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# A. G. LEVENTIS & CO. (NIGERIA) LTD.

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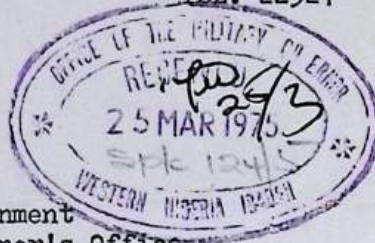
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17th March, 1975.

REF. IB/33C/1

DEPT. Agent's Office.



The Secretary  
Military Government  
Military Governor's Office  
Agodi, Ibadan.

Attention: Mr. A. Adebayo

Dear Sir,

Re: Nigeria Fibre Industries Company Limited.

We would like to bring to your notice that the above Company owned by the Government of Western State of Nigeria are owing our Associate Company, Messrs. Leventis Motors Limited, Ibadan the sum of ₦3,200.00 for quite a considerable length of time. Although various letters of demand were sent to the Company by Leventis Motors Ltd, Ibadan, up to the time of writing, no effort has been made by them to effect settlement.

We enclose herewith photostat copy of a letter Ref. AC/101/74 dated 21st January 1974 from Nigeria Fibre Industries Co. Ltd. promising to pay within the next few weeks.

As this amount is yet to be settled, we shall be grateful if you will use your good Offices to see that this amount is settled without any further delay.

Thanking you in advance for your co-operation.

Yours faithfully,  
For: A.G. LEVENTIS & CO. (NIGERIA) LIMITED.

*(Signature)*  
(AGENT)

Sec. S.C.S.C.

*Pl. look into this & report back  
Meanwhile, acknowledge receipt.  
24/3*

*keep. 390*

*see p. 408*

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WESTERN STATE OF NIGERIA GOVERNMENT IN ASSOCIATION WITH ADRIANO GARDELLA S.p.A.

# NIGERIA FIBRE INDUSTRIES COMPANY LTD.

"NIFINCO"

P. O. Box 41,  
Popo Road,  
BADAGRY  
Lagos State, Nigeria.

Cables: NIFINCO BADAGRY.

Phone: 21.

Our Ref. NFI/ AO/101/74.

Date 21st January 1974.

The Manager,  
Leventis Motors Limited,  
P. O. Box 41,  
Ibadan.

Dear sir,

Outstanding Account N3,200.00

We acknowledge with thanks your letter of 14th December 1973 and we regret our inability to settle the outstanding account for a long time.

This situation is attributable to the bad period the Company had undergone and the consequent drop in production and revenue. However, the Company has been reorganised under a new management, and it is hoped that all creditors including yourself will be paid within the next few weeks.

We therefore implore you to exercise more patience for the short period.

Yours faithfully,  
for: NIGERIA FIBRE INDUSTRIES COMPANY LIMITED.

*Alhaji Babatunji*  
S.A.A. Oduptani  
ACCOUNTANT.

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SP/C.124/5/390.

25 March, 1975.

The Agent,  
A. G. Leventis & Co. (Nigeria) Ltd.,  
P. O. Box 41,  
Ibadan.

Dear Sir,

Re: Nigeria Fibre Industries Company Limited

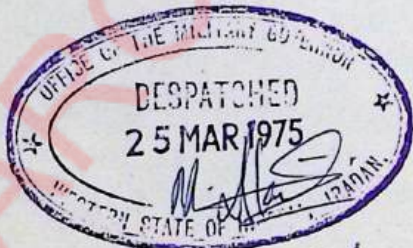
I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter  
No. IB/33C/1 of 17th March, 1975, and to inform you that  
it is receiving attention.

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Yours faithfully,

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(T. I. Ojo)  
for Secretary to the Military  
Government & Head of Service.



U.S.C.S.C)

Please examine

6/10 25/72 MP 388-389 & report back.

AS (SC)

W. r. t. pp. 388-389 and the Secretary's minute at the foot of p. 390, please let me know, in view of the uncertain position of NIFINCO, the existing appropriate officer to whom the question of NIFINCO's indebtedness to A. G. Leventis can be addressed.

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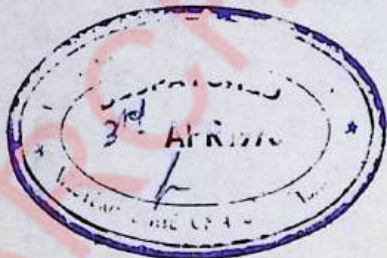
2<sup>nd</sup> April, 1975

The Permanent Secretary,  
Ministry of Industries,  
(Investment Division),  
Ibadan.

Nigeria Fibre Industries Company Limited: Indebtedness  
to A. G. Leventis & Co. (Nigeria) Ltd.

I am directed to forward herewith the copy of a self explanatory letter, with its attachment, addressed to this Office by the Agent, A. G. Leventis (Nigeria Limited in respect of the indebtedness of NIFINCO to the Company.

2. Kindly let me know the action being taken by NIFINCO to liquidate the debt.



*T. O. Ajayi*  
(T. O. Ajayi),  
for Secretary to the Military  
Government & Head of Service.

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AS (sc)

*T. O. Ajayi*

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SP/C. 124/5/394

16 April, 1975

The Permanent Secretary,  
Ministry of Industries,  
(Investment Division),  
Ibadan.

Nigeria Fibre Industries Company Limited:  
Indebtedness to A.G. Leventis & Co. (Nigeria) Ltd.

I am directed to refer to my letter No. SP/C. 124/5/392  
of 2nd April, 1975 and to ask for an urgent reply.

(Tony Osanyin),  
for Secretary to the Military  
Government and Head of Service

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

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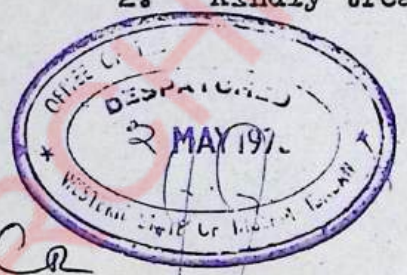
The Permanent Secretary,  
Ministry of Industries,  
(Investment Division),  
Ibadan.

Nigeria Fibre Industries Company Limited:  
Indebtedness to A.G. Leventis & Co. (Nig.)  
Limited

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I am directed to refer to my letter No. SP/C. 124/5/  
Vol. II/392 of 2nd April, 1975 and the reminder  
SP/C. 124/5/394 of 16th April, 1975 and to request you  
to let this Office know the existing appropriate Officer  
to whom the question of NIFINCO's indebtedness to A. G.  
Leventis can be addressed in view of the uncertain  
position of NIFINCO.

2. Kindly treat very urgently.



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(Tony Osanyin),  
for Secretary to the Military  
Government and Head of Service.

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Dispatch a B.U. - 16/5

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## MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIES

## INVESTMENT DIVISION

IBADAN · WESTERN STATE OF NIGERIA

Your Ref. No.....

All communications to be addressed  
to the Permanent Secretary quoting

Our Ref. No. INV. 577/T/10.

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

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



(For the Attention of Mr. Tony Osanyin)

Nigeria Fibre Industries Company Limited:  
Outstanding Accounts with Leventis  
Motors Limited

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I am directed to refer to correspondence resting with your letter No. SP/C.124/5/394 of 16th April, 1975, and to inform you that all attempts to get the Company to settle its outstanding accounts with the Leventis Motors Limited, Ibadan, as well as other creditors have failed because the Company is in a very poor financial position.

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2. Prior to the receipt of your letters under reference and following persistent demands and threats of legal action by various creditors, this Ministry has tried to restrain creditors from taking the Company to court. The Company's Management was advised to visit and persuade the creditors to exercise more patience while the Company endeavoured to meet its obligations to them. In this connection, I attach hereto copy of a letter No. NFIC/GMC/28 of 18th March, 1975, received from the Acting General Manager of the Company stating that many of the creditors appeared willing to exercise more patience with his Company.

3. The position now is that, following the demand of the workers for the payment of Udoji salary awards which the Company was unable to meet, the factory was closed down temporarily as a result of the industrial action embarked upon by the Workers' Union and it has only recently re-opened. However, in the meantime, negotiations are going on between this Ministry and Messrs Adriano Gardella and Company, our technical and financial partners in the Company, on the proposals for the revalidation of the plant and machinery of the Company in order to put them back in good working condition and to enable the Company to generate enough funds with which to meet its obligations. In the present circumstances of the Company, one can only appeal to Messrs Leventis Motors Limited again to exercise more patience.

4. It would, therefore, be appreciated if, in giving a reply to Messrs A. G. Leventis and Company, you would kindly request them to urge their Associate, Leventis Motors Limited, Ibadan, to exercise more patience pending the completion of the negotiations when, it is hoped, the Company would be financially viable to settle the outstanding debt.

P. 401 vfm  
T. O. A. Ojetunde  
(T. O. A. Ojetunde),  
for Permanent Secretary,  
Ministry of Industries.

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AS (SC)  
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NIGERIA FIBRE INDUSTRIES COMPANY LIMITED  
"N I F I N C O"  
P.O.Box 14,  
Topo Road,  
BADAGRY,  
Lagos State, Nigeria.

Our Ref. NFIC/GMC/28.

Dated: 18th March, 1975.

The Permanent Secretary,  
Ministry of Industries,  
Secretariat,  
IBADAN.

Dear Sir,

Outstanding Accounts

I refer to your letter Ref. No. INV.577/Vol.XV/230 of 18th February, 1975 on the above-mentioned subject. From the reaction of many of the creditors, it would appear that they are willing to exercise some more patience because, at present they are pressing for the payment of the outstanding accounts less seriously.

Yours faithfully,  
for: NIGERIA FIBRE INDUSTRIES COMPANY LTD.

(Sgd.) O. A. AFOLABI,  
AG. GENERAL MANAGER.

AS (sc)

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U. S. (SC),

Page 388 et seq.

2. Following the complaint lodged with this office by A. G. Leventis & Co. (Nig.) Ltd. that Nigeria Fibre Industries Company Ltd. is owing Leventis Motors Ibadan the sum of ₦3,200 and that no efforts had been made to effect settlement, we contacted the PSMI to ask what effort is being made to settle the debt and to know the existing appropriate officer to contact in view of the uncertain position of NIFINCO.

3. We have now received page 396 informing this Office that prior to the receipt of our letters and following persistent threats of legal action by various creditors of the Company, the Ministry of Industries had tried successfully to restrain creditors from taking the Company to the Court. Interim solutions had also been suggested to the Management. The attachment at p. 397 from the Ag. GM of the company indicates that from the reactions of their creditors, it would appear that they are willing to exercise more patience.

4. Paragraph 3 of page 396 highlights the present position of the Company and advised that in the circumstance, AG Leventis Company should be requested to exercise more patience. It does not occur to me that because the company's creditors are pressing less seriously, they are willing to exercise more patience as the GM has suggested. If they are, the Leventis Company could not have appealed to this Office for arbitration. What is important is what the Company is doing to offset its debts. Happily enough, the Ministry of Industries is already taking some positive steps and it is only to be hoped that such steps would yield dividends. While this Office can appeal to the Leventis Company to exercise more patience, the Ministry of Industries should be requested to intensify its efforts in order to achieve a positive result.

5. File submitted for further consideration please.

*Tony Osanyin*  
(Tony Osanyin),  
A. S. (SC),  
7/5/75.

