museum for Ibadan, the capital city of Oyo State by the Federal Government, the process of acquiring land for the project though slow, is in progress. It is a clear fact that the Museum complex in Ibadan cannot be ready for occupation for some time and we cannot continue to deny the large public in Ibadan the opportunity to have all the benefits and advantages of educative displays that a Museum should provide.

I have therefore been directed to request for a larger accommodation that could house at least certain amount of cultural objects cutting across the ethnic boundaries of the country depicting National Unity.

We are quite aware of the fact that it may not be possible to find a space in a location that will fulfil all the requirements for a Museum but for a guide, we will like to state that the following factors should be considered.

- I Such accommodation should be detached from other living quarters.
- II It should have at least two large areas for displays.
- III There should be at least three other rooms for services.
- IV It should have telephone services.
- V There should be enough parking space for visitors cars.
- VI It should be easily accessible to the public.

We are aware of the fact that most central parts of Ibadan have been occupied but we are equally of the opinion that some of the large quarters vacated by very high ranking Government Officials during the last movement could be utilised for this purpose.

Now that the 2nd. World Black and African Festival of Arts and Culture comes up in the beginning of next year, and Ibadan City has an important role to play to the visiting crowd, it is important that we have a display of Nigerian art and artifacts to compliment the effort being made to present the performing and contemporary Arts.

It will be highly appreciated if this request is given an urgent attention to enable this department fulfil its assignment to the people in general and Ibadan Citizens in particular.

*S. A. Adeloje*  
(S.A. Adeloje),

for Director of Antiquities.

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*AS*  
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P.A.S. (F&E)


Please read from p 200 - 201.

2. The Federal Department of Antiquities reports that Qrt 672 Old Reservation allocated it last December has been effectively occupied and that in the last 3 months there had been influx of people. Though the directional signboards reads "National Museum Ibadan" there was no facility to display Nigerian Art.

We <sup>are</sup> also informed that though money had been provided to build a fitting Museum for Ibadan it will take some time before the construction could be completed.

3. The Department therefore requests for a large accommodation that could house certain amount of Cultural objects that depict National unity. The kind of accommodation requested for is described at "X" on p 201. The important role that Ibadan city is to play in 2nd FESTAC which is to come up early next year makes the need for that kind of accommodation more pressing.

4. You may wish that this application be kept in view since there is no vacant quarter that can be allocated to the F.D.A. now.

  
(Segun Awofadeju)

A.S. (G&A)

18<sup>th</sup> June, 1976.

AS (G&A)

Pl. inform the writer of pp 200 & 201 that this Office is not in a position to allocate to his dept an alternative accommodation now as the type of house he has in mind is not just available

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21<sup>st</sup> June, 1976

The Director of Antiquities  
Nigerian Museum,  
Ibadan.

(For the attention of Mr S.A. Adeloje)

Accommodation for National Museum Ibadan

With reference to your letter No IM/GA/3/5 of 25th May, 1976, I am directed to inform you with regret that this Office is not in a position to meet your need as the type of house you have in mind is not just available.



(Segun Awofadeju)  
for Secretary to the Military  
Government & Head of Service.

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Ife Cultural Association of Historical Monuments

Patron: Chief M. A. Fabunmi

CHIEF M. O. FASOGBON (Chairman)  
39, Aderemi Road,  
Ile-Ife.

OMOTOSO ELUYEMI (Secretary)  
Institute of African Studies,  
University of Ife,  
Ile-Ife.

10th July, 1976.

The Military Governor,  
Oyo State,  
Military Governor's Office,  
Secretariat,  
Ibadan.