AS (SC)

Reply p. 380 saying that NIFINCO is not in a financial position to meet its obligations in full at the moment, but that efforts are being made to strengthen the company. If creditors can wait a little longer to allow the measures being taken to revitalise the Company show results — and Leventis is urged to exercise more patience, there is no doubt that NIFINCO will be able to pay its creditors in no distant future.

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SP/C. 124/5/400

14 May, 1975

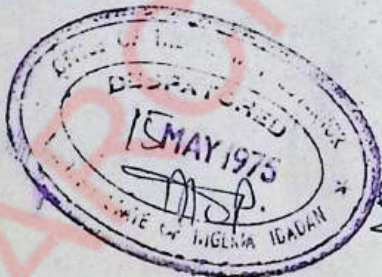
The Agent,  
A. G. Leventis & Co. (Nigeria) Ltd.,  
P. O. Box 41,  
Ibadan.

Re: Nigeria Fibre Industries Company Ltd.

I am directed to refer to your letter No. IB/33c/1 of 17th March, 1975 and to inform you that NIFINCO is not yet in a position to meet its obligations in full at the moment but efforts are being made to strengthen the Company.

2. As soon as efforts being made to revitalise the Company show results, NIFINCO will be able to pay you in no distant future. In the circumstance, I am to urge you to exercise more patience.

(Tony Osanyin),  
for Secretary to the Military  
Government and Head of Service.



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## MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIES

## INVESTMENT DIVISION

IBADAN · WESTERN STATE OF NIGERIA

Your Ref. No.....

All communications to be addressed  
to the Permanent Secretary quotingOur Ref. No. INV. 577/289.Date 5th June, 1975.

The Secretary to the Military Government  
and Head of Service,  
Office of the Military Governor,  
Statutory Corporations & State-Owned Companies Division,  
Agodi,  
Ibadan.

(For the Attention of Mr. Tony Osanyin)

Nigeria Fibre Industries Company Limited:  
Indebtedness to A.G. Leventis & Co. (Nig.)  
Limited

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P.292  
With reference to your letter No. SP/C.124/5/395  
of 2nd May, 1975, I am directed to refer you to my letter  
No. INV.577/T/10 of 2nd May, 1975 which was a reply to  
your first letter No. SP/C.124/5/Vol.II/392 of 2nd April,  
1975.

2. I provide below the name and address of the Company's  
Officer to whom any of your communications could be addressed:

Mr. A. O. Afolabi,  
Acting General Manager,  
Nigeria Fibre Industries Company Limited,  
Topo Road,  
P. O. Box 14,  
Badagry, Lagos State.

3. The Company has recently resumed production after  
the temporary closure of its factory at Badagry as a result  
of the Workers' industrial action arising from the demand  
for "Udoji" awards.

(T. O. A. Ojetunde),  
for Permanent Secretary,  
Ministry of Industries.

Note

Please see Pages 396 - 400. B.U.P.400 stands.

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P.A.

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Nov. 07 p.400 stands; p. d.

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CR,

B.U. overleaf again on Sept 26  
when we can check up whether or not  
fibre Industries Ltd is in position to do  
anything about its debt to Leventis.

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AS (C)

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# CO-OPERATIVE BANK LIMITED

registered as a co-operative society No. 500 of 1953, and incorporated as No. 2566 of 1961 under the companies ordinance

Head Office New Court Road, Ibadan

P. M. B. 5137: G. P. O. Ibadan Nigeria

Cables Cobank Ibadan

Telephone-23314  
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The Secretary to the Military Governor,  
Military Governor's Office,  
Secretariat,  
Agodi,  
Ibadan.

our ref. HOD.1120/69

your ref.

date 8th Sept., 1975.

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Dear Sir,

Re: Nigeria Fibre Industries Co. Ltd.

We have deemed it necessary to bring the present relationship between the above company which is the responsibility of the Western State Government and this Bank to your knowledge.

In 1971, a letter addressed to us by the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Trade & Industry, requested for an overdraft of ₦100,000.00. This request was granted. Photocopy of relevant correspondence are attached.

The facility which was arranged for only six months remained stagnant on the account which became dormant immediately facility was fully utilized within a few months of the approval. Several demands from the Bank were met with vague promises both from the Company and the Ministry of Industries. Please also find attached photocopy of relevant correspondence.

In 1973, we pressed further by instructing our solicitors to demand repayment. Nothing was achieved.

Having lost faith in promises made, we decided to go to Court in January 1975. On 14th April, 1975, judgement was entered in favour of the Bank for ₦120,312.22 plus ₦250.00 costs, bringing total due on judgement to ₦120,562.22 which has remained outstanding up to the time of writing.

It is our intention to present a winding-up petition in order to recover this judgment debt which is depositors' money. We, however, do not intend to do anything to embarrass the Government and it is in this respect we are writing to bring the matter for your immediate attention.

We shall therefore appreciate your intervention which will no doubt lead to settlement of this long outstanding amount.

We are by a copy of this letter advising the Permanent Secretaries, Ministry of Trade and Co-operatives and Ministry of Industries.

Yours faithfully,  
for: CO-OPERATIVE BANK LIMITED

G. AYODELE ONAGORUWA  
GENERAL MANAGER.

JAOA/RA

## MINISTRY OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY

DEVELOPMENT DIVISION  
IBADAN - WESTERN STATE OF NIGERIA

Your Ref. No.....  
All communications to be addressed  
to the Permanent Secretary quoting  
Our Ref. No. INV. 577/3/392

Date: 19<sup>th</sup> April, 1971

The General Manager,  
Co-operative Bank of Western  
Nigeria Limited,  
New Court Road,  
Ibadan.

Dear Sir,

Overdraft Facilities for Nigeria Fibre  
Industries Company Limited

Further to the discussion held with you on 14th April, 1971, by the Chief Development Officer in this Ministry and subsequent letter No. INV.577/3/390 addressed to you on 16th instant, I wish to confirm the request for overdraft facilities of £50,000 for the use of the Nigeria Fibre Industries Company Limited. p.2

2. As you have already been informed, the Company is now deeply involved in the resuscitation of its agricultural section so as to ensure adequate local supply of raw materials for the Company's factory at Badagry. The question of regular supply of raw materials for the Company has been one of its major problems, which would be greatly alleviated with adequate production of kenaf locally.

3. As indicated in paragraph 2 of my letter No. INV.577/3/390 of 16th April, 1971, the Western State Government is granting the Company a substantial amount of loan for its rehabilitation, out of which a sum of £50,000 has already been released. The requested overdraft facilities is therefore meant to serve as a bridging loan to cover expenses that would be incurred before the next lot of allocation from the Treasury is received.

4. It would be appreciated if you would kindly grant the Company's request for £50,000 overdraft facilities.

Yours faithfully,

*J. M. Akintunde-Ighodalo*  
(Mrs. F. M. Akintunde-Ighodalo)  
Chairman, Board of Directors,  
Nigeria Fibre Industries Company Ltd.

*Mr. Chapman*

*All convey approval under  
advice to Ibadan Branch. CONFIDENTIAL  
duration of facility is not  
stated, you may fix it for  
period of six months when report must issue.*

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NOB. 1120/4

(CONFIDENTIAL)

6th May, 1971

The Permanent Secretary,  
Ministry of Trade & Industry,  
Development Division,  
Secretariat,  
Lagos.

Dear Sir:

Overdraft Facility for Nigeria Fibre  
Fibre Industries Company Limited

We refer to your letter no. No. INV. 577/3/192 dated  
19th April 1971 and have pleasure in informing you that an  
overdraft of £20,000 (twenty thousand pounds) has been  
approved for the Nigeria Fibre Industries Company Limited  
for a period of six months subject to review. Interest on  
the overdraft shall be at the rate of 10% per annum.

Yours faithfully,

cc: The Branch Manager,  
Cooperative Bank Limited, Ibadan.

Above for your information and necessary action  
please. A report on this account should be issued at  
the end of the said six months.

GENERAL MANAGER  
Nigeria Fibre Industries

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'REGISTERED'

21st July, 1972

The Chairman,  
Board of Directors,  
H.I.P.L.N.C.O., Ltd.,  
c/o The Permanent Secretary,  
Ministry of Trade & Industry,  
Development Division,  
Secretariat,  
Ibadan.

Dear Sir,

Overdraft Facility for Nigeria  
Lime Industries Company Limited

Your attention is drawn to copies of our letters  
No. HOD.1120/14 and 12 of 19th January and 7th April  
respectively; copies are attached.

You are hereby request to settle the overdraft on  
your account with us within 21 days of the receipt of this  
letter, failing which we will be compelled to refer the  
matter to our solicitor.

The balance now stands at 453,621:1914 and the  
facility was due for repayment in November 1971.

Yours faithfully,  
Mrs COOPERATIVE BANK LIMITED

J. AYODUN OJASORUNA  
GENERAL MANAGER

GOD/TF:

cc: The Permanent Secretary, Min. of Industry, Ibadan.

Above for your information. In this respect  
we refer to your letter No. INV.577/3/392 of 19th  
April, 1971, and our letters of demand, copies of  
which are now attached.

J. GENERAL MANAGER.

cc: The Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Trade & Cooperatives,  
Ibadan.

Above for your information, we attach copies  
of relevant documents. We will highly appreciate  
your assistance in this respect.

J. GENERAL MANAGER.

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MINISTRY OF TRADE



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DEVELOPMENT DIVISION  
IBADAN · WESTERN STATE OF NIGERIA

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

Our Ref. No. INV. 577/3/595



Date. 1st August, 1972.

The General Manager,  
Co-operative Bank Limited,  
P. M. B. 5137,  
New Court Road,  
Ibadan.

Dear Sir,

Overdraft Facilities for Nigeria Fibre Industries  
Company Limited

I am directed to refer to your letter No. HOD. 1120/14 of 21st July, 1972 and to express regret at the inability of the above-named Company to fulfil its obligations to you. However, it will interest you to know that strenuous efforts are being made by Government to rehabilitate the Company which has been forced to close down temporarily since March, 1972. I am to assure you that the payment of the overdraft granted by your bank will receive due attention on resumption of production by the Company.

2. I should be grateful, therefore, if you would give the Company more time within which to effect payment.

Yours faithfully,

J. O. Abidogun  
(S. O. Abidogun)  
for Chairman,  
Board of Directors,  
NIGERIA FIBRE INDUSTRIES COMPANY LIMITED.

The S.G. M.

For information

Noted.  
B.U. 2. 11. 72.

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## NIGERIA FIBRE INDUSTRIES COMPANY LTD. 4086

"NIFINCO"

P. O. Box 14,  
Topo Road,  
BADAGRY,  
Lagos State, Nigeria.

Cables: NIFINCO BADAGRY.

Phone: 21.

Our Ref. NFIC/

Date 11th April, 1973

The General Manager,  
Co-operative Bank Limited,  
New Court Road,  
Ibadan.

Dear Sir,

Bank Overdraft  
Nigeria Fibre Industries Company Limited

We refer to our meeting Chief Onagoruwa/Messrs Afolabi and Ajiboye on the 4th April 1973 regarding the overdraft granted NIFINCO by your bank.

We enclose herewith our cheque No. BH-P.051561 for N6000.00 as part payment of the accrued overdraft interest. We should have paid the entire interest but the Marketing Board was not in a position to pay substantially for deliveries we made to them. We should be in a position to liquidate the entire interest within the next two weeks.