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What can we do?  
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Your Excellency,

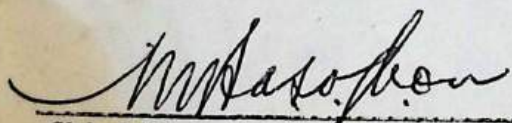
THE LOSS OF OBATALA

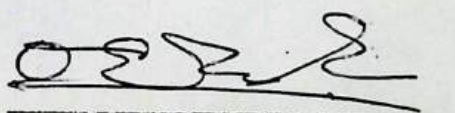
On that fateful day, 29th September, 1975, Obatala was stolen from His shrine. The third day after the irreparable bereavement this Association wrote a letter to the D. P. O. Ile-Ife giving him names and addresses of eleven suspects. We also sent a hot telegram to the Director, Department of Antiquities, Lagos. The Ife police Boss took some known actions but with no real positive effect while the Lagos Director of Antiquities gave no reply to our letter-telegram.

2. On 2nd December, 1975 when we felt that not much was being done to arrest the situation, we wrote another letter to the state C. I. D. Iyaganku, Ibadan giving more names of suspects. Again, our letter met no luck at the state C.I.D. with
3. We know the facts of the case. Some unpatriotic people stole and sold Obatala. The relevant questions at this stage are: Who stole Obatala? Who sold Him? To whom? Can we still recover Him at any price?
4. The answers to these questions must await the setting up of a Commission of Inquiry by the Military Governor.
5. We sincerely believe that such an Inquiry, if set up, will look into the mysterious circumstances leading to the disappearance of Obatala. The Yoruba people cannot afford to miss, so unceremoniously, Obatala, (Orisanla)
  - the greatest of all Yoruba Gods,
  - an elder brother of Oduduwa,
  - the deity next in rank only to Olodumare.
6. Your ~~His~~ Excellency, we think and firmly believe that a high powered commission of Inquiry will be able to tell us the whereabouts of Obatala, the patron of sculptors.
7. In our present crusade to rejuvenate and project our culture, we must not succumb to the threat posed by professional smugglers of our objects of antiquities.

We are,

Yours faithfully,

  
Chief M. O. Fasogbon  
(Chairman)

  
Omotoso Eluyemi  
(Secretary)

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PAS (G + A)

Overleaf does not appear to be in the proper file. Re-file as appropriate and comment.

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16/8/76. (2) This looks like a petition to H.E.M.G. If you can not find an appropriate file, put in the one for petition to H.E.

Jim  
16/8/76

PAS (G + A)

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H.E.M.G

Via

SMG & H.S

PS,OMG.,

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19/8.

Page 204 is respectfully referred for Y.E's attention.

2. Ife Cultural Association of Historical Monument reports the loss of OBATALA, the greatest of all Yoruba gods, next in rank to Olodumare. The loss of the god was reported to both the Police in Ile-Ife and Ibadan and the Director of Antiquities Lagos. It appears the police could not effect recovery of the stolen Obatala.

3. The Association claim to know the facts of the case and alleged that the god was stolen and sold by some unpatrotic Nigerians. The Association calls for the setting up of a Commission of Enquiry to look into the mysterious circumstances which led to the disappearance of Obatala. The case has been rightly referred to the Police which could have intewogated the suspects. Probably there is no evidence to hold the suspects responsible for the loss of the god.

4. Y.E is respectfully invited to approve that <sup>the</sup> matter be referred to the State C.I.D for further investigation.

A. O. Aramu  
(A. O. Aramu)  
Ag. PAS(G & A)

18 August, 1976.

5. I endorse the recommendation above because we have no locus standi to institute an enquiry into the loss. This, in turn, is due to the fact that neither does ~~the~~

Obatala belong to Govt. nor is the Ife Cultural Association of Historical Monument a govt. functionary. Govt. interest in Obatala, therefore, is not one of ownership but indirectly derivative from its general interest in the preservation of our antiquities and works of art etc. The only assistance govt. can give is to support the request for active Police investigation. Additionally, the Association may be advised to report the theft to the National Antiquities Commission in Lagos for nec. action.

*Dil*  
 (G. O. Abe)  
 P.S.O.M.G.

19 August, 1976.

*They should report to the Police and the National Antiquities Commission.*

*[Signature]*  
 19/8.