We set out below how NIFINCO intends to liquidate the overdraft:-  
Months- MAY . JUNE . JULY . AUGUST . SEPT. . OCT. . NOV. . DEC.  
Payments-4000.00 5000.00 5000.00 5000.00 2000.00 5000.00 5000.00 2000.00

By the end of December 1973 N33,000.00 of the principal sum should have been liquidated. We would stress that there is very strong possibility of NIFINCO being able to pay substantially more than this amount taking into consideration the very strong determination of the entire company's staff to make the company succeed.

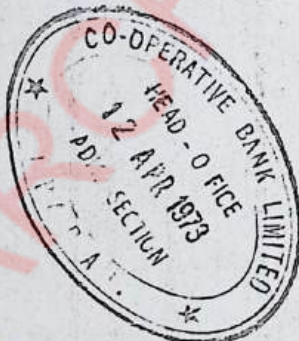
We express our thanks for the cordiality with which you received us during our meeting and we assure you that we shall not deviate from our proposal.

Thank you very much for your co-operation.

Yours faithfully,

  
P. A. Ajiboye

for: NIGERIA FIBRE INDUSTRIES CO. LTD.



Please note change in our Head-Office address as above.

DIRECTORS: B. A. Oduntan (Chairman), A. Gardella—Italian (Vice-Chairman), S. O. Abidogun,  
Moyo Aboderin (Chief), E. O. Ojuronbe, E. O. Faluwoye, J. E. Prandi, J. K. Kolawole.

409 321

Cooperative Bank Limited,  
Ibadan,  
9th September, 1975.

The Commissioner of Police,  
Police Headquarters,  
Eleiyele - IBADAN.

Dear Sir,

N500,000 Case of Fraud  
in Cooperative Bank Ltd.

I wish to bring to your notice a case of over N500,000 ( $\frac{1}{2}$  million Naira) fraud involving our Ile-Oluji branch Manager and his Accountant which was detected by our internal auditors about 2 weeks ago, and which has not been reported, to the Police up to the time of writing this letter.

Two things are significant about this fraud:-

(1) About 3 months ago the Chief Executive of the Bank issued a circular letter to all our branches instructing them not to report any case of fraud or suspected fraud to the Police without clearance from the Chief executive in Head-Office Ibadan. There was suspicion everywhere immediately this circular was out, as cases of fraud had always been reported to the Police promptly to enable them take immediate action. The circular letter was in fact deliberately issued out in order to cover up frauds, and to make the Government (which had wanted to re-organised the bank) believe that all is well in the bank. (See the attached).

(2) Despite the fact that the fraud had been detected, the Chief Accountant who was supposed to play a prominent part in the investigation of the fraud travelled abroad on personal business trip the following day the fraud was uncovered at the expense of the bank.

For the reasons stated above and for the fact that this is the biggest case of fraud in the history of the bank, it is strongly suspected that top officers of the bank might be connected with this fraud. It is for these reasons, and in the interest of the Government and public who own the bank, that we demand a full investigation of this fraud, and all other cases of stealing and fraud which have recently been brought to your notice, and on which action is yet to be taken.

We hope that in the spirit of the revolution now going on in the country, justice will be done.

Yours faithfully,

*O. Akulanni*

SECRETARY  
COOPERATIVE BANK  
STAFF WORKERS UNION

copy:-

- (1) C.I.D., Headquarters, Lagos.
- (2) The Military Governor, Western State. ✓
- (3) Daily Sketch, Ibadan.



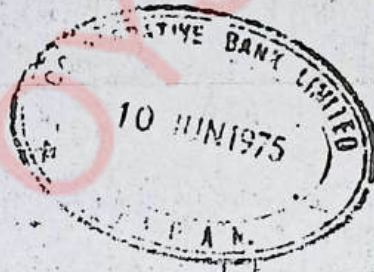
CO-OPERATIVE BANK LIMITED

New Court Road,  
F. M. S. 5137,  
Ibadan.

10th June, 1975.

Our Ref: M. 27/252

The Branch Managers,  
Co-operative Bank Limited,  
Lagos, Yaba, Abeokuta, Owo,  
Ibadan (New Court Road), Akure,  
Ibadan (Oje Market), Ile-Ife,  
Ado-Ekiti, Benin-City, Idanre,  
Ile-Oluji, Ikirun, Shaki and  
Eruwa.



Dear Sir/Madam,

Cases of fraud

Please note that from now onward, all cases of fraud suspected or discovered should first of all be referred either on telephone or in writing within 24 hours to the Head Office here in Ibadan for internal investigation before any report or information is given either to the Police Authorities or the Press.

Yours faithfully,  
for: CO-OPERATIVE BANK LIMITED

*[Signature]*  
S. AYODELE INAGORUJA  
GENERAL MANAGER

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Pages 328-330 are submitted for  
your kind attention please.

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# NIGERIA FIBRE INDUSTRY WORKERS UNION

Motto: Forward to Progress

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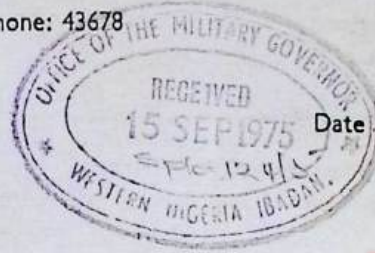
P.O. Box 29, Badagry

9 Aje Street,  
Yaba, Lagos

Telephone: 43678

Our Ref:

Your Ref:



Date 9th sept., 1975

His Excellency,  
Colonel David Jemibewon,  
Military Governor of the Western State,  
Governor's Office,  
Western State of Nigeria,  
Ibadan.

Dear Sir,

## The Plight of the Nigeria Fibre Industry

I have been directed by the Central Committee of my union to bring to the notice of your Excellency, the staggering position of the workers of the Nigeria Fibre Industry, one of the Western State Government owned Institution situating at Badagry.

2. This is considered necessary because of the fact that the official visit of your Excellency to some of the strategic industries owned by the Western State Government during your state-wide familiarisation tour did not include the Nigeria Fibre Industry, and the union feels it could be wise enough to acquaint your Excellency at this available opportunity, with matters relating to its existence and also its outstanding problems, so that a decisive approach can be given to solve the difficulties now facing the institution, particularly because of the fact that this company was bedeviled by frequent administrative reverses in the past. In fact, the close look into the affairs of this institution which my union is now asking for will enable the workers to heave the sigh of happiness after so many years of courage and hard-working.

3. Some of the company's problems which need urgent consideration however, were relating to the payment of Udoji Arrears to the workers, the workers contribution towards the National Provident Fund Scheme which no statement of account of workers contribution was made, the accumulated leave bonuses, the stabilisation and revitalisation of the Industry and guarantee for the security of employment of the workers of the institution.

4. I have the honour to be.

Yours faithfully,

*Att. Amobi*  
G. O. Agunbiade  
General Secretary

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via Sec (SC) 18/9

Comment pl.

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Plse examine the above petition.  
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*Ch. Enche & Submit.*

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Excerpt is submitted for

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Please see the petition at p.1 with particular reference to para.3. We cannot put something concrete before His Excellency the Military Governor and the Secretary to the Military Government and Head of Service until we call for the comments of the P.S. Min. of Industries. The Company is supervised by the Ministry of Industries.

2. To proceed please?

*Tony Osanyin*

(Tony Osanyin),  
A.S. (SC) I,

30/9/75.

Yes pl. as proposed.

*TSB*  
H. Sec (SC)  
30/9/75

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SP/C.124/5/T/4

2 Oct., 1975

The Permanent Secretary,  
Ministry of Industries,  
Ibadan.

(Attention: Mr Ojetunde)

The Plight of the Nigeria Fibre Industry

I attach herewith photo copy of a letter received from  
Mr. Agunbiade, General Secretary of Nigeria Fibre Industry  
Workers' Union for your urgent comments.

ps



(Tony Osanyin),  
for Secretary to the Military  
Government & Head of Service.

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Despatch & B.U. 19/10 ✓

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SP/C.124/5/T/5

15<sup>th</sup> October, 1975

The Permanent Secretary,  
Ministry of Industries,  
Ibadan.

(Attention: Mr. Ojetunde)

The Plight of the Nigeria Fibre Industry

I am directed to refer to my letter No. SP/C.124/5/T/4  
of 2nd October, 1975 and to ask for an early reply.



*[Handwritten signature]*

(Bayo Adedokun)  
for Secretary to the Military  
Government & Head of Service.

CR, pl. b.u 21/11/75 ✓

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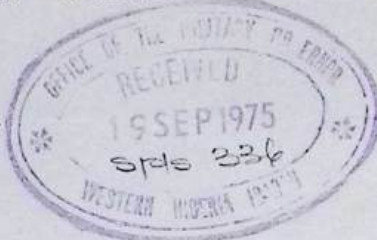


IBADAN · WESTERN STATE OF NIGERIA

Your Ref. No.....

All communications to be addressed to the Permanent Secretary quoting

Our Ref. No. INV. 577/317



Date 19<sup>th</sup> September, 1975

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

Nigeria Fibre Industries Company Limited

I am directed to refer to a letter No. HOD.1120/69 of 8th September, 1975, written to you by the General Manager of the Co-operative Bank Limited, Ibadan, and copied to me, with regard to the inability of the Nigeria Fibre Industries Company Limited (NIFINCO) to liquidate the debt of ₦120,562.22 being the principal plus interest on the overdraft granted to the company and the costs awarded against the company in January, 1975, in a civil suit instituted by the bank to recover the money.

2. For some time now, the company has been short of working capital in addition to the fact that the machines and equipment have not been operating satisfactorily due to old age, poor maintenance and lack of essential spare parts. It has been kept going principally to prevent the entire plant from falling into a complete state of disrepair, before the efforts to re-organise and rehabilitate it materialise. As it is operating strictly on cash basis, it could have stopped production early this year but for the desperate efforts of the Management to keep up the skeleton operation by using any raw material besides kenaf fibre and, therefore, being able to fall on the stock of jute and what has been considered as waste to turn out products which are readily acceptable both to the Western Nigeria Marketing Board and other users.

3. In the meantime, discussions and negotiations were held with our technical/financial partners in the company, Messrs Adriano Gardella, in order to renew their interests in the rehabilitation of the company. They submitted a comprehensive proposal to the same end. After tedious negotiations with them, we came to the conclusion that the arrangement and terms proposed would be more detrimental to our interest in the long run than the existing position of the company. Since then, we have been able to enlist the interest of a more promising prospective technical/financial partner, Nasreddin of Ethiopia, who is the technical/financial partner in the Northern Nigeria Fibre Products Limited which started operation in 1967, a year after NIFINCO, and which has been making profit ever since and has doubled its output over the period. An attractive interim proposal has been received from the prospective partner and a

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more detailed one has been promised to be forthcoming soon.

4. In the light of the foregoing, and of the fact that the company's current indebtedness totalling about ₦5 million could not be settled by it without a comprehensive programme phasing out the repayment to many creditors, some of them statutory, it will be greatly appreciated if the Co-operative Bank could be prevailed upon to exercise more patience until such time that the rehabilitation efforts would fructify.

(O. Olutayo),  
for Permanent Secretary,  
Ministry of Industries.

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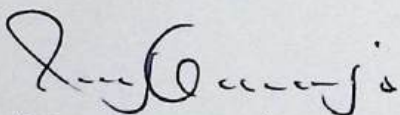
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Pages 323-328 and 332-333 refer, please.

2. The G.M., Co-operative Bank complains that his bank granted an overdraft of ₦100,000.00 to Nigeria Fibre Industry at the request of P.S., Min. of Trade & Industry in 1971. Ever since, the facility had remained stagnant on the account which became dormant immediately facility was fully utilized. Demands from the Bank have met with vague promises. As a result, the Bank went to Court in April 1975 and judgement was entered in favour of the Bank for ₦120,312.22 plus ₦250.00 costs, bringing total due to ₦120,562.22 which has remained outstanding. The letter adds that it is the intention of the Bank to present a winding-up petition in order to recover the judgement debt but that it is not their intention to embarrass the Govt. and so they want some intervention. The letter was copied to P.S, M.I. for information.
3. At pages 332-333 is the P.S, Min. of Industries' comments on the matter. He complained that the Company (NIFINCO) has been short of working capital in addition to the fact that the machines and equipment have not been operating satisfactorily owing to old age, poor maintenance and lack of essential spare parts. He stated all efforts that had been made or being made to reactivate the company. He then appealed that the Co-operative Bank should be prevailed upon to exercise more patience until such a time that the rehabilitation efforts will yield fruits.
4. In order to prevent further embarrassment to the Govt. ( I presume that Govt. has been embarrassed by the Court action of April this year) this Office should intervene by asking the Bank to give more time while at the same time, the Min. of Industries should intensify its efforts to put the company in a proper footing.
5. Above submitted for consideration, please.



(Tony Osanyin),  
A.S. (SC),

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wld seem to be in the wrong file.  
Is the no. none on the Nigeria Fibre Industry

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Co. Add? That shld be the relevant  
file & plse re-submit.

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2. Please take appropriate action and  
submit PP <sup>403</sup> 323 at seq to the U.S. (SC)  
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Action has been taken as  
directed plse  
" " CR 8/10

U.S. (SC)

Overleaf is resubmitted, pls.

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Plse fair draft at b.c.

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Sec. (S.C.),

Please read the A.S.(S.C.)I's minute at p.414 on the financial predicament of the Nigeria Fibre Industry (N.I.F.I.N.C.O.) and its huge indebtedness to the Co-operative Bank. After several unsuccessful attempts, the latter was compelled to institute legal action in January 1975 to recover the long outstanding overdraft, ~~and~~ the original sum of which was ₦50,000 { i.e. ₦100,000.00 } but with the Court awarding judgment with costs against the company on 14th April, 1975, the company's total indebtedness to the bank increased to ₦120,562.22. The company has so far been unable to pay up as a result of which the bank is now contemplating filing ~~a~~ a winding-up petition.

2. The P.S., Ministry of Industries, appreciating the seriousness of the situation, has at pp.412-3 disclosed what strenuous efforts are being made to re-organise the company and make it more viable and liquid so as to enable it meet its obligations to the Co-operative Bank. In view of 'X' of paragraphs 2 and 3 of the P.S., Ministry of Industries' letter, I would agree with the A.S.(S.C.)I's suggestion that in order to save Government from further embarrassment on the issue, this Office should exercise some restraining influence on the Co-operative Bank by appealing that it should exercise more patience with the company whilst stressing to the P.S., Ministry of Industries to act with despatch in connection with the impending negotiation with the company's new prospective technical/financial partner (Nasreddin of Ethiopia) to revamp the finances of the company.

3. Even then, one is not quite convinced of the capability of the company to raise its head above the financial water for long in view of its aggregate debt from all sources which is to an alarming tune of ₦5 million (vide paragraph 4, p.413). It would then seem that the solution contemplated may only be of short-term duration in terms of simply providing a kind of medium-term bridging finance. What would seem to be required is a comprehensive re-appraisal of its operation efficiency. And in

this respect, one is inclined to recommend that the E.P.F.U. be commissioned to undertake an overall critical appraisal of the company with a view to recommending any possible steps that may put the company back on the road to economic viability, and if no way could be seen ahead, some firm decision would have to be taken by Government to determine the future of this company which has been a 'problem-child' of this State Government for so long.

(A. A. Udulana),  
Ag. U.S.(S.C.),

14<sup>th</sup> October, 1975.

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Sec (SC),

The Co-op Bank itself is no doubt in difficult financial position and one cannot therefore blame it for putting pressure on its debtors. Considering the fact that the Govt. is reluctant to help the Bank for some specific reasons, it will appear difficult for us to plead with the Bank not to act against the Company. For what it is worth, anyway, I approve that a suitable letter be addressed to the Bank to tarry in taking action against the Company. E.P.F.U. should be asked to carry out a quick appraisal of the Company with a view to Govt. taking a decision on its future.

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Pl. give me a suitable draft. 17/10/75

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20<sup>th</sup> October, 1975

Chief G. A. Onagorunwa,  
General Manager,  
Co-operative Bank,  
New Court Road,  
P.M.B. 5137,  
Ibadan.

Dear Sir,

Re: Nigeria Fibre Industries Company Limited

With reference to your letter No. HOB.1120/69 of 8th September, 1975 on the above Company, I am directed to advise you to suspend any action intended against the Company as Government is taking steps to re-appraise its activities with a view to deciding its future.

Yours faithfully,

(S. O. Babalola),  
for Secretary to the Military  
Government and Head of Service.



Ref. No. SP/C.124/5/418A

Office of the Military Governor,  
Ibadan.

20<sup>th</sup> October, 1975.

Copy to:

The Director,  
Economic Projects Performance Unit,  
Finance Corporation Building,  
P.M.B. 5368,  
Ibadan.

Above for your information. The Nigeria Fibre Industries Company Limited is experiencing serious financial difficulty. In addition to being short of working capital, its machines and equipment have not been operating satisfactorily due to old age, poor maintenance and lack of essential spare parts.

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2. You are requested therefore to carry out a quick appraisal of the Company and recommend to Government what should be done about it. In view of the Company's present financial difficulty and the need to ensure that any further investment in it will not go down the drain, it will be appreciated if this matter is treated with the utmost urgency.

*S.D.B.*  
(S. O. Babalola),  
for Secretary to the Military  
Government and Head of Service.

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Above for your information.  
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## MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIES

IBADAN · WESTERN STATE OF NIGERIA

Your Ref. No.....

All communications to be addressed  
to the Permanent Secretary quoting

Our Ref. No... IM.47/41.....

Date 22<sup>nd</sup> October, 1975

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

The Plight of the Nigeria Fibre Industry

I am directed to refer to your letters No. SP/C.124/5/T/4 of 2nd October, 1975, with attachment and No. SP/C.124/T/3 of 10th October, 1975.

2. It is true, as the Union has claimed, that the Nigeria Fibre Industries Company Limited was bedevilled by a number of problems including ineffective technical and administrative management, irregular supply of raw materials and spare parts and poor machine performance all of which led to its closure for a greater part of 1972. It was to remove these problems which were more pronounced after the withdrawal of the technical/financial partners, Messrs Adriano Gardella of Italy who were also managing the project, that the State Government granted the company in October, 1972, a loan of ₦580,000 for rehabilitation purposes.

3. After the receipt of the loan, the factory re-opened in December, 1972, and commenced production a month later after its machines and equipment had been overhauled and a number of key personnel recruited to manage vital operational areas. The factory started on one shift with an output of 6,000 bags per day but with a programme to go into two shifts later when output would move up to 12,000 bags per day. However, as the news of the rehabilitation spread, much of the loan had to be used to settle with creditors. Also, as a result of frequent break-down of the machines as well as one of the company's power generators, the proposed output and the revenue anticipated could not be achieved. It then became increasingly difficult for it to meet its financial commitments not only to the workers but also to other creditors like the National Provident Fund, the Board of Customs and Excise, the Western Nigeria Marketing Board and the United Bank for Africa.

4. It was during the difficult situation of the Company described above that the workers demanded the payment of "Udoji" arrears early this year. As a result, the company had to close down for some weeks. The workers were strongly opposed to the closure. They initiated negotiation with the assistance of the Federal Ministry of Labour. With the agreement that the company should pay revised rates and defer payment of arrears until when able, operation was resumed with effect from 1st May, 1975.

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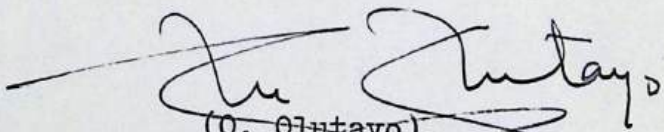
5. All along, efforts continued to improve the performance of the company by re-enlisting the interest of our technical/financial partners. Proposals for the rehabilitation of the company were received both from our technical/financial partners, Messrs Adriano Gardella, and from Messrs Altrom & Co. of Geneva. The terms for the revalidation of the factory were negotiated but were found to be unattractive as, in the long run, they would not improve the fortunes of the company. We again took steps to enlist the interests of other prospective technical/financial partners in the matter. In response, the technical/financial partner of the Northern Nigeria Development Corporation in the Northern Nigeria Fibre Products Limited, Jos, the Nasreddin Company, has shown interests. Preliminary negotiation started in earnest and several visits have been made to the factory in Badagry by its experts to ascertain and evaluate the condition preparatory to submission of terms. The Chairman of the Nigeria Fibre Industries Company Limited, who is also the Deputy Permanent Secretary in this Ministry, has also visited the Jos Fibre factory and held discussions with Mr. Nasreddin, the Managing Director of Northern Nigeria Fibre Products Limited. Since then, the prospective partner has submitted its proposal in outline with the promise that the financial details would be submitted after necessary information on machine prices would have been obtained from overseas. In fact, we have lately received a telegram informing us of the efforts being made to compile prices necessary to monetize the proposal and terms.

6. During last month, the only generator of the company worked only intermittently because of one technical fault or another. All efforts to get it repaired have proved abortive with the results that the company has not been able to generate sufficient funds to pay in full but only partly the workers' salaries for September and up to 14th October, 1975, when they were sent on compulsory leave without pay pending the time that Government will take a decision on the existence of the company. The workers are very much aware of the difficulties of the company and the persistent efforts of this Ministry to get it well re-organised and put it in a position to be able to meet its obligations to the workers and other creditors. Unfortunately, the workers have become very impatient and violent and all they want now is to be paid their entitlements as they are prepared to be laid off in the event of the imminent closure of the factory.

7. After a careful re-appraisal of the situation at Badagry and the unprofitable trend of the project since its inception, we have come to the conclusion that it might be a good thing, in the circumstances, to close the factory permanently if the Government would provide money to pay the workers their dues. Steps could then be taken to liquidate the company voluntarily with a view to paving way for the establishment of a new fibre project, without encumbrances at a new site within the State. A separate comprehensive submission on this proposal will be submitted by us within a day or two.

8. The delay in forwarding this reply has been due to the fact that up-to-date information on the state of the factory was being obtained from the Management of the company with whom discussions were ultimately held on Monday the 20th instant,

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 (O. Olutayo),  
 for Permanent Secretary,  
 Ministry of Industries.

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INV.577/338.

EPC. 10/1/85.

24th October, 1975.

Mr. M. S. Adigun,  
Permanent Secretary,  
Ministry of Industries,  
Ibadan.

Nigeria Fibre Industries Company Limited.

With reference to your letter of 23rd October, 1975, I have had a quick look at the proposals contained in the attached copy of your minute to His Excellency the Military Governor on the future of the Nigeria Fibre Industries Company Limited. In view of the factory's rather intractable problems highlighted in the minute, there appears to be no alternative to achieving immediate solution than the line of action proposed therein.

2. The professional staff of this Unit are, however, of the view that there may be other alternative solutions to the problems of the factory which can only be considered after a suitable comparative appraisal. Unfortunately, the work programme of this Unit is already over-taxed and it will not be possible for the necessary study to be undertaken for some considerable time to come.