PAS (G + A)

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*Dil*  
 20/8.

SP/S.169/1/208


23<sup>rd</sup> August, 1976.

Mr. Omotosho Eluyemi (Secretary)  
Ife Cultural Association of Historical Monuments,  
Institute of African Studies,  
University of Ife,  
Ile-Ife.

The Loss of Obatala

His Excellency the Military Governor has directed me to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 19th July, 1976 in connection with the loss of Obatala, the greatest of all Yoruba gods and the deity next in rank to Olodumare and to inform you that His Excellency does not consider it necessary to institute a Commission of Inquiry to investigate the mysterious circumstances which surround the disappearance of Obatala. His Excellency believes that the matter has been rightly referred to the Police and with the assistance of members of your Association it should be possible to bring, to book, those alleged to be responsible for the theft of Obatala if a case could be established against them.

2. In the circumstance, you are advised to report the case to Inspector-General of Police and the National Antiquities Commission.
3. With best regards.

  
(A. O. Aremu),  
for Secretary to the Military  
Government and Head of Service.





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FEDERAL DEPARTMENT OF ANTIQUITIES

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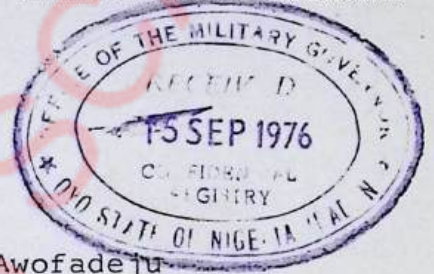
Telegrams : DIRMUSEUMS LAGOS.

DIRECTOR'S OFFICE,  
NIGERIAN MUSEUM,  
LAGOS, NIGERIA  
IBADAN,

CONFIDENTIAL

3rd. September, 1976

The Permanent Secretary,  
Office of the Military Governor,  
Ibadan,  
Oyo State.



Attention: Mr. Segun Awofadeju

Accommodation for National Museum, Ibadan

Please refer to ours No. IM/CAF/3/5 of 25th May, 1976 and yours SP/S.169/1/203 on the above matter.

I have carried out a further survey and have discovered that Quarter 53 Oladejo Adigun Road which was recently vacated by the occupant who had been transferred to Ondo State is very suitable for our purpose as it fulfills about 95% of our requirements. Moreover the building is very close to our existing office. It is only about two minute walking distance and it is at present unoccupied.

I should be grateful if the building is released for our use to enable us meet the demand from the public as well as prepare for the forth coming festival which will bring lots of visitors to this state Capital in the beginning of 1977.

*S.A. Adeloye*

(S.A. Adeloye),  
for DIRECTOR OF ANTIQUITIES.

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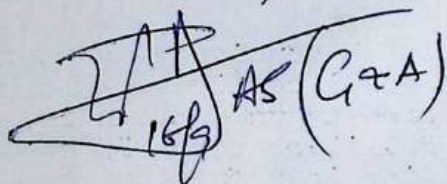
PAS (P4E) Pls refer to p 209.

2. The Federal Dept of Antiquities Ibadan asks for Qr 53 for use as a Museum

3. I wish to respectfully say that <sup>the</sup> Qr 53 has been earmarked for ~~Prof Koditimye~~ Federal Cabinet Office (vide AD 2.1/8 p 986-987)

4. You may therefore wish that the Fed Dept of Antiquities Ibadan be informed that its request cannot be granted

5. Pls, direct

 AS (G+A)  
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AS (G+A)

The writer of the letter overleaf came to me sometime ago to discuss the possibility of allocating Qr 53 Jericho to his Dept. when I made realise that the quarter has already been reserved for Prof. Koditimye. He promised to ~~com~~ scout round for another <sup>quarter</sup> <sub>a suitable</sub> and that as soon as he finds one he would report back.

2. To complete our records inform the writer that ~~the~~ quarter 53 has already been earmarked for another use.

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