3. In view of this situation and the most pressing nature of the problems of the Company, I would personally agree with the line of action proposed in <sup>your</sup> the minute. I would suggest, however, that action to establish a new fibre project in a suitable location within the State should proceed without any delay whatsoever. This is because the manufacture of jute bag for which the Nigeria Fibre Industries Company Limited was established is, in itself, sound in principle not only because of the ready demand for the products of the factory but also because agro-based industries should be given special impetus in this agricultural country of ours.

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(Mrs. F.M. Akintunde-Ighodalo),  
Director.

(overleaf)

Ref. No. EPC. 10/1/85A.

Economic Projects Performance Unit,  
Finance Corporation Buildings,  
Ibadan, 24th October, 1975.

Copy to:-

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



Overleaf for information with reference to the minute on the Nigeria Fibre Industries Company Limited addressed by the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Industries, through you to His Excellency the Military Governor.

*Ila Ighodalo*  
(Mrs. F.M. Akintunde-Ighodalo)  
Director.

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S.N.G. & H.S.  
~~U.S. (SC)~~,

Please see the petition from the General Secretary, Nigeria Fibre Industry Workers' Union Badagry at p.411A.

2. In it, the Union had identified the following problems as affecting the Workers:

- (a) Non-payment of Udoji Arrears to the Workers;
- (b) The Workers contribution towards the National Provident Fund Scheme - which no statement of account of Workers' contribution was made;
- (c) Accumulated leave bonuses;
- (d) Stabilisation and Revitalisation of the Industry
- and (e) Guarantee for the security of employment for the Workers of the Industry.

3. The comments of the PS, MI on the issue which have now been obtained are as follows:-

- (i) that it is true that the Nigeria Fibre Industries Co. Ltd was bedevilled by a number of problems including ineffective technical and administrative management, irregular supply of raw materials and spare parts and poor machine performance - all of which led to its closure for a greater part of 1972;
- (ii) that it was to remove these problems that the State Govt. granted the Company in October 1972, a loan of N580,000 for rehabilitation purposes;
- (iii) that after 1972, production commenced and much of the loan had to be used to settle with creditors but that as a result of frequent breakdown of the machines as well as one of the Companies' power generators, the proposed output and the revenue anticipated could not be achieved and it became increasingly difficult to meet its financial commitments to the Workers and other creditors

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and (iv) that it was at this point that the Workers demanded payment of Udoji: The factory had to be closed down only to resume production in May this year - having reached agreement that new rates will be paid and arrears paid when able.

4. PS,MI then traced all efforts that have been made by the authorities to improve the performance of the Company. The situation however reached a critical stage whereby the salaries for Sept. and up to Oct. 14th could only be paid in part. The Workers had to be sent on compulsory leave without pay pending the time that Govt. would take a decision on the existence of the Company. PS,MI then indicated that he has carefully examined the situation and the unprofitable trend of the project since its inception and <sup>has</sup> come to the conclusion that the best thing the Govt. can do in the circumstance is to close the factory permanently if the Govt. would provide money to pay the Workers their dues. He adds that steps could be taken to liquidate the Company voluntarily with a view to paving way for the establishment of a new Fibre Project without encumbrances at a new site within the State, the proposals of which was expected to have been submitted by now.

5. Comments: There appears to be no alternative to the proposal of the PS,MI that the Industry be closed down and liquidated. Since it is indicated that the project had been bedevilled by problems that appear to be insoluble since its inception, there is no point trying to reactivate the place only to discover that efforts would <sup>again</sup> be abortive. One can only hope that the problems that constituted the cog in the wheels of progress of the Industry will not repeat itself in another Industry of its type being proposed elsewhere in the State. However, that is a matter for the EPPU. I suppose the proposal to close down the factory permanently is the subject of the endorsement at p.423.

6. Above, submitted for further consideration, please.

*Tony Osanyin*

(Tony Osanyin)  
A.S. (SC),

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7. To be able to make a meaningful submission to HEMG on the future of the Company, the PS, MI should be asked to let us know the total entitlements of the workers that he is requesting Government to meet. In view of the ~~supported~~<sup>reported</sup> impatience of the workers the P.S. should be made to give this information urgently. It will be valuable if he indicates the company's total indebtedness to other creditors other than the Government. On return of file action will be taken as recommended.

~~Car-foje~~  
 (O. Akinfisoje)  
 Ag. U.S. (S.C.)

11/11/75

8. You may also wish to see E.P.P.U.'s endorsement at pp 422-3.

*[Signature]*  
 Ag Sec (S.C.)  
 11/11/75

Sec (SC),

PS. MI made a submission to HEMG i.r.o funds to pay the workers and this, I think, was approved by HE. It is now necessary to wind up the Company as soon as possible. T.u.a in this direction

*[Signature]*  
 SUGGATS 12/11

US(SC)

Px. give me a suitable draft reply to P.S. MI's letter at pp 420-1  
*[Signature]*  
 13/11

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P. U. draft abe. c.

~~M~~

A.g. U.S. (sc)  
14/11/75

Sec (sc)

Draft abe. submitted for your  
consideration

~~M~~

A.g. U.S. (sc)  
14/11/75

us(sc)

Pl. issue draft - Thank you.

~~S.B~~  
Sec(sc)  
14/11/75

CS

Fair draft abe.

~~M~~

17/11/75

SP/C.124/5/428

428  
17 November, 1975.

The Permanent Secretary,  
Ministry of Industries,  
Ibadan.

The Plight of the Nigeria Fibre Industry

P.420  
I wish to refer to your letter No. IM.47/41 of 22nd October, 1975 and to say that after careful consideration I agree with you that as the Nigeria Fibre Industries Company Limited is bedevilled with a number of rather insurmountable problems, the best thing is to close its factory down permanently.

2. You are therefore directed to set in motion the necessary machinery for winding up the Company by recommending a suitable liquidator for the approval of His Excellency the Military Governor.
3. Please treat this matter with the greatest despatch.



(O. Akinfisoje),  
for Secretary to the Military  
Government & Head of Service.

AS (se)  
K. i. v. for a reply.  
A.S. u.s. (sc)  
18/11/75

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CR.

K.I.O. over leaf <sup>for reply</sup> or B.U

19/12 - whichever is earlier.

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# NIGERIA FIBRE INDUSTRY WORKERS UNION

Motto: Forward to Progress

P.O. 29, Badagry

Telephone: 43678

9 Aje Street,  
Yaba, Lagos

Our Ref:

Your Ref:



Date 11th Nov. 1975

His Excellency,  
Colonel David Jemibewon,  
Military Governor of the Western State,  
Governor's Office,  
Western State of Nigeria,  
Ibadan.

*SMGxHS*  
*M 11/11*

Dear Sir,

### Appeal Over Pay

I have been directed by the entire workers of the Nigeria Fibre Industry Company Limited (NIFINCO) Badagry, to appeal to you to kindly direct the payment of salaries and arrears including other indebtedness in form of emolument owed to the workers by the management of NIFINCO in the interest of humanity so that they can be relieved of the present economic and social strangulation into which they have been subjected as a result of the management's negligence and administrative slag.

2. Although, I am convinced of the good plan the Government had mapped out for the progress and stability of this company as contained in the 1975/76 fiscal budget, but the earlier this is implemented the better, because Nigeria Fibre Industry being a viable industry has a lot to do in the economic advancement of this country and any slack from its side whether caused by administrative defect or otherwise will not be regarded as a pride of the fatherland.

3. In fact, the workers are prepared to serve their country honestly, efficiently, dedicatedly and with full loyalty.

4. Therefore, your urgent and sympathetic approach to this issue will highly be appreciated.

Yours faithfully,

*G. O. Agunbiade*

G. O. Agunbiade  
General Secretary

Sec (sc)

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TELEPHONE NO: IBADAN 62100/

TELEGRAMS: PERMIND



MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIES

ADMINISTRATION AND GENERAL DIVISION  
IBADAN · WESTERN STATE OF NIGERIA

Your Ref. No.....  
All communications should  
to the Permanent Secretary quoting  
Our Ref. No..... INV. 57TT/3.....



Date..... 5 November, 1975

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

N.I.F.I.N.CO.

I am directed to refer to your letter of reminder  
No. SP/C.124/5/T/4 of the 4th instant and to my letter  
No. IM.47/41 of 22nd October, 1975, which is the reply being  
sought for your letters Nos. SP/C.124/5/T4 of 2nd October,  
1975, with attachment and No. SP/C.124/T/3 of 10th October,  
1975.

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*(Signature)*  
(O. Olutayo),  
for Permanent Secretary.

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# NIGERIA FIBRE INDUSTRY WORKERS UNION

Motto: Forward to Progress

P.O. Box 29, Badagry

Telephone: 43678

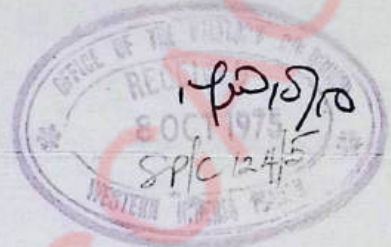
9 Aje Street,  
Yaba, Lagos

Our Ref:

Your Ref:

Date 9th Sept., 1975

His Excellency,  
Colonel David Jemibewon,  
Military Governor of the Western State,  
Governor's Office,  
Western State of Nigeria,  
Ibadan.



Dear Sir,

The Plight of the Nigeria Fibre Industry

I have been directed by the Central Committee of my union to bring to the notice of your Excellency, the staggering position of the workers of the Nigeria Fibre Industry, one of the Western State Government owned Institution situating at Badagry.

2. This is considered necessary because of the fact that the official visit of your Excellency to some of the strategic industries owned by the Western State Government during your state-wide familiarisation tour did not include the Nigeria Fibre Industry, and the union feels it could be wise enough to acquaint your Excellency at this available opportunity, with matters relating to its existence and also its outstanding problems, so that a decisive approach can be given to solve the difficulties now facing the institution, particularly because of the fact that this company was bedeviled by frequent administrative reverses in the past. In fact, the close look into the affairs of this institution which my union is now asking for will enable the workers to heave the sigh of happiness after so many years of courage and hard-working.

3. Some of the company's problems which need urgent consideration however, were relating to the payment of Udoji Arrears to the workers, the workers contribution towards the National Provident Fund Scheme which no statement of account of workers contribution was made, the accumulated leave bonuses, the stabilisation and revitalisation of the Industry and guarantee for the security of employment of the workers of the institution.

4. I have the honour to be.

Yours faithfully,

*A. H. Agunbiade*

G. O. Agunbiade  
General Secretary

*PSM 8/5*  
*11/10*  
*Comment.*

*Sec (sc) / Comment pt*

*100 from P411A*

*2/10*

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SP/C.124/5/T/2.

10<sup>th</sup> October, 1975.

Mr. G.O. Agunbiade,  
General Secretary,  
Nigeria Fibre Industry Workers' Union,  
9, Aje Street,  
Yaba,  
Lagos State.

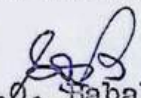
Dear Sir,

The Flight of the Nigeria Fibre  
Industry.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated 9th September, 1975, addressed to His Excellency the Military Governor and to inform you that the issues raised therein are being investigated.

2. Further communication will be addressed to you as soon as the investigation is completed.

Yours faithfully,

  
(S.O. Babalola)  
for Secretary to the Military  
Government and Head of Service



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SP/G.124/5/T3.

10<sup>th</sup> October, 1975.

Mr. M.S. Adigun,  
The Permanent Secretary,  
Ministry of Industry,  
Ibadan.

N.I.F.I.N.CO.

.....  
Attached herewith is the copy of a letter recently received from the General Secretary of the <sup>above</sup> Company's Workers' Union which His Excellency the Military Governor would like you to comment on.

*S.O.*  
(S.O. Babalola)  
for Secretary to the Military  
Government and Head of Service.



CR

Pl. despatch letters at b.c. + b.u on 31/x/75 ✓

*S.O.*  
Ag Sec (S.C.)  
10/x/75

Sec (S.C.)

Instruction above  
is humbly reft; *for 9, 10*

*1 pm*  
CR 31/10  
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CR

Pl send a reminder to b.u on 21/11/75

*S.O.*  
Ag Sec (S.C.) 31/10

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SP/C.124/5/T/4.

4 November, 1975

Mr. M. S. Adigun,  
The Permanent Secretary,  
Ministry of Industries,  
Ibadan.

N.I.F.I.N.CO.

I have instruction to refer to this Office  
letter No. SP/C.124/5/T/3 of 10th October, 1975 and  
to kindly request you to favour me with an early reply,  
please.

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*John*

(Yeba Adesunloye),  
for Secretary to the Military  
Government & Head of Service.

*pw 21/11*

Sec (SC)

*John*  
Above issued following  
your last instruction strike for  
of opposite page but no reply yet

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Your min of/kef refers. Pl send another  
reminder + b.u in three weeks time.

~~Sec~~  
Sec(SC)  
21/11/25



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SP/C.124/5/T/6.

2nd Reminder

24 November, 1975

Mr. M. S. Adigun,  
The Permanent Secretary,  
Ministry of Industries,  
Ibadan.

N.I.F.I.N.CO.

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I am directed to refer to my letter No. SP/C.124/5/T/3  
10th October, 1975 together with its attachment and subsequent  
reminder and to ask when I may be expecting a reply thereto,  
please.

few  
(Yeba Adesunloye),  
for Secretary to the Military  
Government and Head of Service.



25/11/75

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hons above.

2. I think the matter has been conclusively  
settled. If you get the main file, I  
think we have got the reply, a formal  
submission to SMG has been made and  
we have informed DSMI that they should  
take steps to liquidate the Company.  
3. Find out more from the parent file.

26/11

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~~AS~~  
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Miss Fawn

Ms. get me the  
parent file early  
Feb  
CR 26/11

NOTE

Ms. see  
p. 429 for  
the action refd;  
by AS (S) /  
on this matter

mv 19/12

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TELEPHONE NOS: 62100 EXT  
DIRECT LINE



MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIES

INVESTMENT DIVISION  
IBADAN · WESTERN STATE OF NIGERIA

Your Ref. No.....  
All communications to be addressed  
to the Permanent Secretary quoting  
Our Ref. No. IM.47/50.

Date: 2nd December, 1975.

The Secretary to the Military Government  
and Head of Service,  
(Statutory Corporations & State-Owned Companies Division),  
Office of the Military Governor,  
Agodi,  
Ibadan.

(For the Attention of Mr. Yeba Adesunloye)

Nigeria Fibre Industries Company Limited

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With reference to your letter No. SP/C.124/5/T/6  
of 24th November, 1975, I am directed to invite your  
attention to my letter No. IM. 47/41 of 22nd October, 1975  
and your subsequent letter thereon No. SP/C.124/5/428 of  
17th November, 1975.

*T. O. A. Ojetunde*  
(T. O. A. Ojetunde),  
for Permanent Secretary,  
Ministry of Industries.

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MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIES

INVESTMENT DIVISION  
IBADAN · WESTERN STATE OF NIGERIA

Your Ref. No.....  
All communications to be addressed  
to the Permanent Secretary quoting  
Our Ref. No. IM.47/51.....



2nd December, 1975.  
Date.....

The Secretary to the Military Government  
and Head of Service,  
Office of the Military Governor,  
Statutory Corporations and State-Owned Companies Division,  
Agodi,  
Ibadan.

(For the Attention of Mr. O. Akinfisoye)

The Plight of the Nigeria Fibre Industry

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I am directed to refer to your letter No. SP/C.124/5/428 of 17th November, 1975, and to inform you that the question of setting up in motion necessary machinery for winding up the Company including the choice of a suitable liquidator has been referred to the Ministry of Justice for advice.

2. You will be informed as soon as I obtain the advice of the law officers.

*T. O. A. Ojetunde*

(T. O. A. Ojetunde),  
for Permanent Secretary,  
Ministry of Industries.

*SK*  
Note

*O.K. But I will discuss with Mr. Ojetunde as I don't see the need for reference to the Ministry of Justice.*

*AS(SC) 8/2*

*AS(SC) 1 Mr. ref. 2. P. U. 1/2/76*

*CR 1 B.U. 9/1/76*

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CR,

B.U. overleaf on 18/2/26

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DIVISION  
STATE OF NIGERIA  
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# CO-OPERATIVE BANK LIMITED

registered as a co-operative society No. 500 of 1953, and incorporated as No. 2566 of 1961 under the companies ordinance

Head Office New Court Road, Ibadan

P.M. 5137; G.P.O. Ibadan Nigeria.

Cables: Cobank Ibadan

Telephone—23314  
23315  
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our ref.

HOD. 1120/71

your ref. SP/C.124/5/418

date 31st Dec., 1975.

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



Dear Sir,

Re: Nigeria Fibre Industries Co. Ltd.

P.418

We refer to your letter of 20th October, 1975, and will be obliged to know what action is being taken and when we may expect repayment of the outstanding.

Yours faithfully,  
for: CO-OPERATIVE BANK LIMITED

G. ~~MOSES~~ ONAGORUWA  
GENERAL MANAGER.

JAOA/RA

Sec(SC)  
Cm 4/115  
MA SP

US(Sc)

Before we can confidently reply this letter, we need to have a definite reply to our letter at p.428, esp.

Directors:

Pastor Emmanuel Titus Latunde, Chief John Babatunde Akinyede, Remi Okun Obisesan Esq., David Adeoye Adebisi Esq., Jacob Adeleke Omojola Esq., F. A. Oguntimehin Esq., F. A. Fadele Esq., J. J. Omisode Esq., F. L. Adowuyi Esq., Chief Emmanuel O. Ogunbanwo, T. A. Oyetayo Esq., Chief Funso Afelumo, Samuel Adebayo Fagbemi Esq., Samuel Titiloye Ogunwale Esq., Alhaji Rafiu Alarape Busari, O. O. Bello Esq.

Para 2 of it. Pl. check up quickly from PSRI what

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CO-OPERATIVE BANK LIMITED

action has been taken so far.

80/3  
Sec (S.C.)  
13/1/76

CS  
Please find draft attached.

~~80/3~~  
Ag us (sc)  
14/1/76

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SP/C.124/5/444

14 January, 1976.

The Permanent Secretary,  
Ministry of Industries,  
Ibadan.

The Plight of the Nigeria Fibre Industry

I wish to refer to my letter No. SP/C.124/5/428 of 17th November, 1975 and your interim reply No. IM.47/51 of 2nd December, 1975 and to ask for the present position of the matter.

2. You may wish to note that a number of authorities including some creditors of the company would want the matter resolved urgently.
3. Please expedite action.



*Printings*  
(O. Akinfiso),  
for Secretary to the Military  
Government & Head of Service.

AG(se)!

K.i.v. above for about a week

~~AG~~ US(se)  
15/1/76

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MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIES  
INVESTMENT DIVISION  
IBADAN · WESTERN STATE OF NIGERIA



Your Ref. No.....  
All communications to be addressed  
to the Permanent Secretary quoting  
Our Ref. No. IM47/56

Date... 23<sup>rd</sup> January, 1976.

The Secretary to the Military Government  
and Head of Service,  
Office of the Military Governor,  
Statutory Corporations and State-Owned Companies Division,  
Agodi,  
Ibadan.

(For the Attention of Mr. O. Akinfisoye)

The Plight of the Nigeria Fibre Industries Company Ltd.

I am directed to refer to correspondence resting with your letter No.SP/C.124/5/4442 14th January, 1976 on the above-mentioned subject and to inform you that arrangements have now been completed for the Creditors' Voluntary Winding Up of the company as advised by the Ministry of Justice. Towards this end, a meeting of the Board of Directors of the company has been fixed for Wednesday, 28th January, 1976 to be followed by Creditors' meeting the following day, Thursday, 29th January, 1976. It is expected that the Board will pass a formal resolution for the Creditors' Voluntary Winding Up of the company.

2. As regards the appointment of a Liquidator, the Ministry of Justice has declined to nominate any of its officials for such appointment because of shortage of staff in the Ministry. The Ministry has however, agreed to our suggestion that Dr. Ola (Commissioner of Internal Revenue) could be appointed in view of his legal and accounting qualifications. Dr. Ola is being contacted on the matter.

3. Further developments on the issue will be communicated to you in due course.

*Tony Olawu*  
(A. O. Olawu)  
for Permanent Secretary  
Ministry of Industries.

CR  
Please submit in the file.

26/1 (2) Note I will check the extent of action by Monday 4/2/76.

28/1  
Ca. B. U. 2/2/76

(A) AS(SC) / 1  
M. 5 refd; P. 4/2/76

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Sec (sc)

U. S. (sc) 5/2/76

Please see overleaf.

2. I have been informed by my counterpart in the Ministry of Industries that the meeting of the Board did not meet as proposed and will be formed on the scheduled date. He would be informed of developments later.
3. for information, only.

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AS (sc)

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Seen. Thank you.

sec (sc)  
5/2/76

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U. S. overleaf for further developments.

AS (sc)  
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*PSMIS*  
*[Signature]*  
*473*

NW2/463,  
Amunigun,  
Ibadan,

26th February, 1976.

His Excellency,  
The Military Governor Of Oyo State,  
Military Governor's Office,  
Ibadan.



Your Excellency,

I shall be very happy if you could help me to see that my money which the Nifinco Bag Factory at Badagry is recovered.

I left the factory when it was closed down in 1972, before it was closed down I with other workers experienced many hardship, but since when it was re-opened I have been making many attempts to get my money paid to me but the management of the factory does not intend to help me out of this my present financial problem I was a grade II Electrician under them.

Please I attached one letter written to me by one of the Nifinco Officers, since then I could not hear anything again, I shall be grateful for your urgent assistance as you are the father of all of us.

Yours sincerely,

*[Signature]*

.....  
Muritala Adedokun Adeleke.

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*BOR,*  
*Please be*  
*in file immediately*  
*of*

*PAS(GCA),*  
*Please refer to PSMI file*  
*and advise writer accordingly.*  
*[Signature]*  
*5/3.*

# NIGERIA FIBRE INDUSTRIES COMPANY LTD.

"NIFINCO"

P. O. Box 14,  
Topo Road,  
BADAGRY,  
Lagos State, Nigeria.

Cables: NIFINCO BADAGRY.

Phone: 21.

Our Ref. NFIC/ 10.100

Date 5th September, 197

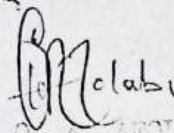
Mr. M. A. Adaloke 60/25  
SFB/3A, Dapo Layode Street,  
Oke Afo,  
Ibadan.

Dear Sir,

### Settlement of Outstanding Claim

This is to acknowledge the receipt of your letter on the above-mentioned subject and to inform you that your claim is being looked into. You are to expect further necessary correspondence on it, in due course.

Yours faithfully,  
For: NIGERIA FIBRE INDUSTRIES COMPANY LTD.



M. Olabi  
Nigeria Fibre Industries Coy. Ltd.

Personnel Manager

AS (GAA)

from p. 448 submitted ppe.

*[Handwritten signature]*  
8/3/76

Please note change in our Head-Office address as above.

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Our Ref. SP/C. 124/5/450

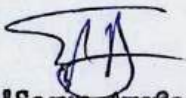
Office of the Military Governor,  
Agodi,  
Ibadan.

 March, 1976.

Copy to:-

The Permanent Secretary,  
Ministry of Industries,  
Ibadan.

Above for your information and necessary action.



(Segun Awofadeju)  
for Secretary to the Military  
Government & Head of Service.

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SP/C. 124/5/451

11<sup>th</sup> March, 1976

Mr. Muritala Adedokun Adeleke,  
NW2/463, Amunigun,  
Ibadan.

Dear Sir,

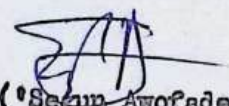
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I am directed to refer to your letter of 26th February, 1976 and to inform you that a copy of your letter has been endorsed to the Ministry of Industries for necessary action.

2. You may therefore wish to keep in contact with the Ministry of Industries, Ibadan, for further action.

I am,

Your Obedient Servant,



(\*Segun Awofadeju)

for Secretary to the Military  
Government & Head of Service.



R.A. SAA 11/3/76

MINISTRY OF TRADE  
AND



INDUSTRIES  
CO-OPERATIVES

ABEOKUTA · OGUN STATE, NIGERIA

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Your Ref. No.....  
All communications should be  
addressed to the Permanent Secretary  
quoting  
Our Ref. No. **NFIC/IB/CH/2/255.**

Date **3<sup>rd</sup> June, 1976.**



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

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

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

Dissolution of the NIFINCO

In pursuance of the directive of the former Western State Government, steps have been taken to effect Creditors' Voluntary Winding Up of the Nigeria Fibre Industries Company Limited located at Badagry in Lagos State. I attach herewith a copy each of the Minutes of Meeting of the Board of Directors and of the Creditors of the Company held on 29th January and on 17th and 18th May, 1976.

2. You will observe that Chief B.O. Olusola has been appointed as the Liquidator. The next step is the appointment of a Committee of Inspection on which it is desirable that at least a nominee to represent the three Governments of Oyo, Ondo and Ogun and also one to represent the Western Nigeria Marketing Board, as the chief creditors, should be included. It is important and urgent, therefore, that the nominees be indicated to me so as to get them appointed on the Committee.

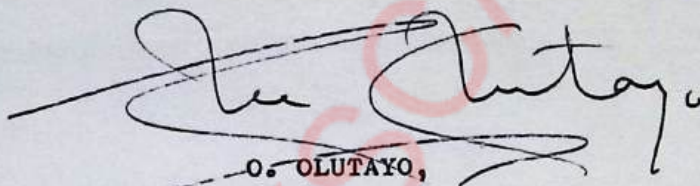
3. At the time that consideration was being given to the winding up of the Company, the intention of the Government then was to use the process to settle once and for all the Company's indebtedness to creditors amounting to about N5.3 million excluding obligation on equity shares whereas the worth of its assets was estimated to be much less. The objective then was that in order that the rehabilitation of the Company could be effected once and for all in a way that would give the project a new start and much better prospects, it was considered desirable to wind up the existing Company and set up another one with a clean slate. Now that steps are being taken to sell the assets of the Company, it is important and urgent that the Governments of Oyo, Ondo and Ogun should decide whether to continue collectively with the objective, in which case they would

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need to make arrangements to bid for the assets of the Company.

4. In considering the foregoing, you might find it helpful to know that the Nasreddin Company, which is the co-founder and presently managing the Northern Nigeria Fibre Products Limited at Jos which has doubled its output from 10 million to 20 million bags a year from 1967 and which has been declaring profits and paying dividends from its second year of operation, has indicated keen interest in joining with Government to re-establish the Badagry project and manage it profitably.



O. OLUTAYO,  
Chairman,  
Nigeria Fibre Industries Company Limited.

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NIGERIA FIBRE INDUSTRIES COMPANY LIMITED  
THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD  
OF DIRECTORS HELD ON THURSDAY, 29TH JANUARY,  
1976, IN THE OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN IN  
THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIES, SECRETARIAT  
IBADAN

Present:

Mr. O. Olutayo -Chairman  
Mr. J.A. Afuwape -Director  
Mr. E.A.O. Aina -Alternate Director for Mr. J.O. Akinwolemiwa  
Mr. A.J. Omiyale -Alternate Director for Mr. S.A. Adeyemo  
(Ministry of Finance)  
Mr. S. A. Adeyemo -Alternate Director for Chief Moyo Aboderin

Absent:

Mr. A. Gardella -Vice Chairman  
Mr. J. Prandi -Director

In Attendance:

Mr. O. A. Afolabi -Secretary  
Mr. J. B. Alakuro -Principal Investment Management Officer,  
Ministry of Industries, Ibadan.  
Chief Be O. Olusola -The Company's Lawyer  
Mr. A. Adedapo -Accountant.

The meeting of the Board of Directors to resolve on Creditors' Voluntary Winding Up of the Company started at 10.09 a.m. In his opening address, the Chairman wanted the quorum to be examined. With Mr. S.A. Adeyemo representing Chief Moyo Aboderin, one of the directors of the foreign partner on the Board, it was unanimously agreed that a quorum was formed and the meeting continued.

2. On a motion by Mr. J.A. Afuwape, seconded by Mr. E.A.O. Aina, minutes of the Board of Directors' meeting of 3rd December, 1974, were unanimously adopted.

3. Relevant Information And Winding Up of The Company

The Chairman invited the attention of the meeting to the briefs which the Secretary of the Company had circulated to the members and expatiated on them. He said that the Company was established as an agro-industrial project, to produce 7 million bags annually, for Western Nigeria Marketing Board and to cultivate kenaf locally to provide the Company with its main raw material. The Chairman said that the highest production of the Company was 2 million bags in one year, and that was less than half of the annual output expected of the factory. Furthermore, the Agricultural Sector of the project contributed increasingly to the losses being sustained by the Company. By the time the Technical Partner withdrew their effectiveness in the Company, the factory was already starting to experience the problem

of lack of working capital. The Western State Government came to its rescue by providing it with a loan of N580,000.00 by the end of 1972. The Western Nigeria Marketing Board gave urgently needed financial support to the Company in 1974, in form of advance payment of N400,000.00 for bags, half of which still remained unsupplied by the Company. Furthermore, the Western State Government guaranteed a number of bank loans for the Company. All the various supports and attention given to the Company did not produce the good result expected, instead its financial position grew worse with time.

4. Finally, by January 1975, the Company's employees' demands which it could not meet, due to its very poor financial position, brought about the workers' violent reaction which took a team of riot police squad from Lagos with those in Badagry to put under control. Then, there was consequent temporary closedown of the factory for some months. By September, 1975, the break-down of the Company's big power-generators aggravated the already bad financial position of the Company. The Company had no reserve-fund and no income was being generated to pay the salaries and wages of the Company's employees. The employees took to violent and destruction-proned industrial action again and it was clear that they were going to be destructive if their demands for payment of their outstanding dues were not met, urgently. To guard against destruction in the Company and in the interest of industrial peace, the Western State Government gave the Company a loan of N80,000.00 in October, 1975, to settle all the outstanding entitlements of its employees which comprised some months of outstanding salaries/wages, some months of Udoji salaries/wages revision arrears and some years of leave entitlements. The Chairman said that it was not expected that the Company would incur again salaries/wages expense which it would not have the fund to settle. Since the Company was not able to resume production to generate income for its employees salaries/wages, it was not re-opened.

5. The Chairman said that a situation in which all measures applied to improve the increasingly bad position of the Company failed to produce the required result, a situation in which the Company had not been able to continue production to generate income to sustain its existence, a situation in which creditors' patience was increasingly running out, where a number of them had even got court judgements and a situation in which certain form of court action by one or more of the Company's creditors could affect the existence of the Company, could not be allowed to drag on indefinitely. Thus, in the absence of an alternative acceptable to the partners comprising the Company, a Board of Directors meeting was being convened to resolve on Creditors' Voluntary Winding Up of the Company, so that actions might be taken for coming into being of another bags producing Company, without the very serious encumbrance with which the dying Company was saddled, and thus giving birth to a Company that had a chance of success. It was expected that the expe-

rience already had to-date, including the lessons learnt from the failure of the dying Company, would be utilized in the establishment of the new Company which would be expected to produce 10 million bags annually.

6. Other members spoke of what they knew about the Company and regretted that the Company's illness defied all the cure given to it from time to time. Mr. Afuwape's recollection, in particular, confirmed the various financial support and other attention which the Chairman said had been given to the Company without good result. The meeting unanimously agreed that the best course of action in the circumstances was Creditors' Voluntary Winding Up of the Company. Consequently, on a motion by Mr. J.A. Afuwape, seconded by Mr. S.A. Adeyemo, it was unanimously resolved thus:

"Be it resolved and it is hereby resolved that the Company (Nigeria Fibre Industries Company Limited) be wound up immediately by Creditors' Voluntary Winding Up."

7. After due consideration, it was also unanimously agreed that Dr. C.S. Ola, a Barrister and Accountant, who is the Commissioner of Internal Revenue in Western State, be appointed the Company's Liquidator. Consequently, on a motion by Mr. J.A. Afuwape, seconded by Mr. S.A. Adeyemo, it was unanimously resolved thus:

"Be it resolved and it is hereby resolved that Dr. C.S. Ola, be appointed the Liquidator of the Company."

8. The meeting gave attention to the provision of Section 273 of the Companies Decree 51 of 1968 which expects the meeting of the Company's Creditors' to be summoned for the day or the day next following that on which the meeting of the Company, resolving on the Voluntary Winding Up, is held and asked for the advice of Chief B. O. Olusola, the Company's Lawyer. In his advice, the Company's Lawyer stated that it would be in order to summon and hold the meeting of Creditors as soon as possible after receiving further from Chief Aboderin to regularise his representation on the meeting of the Board of Directors by Mr. S.A. Adeyemo. He added that, the fact that the Creditors' meeting would then not be held on the same or the following day to that of the Board of Directors meeting did not contravene the Section 273. He stated that the Board of Directors meeting was a continuous one.

9. The Chairman thanked every-one for his contribution at the meeting and concluded that the Creditors meeting would be convened in due course after receiving the signed paper expected from Chief Aboderin.

10. At 12.25 p.m., the meeting was adjourned till further notice.

O.A. AFOLABI  
Secretary,  
Board of Directors.

THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD  
OF DIRECTORS OF NIGERIA FIBRE INDUSTRIES  
COMPANY LIMITED, HELD ON MONDAY, 17TH  
MAY, 1976, IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF MINISTRY  
OF TRADE, INDUSTRIES AND CO-OPERATIVES,  
SECRETARIAT, IBADAN

Present:

- Chief Moyo Aboderin -Chairman (on behalf of Mr. O. Olutayo)
- Mr. J. A. Afuwape -Director
- Mr. J. Prandi -Director and Proxy for (Mr. A. Gardella)
- Mr. O. E. Oluwole -Alternate Director for Mr. J.O. Akinwolemiwa
- Mr. R. O. Abiona -Alternate Director for Mr. S. A. Adeyemo.

In Attendance

- Mr. O. A. Afolabi -Ag. General Manager
- Mr. A. Adedapo -Ag. Accountant.

Chief Moyo Aboderin who was the Chairman of the meeting, on behalf of Mr. O. Olutayo, who was unavoidably absent, declared the meeting open at 11.08 a.m.

2. On a motion by Mr. J.A. Afuwape, seconded by Mr. O.E. Oluwole the minutes of the last meeting of the Board of Directors held on Thursday 29th January, 1976 were unanimously adopted. It was reported to the meeting that the paper expected to formalize the attendance of Mr. S. A. Adeyemo, as the alternate Director for Chief Moyo Aboderin, at the last meeting of the Board, had been received accordingly. The Chairman said that one of the actions and decisions of the last meeting of the Board required fresh attention, and that was the appointment of a Liquidator in place of Dr. C. S. Ola who had gone to Ondo State following the creation of new States.

3. The meeting considered the following three persons for appointment as the Company's Liquidator - Mr. A. Ladeinde (Practising Accountant) Chief B.O. Olusola (Legal Practitioner) and Mr. J.T. Adebayo (Practising Accountant). After due consideration of the three persons, the Board expressed the view that any of them ought to be able to perform the duties of the Liquidator of the Company. On the motion by Mr. J. Prandi, seconded by Mr. O.E. Oluwole, the Board -

unanimously resolved that, because Chief B.O. Olusola (as the Company's Solicitor) already had a better knowledge of the Company than either of the other two, he should be appointed the Company's Liquidator, on the condition that he would finance the liquidation exercise, because of the Company's present cash position. The Board directed that Chief Olusola should be contacted on the condition of the appointment, before the meeting of the creditors scheduled for the following day. If Chief Olusola would not finance the liquidation exercise, the offer should be made next to Mr. A. Ladeinde and finally to Mr. J.T. Adebayo, if Mr. Ladeinde too would not finance the liquidation.

4. Mr. F. O. Abiona tentatively agreed to be the Chairman of the creditors' meeting Scheduled for the following day, on behalf of the Chairman, Mr. O. Olutayo. Messrs. J.A. Afuwape and O.E. Oluwole agreed to attend the Creditors' meeting but Mr. Afuwape would be excused from much speaking because of his indisposition.

5. In the absence of any other business, the meeting ended at 12.05 p.m., on the motion by Mr. J.A. Afuwape, seconded by Mr. F. O. Abiona.

O.A. AFOLABI.

ARCHIVES OF

THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CREDITORS  
OF NIGERIA FIBRE INDUSTRIES COMPANY LIMITED  
HELD ON THE CREDITORS' VOLUNTARY WINDING UP  
OF THE COMPANY ON TUESDAY, 18TH MAY, 1976,  
IN THE FORMER WESTERN HOUSE, AT THE GOVERNMENT  
SECRETARIAT IBADAN

Present:

- Mr. O. E. Oluwole -Chairman (on behalf of Mr. O. Olutayo)
- Mr. J. O. Afuwape -Director
- Mr. O. A. Afolabi -Ag. General Manager
- Mr. A. Adedapo -Ag. Accountant
- Mr. T. Olashore -Representing the B.O. Olusola & Co.,  
(the Company's Solicitors).

Creditors:

As per the list attached.

Mr. O.E. Oluwole who was the Chairman of the meeting on behalf of Mr. O. Olutayo, who was not able to attend the meeting, declared the meeting opened at 11.05 a.m. He recalled the purpose of calling the meeting and informed the creditors that, after due consideration of the position of the Company whereby it was no longer able to discharge its financial obligations, the Board of Directors of the Company had found it necessary to wind up the Company. He added that the Board had consequently resolved on Creditors' Voluntary Winding Up of the Company and on the appointment of Chief B. O. Olusola ( a Lawyer of B.O. Olusola & Co. - the Company's Solicitors) as the Liquidator of the Company. The Chairman then invited the creditors to consider resolving on the Creditors' Voluntary Winding Up of the Company and in the appointment of Chief B.O. Olusola or any other appropriate person as the Liquidator of the Company, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Companies decree. Copies of a full statement of the position of the Company's affairs together with a list of the creditors of the Company and the estimated amount of their claims, were distributed to creditors.

2. Subsequently, the following resolutions were unanimously passed by the creditors:-

(i) On a motion by Mr. Adeniyi Adedeji of WEMABOD ESTATE seconded by Mr. M.O. Mafe of Western Nigeria Marketing Board the Creditors unanimously resolved:-

"Be it resolved and it is hereby resolved that the Nigeria Fibre Industries Company Limited be wound up by Creditors' Voluntary Winding Up".

(ii) On a motion by Mr. Adeniyi Adedeji of WEMABOD ESTATE seconded by Mr. Ola Akanbi of Marine and General Assurance Company, the creditors unanimously resolved:-

"Be it resolved and it is hereby resolved that Chief B.O. Olusola be appointed the Liquidator for the Creditors' Voluntary Winding Up of the Company."

3. The Chairman told the Creditors that henceforth, they (the Creditors) were expected to be dealing with the Liquidator Chief B.O. Olusola, for any matter between them and the Company, until the liquidation exercise was completed. The Liquidator's address was given as P. O. Box 2073, Ibadan, (Opposite Alafia Hospital, along Mokola road).

4. In the absence of any other business for the meeting, it ended at 11.42 a.m., on a motion by Mr. J.O. Akinsanya of Co-operative Bank, Ibadan seconded by Mr. Titi Durodola of Alitalia Airlines.

O. A. AFOLABI.

NIGERIA FIBRE INDUSTRIES COMPANY LIMITED  
(In Creditors Voluntary Winding Up)

Creditors Present on 18th May, 1976

NAMES	ADDRESS
1. Glanvill Enthoven & Co.	14th Floor Western House 8/10 Broad Street, P. M. B. 2273, Lagos.
2. S. D. Layinka	Tax Office, Onireke Ibadan (PMB.5074) Ib.
3. S. B. Olaleye	U. B. A. Ltd, Ibadan.
4. A. O. Oyeduntan	U.B.A. Ltd, (Legal Dept) 97/105 Broad Street, Lagos.
5. S.A.O. Adeshun	Agip Nigeria Limited, Ibadan.
6. M. Odeyemi	" " " "
7. J.D.A. Kuwewumi	BEWAC Ltd, Molete Ibadan.
8. G.K.S. Soyoye	R.T. Brisco (Nig.) Ltd, Ibadan
9. R. O. Adaranijo	Super Eng. Co. Ltd, Box 194, Ikeja.
10. D. O. Ebota	Lagos State Internal Revenue, Lagos.
11. S. Iyoha	Iyoha Elect. Engineering Co. Ltd, Ibadan,
12. M. Odia	" " " " " "
13. L.A. Odusanya	Leventis Motors Ltd, Box 41, Ibadan.
14. A.G. Adedeji	Palm Chemists Ltd, Box 1319, Ibadan.
15. Tunde Olashore	B.O. Olusola & Co, Box 2073, Ibadan.
16. Adeniyi Adedeji	Wemabod Estates Ltd, P.O. Box 1164, Lagos.
17. M. O. Mafe	Western Nigeria Marketing Board, Ibadan.
18. J.A. Borode	N.P.F., P.M.B. 5464, Ibadan.
19. M.A. Soyeye	" " " "
20. Titi Durodola	Alitalia Airlines, P.M.B. 2222, Lagos.
21. Shola Akinrinlola	Mandilas Travel Ltd, Box 346, Ibadan.
22. C. A. Oloruntui	Nigeria Inst. of Management, Box 2557, Lagos
23. H. T. Okorosbo	The Oil Palm Ltd, P.M.B. 4063, Sapele.
24. K. Ola	c/o Marine & General Insurance Co. Ltd, B 194, Broad Street, Lagos.
25. K. A. Akanbi	" " " " " "
26. J. A. Akinsanya	For General Manager, Co-operative Bank Ltd., Ibadan.
27. I. B. Kasewon	for Secretary, Egun Awori District Council, Badagry, Lagos State.

AS (sc)

Pl. deal with the papers at pages 452 - 461. You should not hesitate to discuss with me if you are in difficulty.  
18/6/76

MINISTRY OF TRADE  
AND



INDUSTRIES  
CO-OPERATIVES

ABEOKUTA · OGUN STATE, NIGERIA

SP/C 124/5

Your Ref. No.....  
All communications should be  
addressed to the Permanent Secretary  
quoting  
Our Ref. No. NFIC/IB/GH/2/266

Date...<sup>8</sup> 21 July, 1976.....

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

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

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



Dissolution of the NIFINCO

P. 45  
I request you please to refer to my letter No. NFIC/IB/GH/2/255 of 3rd June, 1976, in which I indicated the need for the three State Governments to decide a nominee to represent them on the Committee of Inspection for the NIFINCO and also for the Western Nigeria Marketing Board to be similarly represented. I also emphasised the need to decide whether to continue with the project, in which case it would be necessary to make arrangements to bid for the assets of the company.

2. I have recently received a reminder from the Liquidator to the effect that Government's interest in the assets of the company should be indicated urgently but not later than the end of this month as it is his intention to complete the winding up exercise within the shortest time possible so as to save costs.

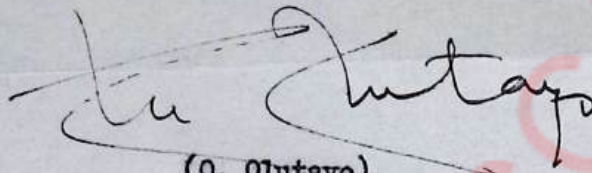
3. The assets of the company are quite considerable. The chalets and their location are quite attractive. Initially, the chalets were developed as a tourist centre and not as part of the company itself. On creation of Lagos State, it became necessary to treat the chalets as part of the company's assets to provide accommodation for the senior officers of the company and thus forestalling their being lost to Lagos State. There is no evidence that the company has ever taken ownership of the assets although it was in possession of them. As things are, therefore, the chalets are virtually being treated as part of the project's assets and the arrangement now being made is to sell all together either as a going concern or in pieces.

4. In view of the co-operation being received from the Liquidator, it would be a good thing if arrangement could be made speedily to acquire the assets at a fairly reasonable price. Such action, I feel, would reduce the loss that would accrue in any case to the three State Governments from the liquidation of the company.

Sec (SC)

Arrangement could later be made among the Governments for the disposal of the assets among themselves.

5. You will please allow me to emphasise again that any decision on this matter should be speedy so as to reach the Liquidator before the end of this month if such decision is to be helpful at all.



(O. Olutayo)  
Chairman

Nigeria Fibre Industries Co. Ltd.

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Fr. Sec. (sc)

From p. 464, respectfully submitted, please

Yca  
23/7

AS(sc)

Pl. make put up a submission early on the letters at pages 452-453 and 464-465. ~~the day.~~

  
23/7

SMG & HS

Via Sec (SC & SM) *7/23/76*  
Pr. Sc (SC)

I respectfully invite your attention to the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors of Nigeria Fibre Industries Company, the minutes of the Creditors' meeting held on 29th January, 17th and 28th May, 1976 and a dissolution letter written by the chairman of the Company, all can be found at pages 452 - 461.

2. Relevant information and winding up of the Company.

The chairman revealed to the Board that the NIFINCO which was expected to turn out 7 million bags annually for the W.N.M.B. could only produce 2 million bags. It was said that the Agricultural sector of the Company contributed immensely to its losses. When the Company lacked working Capital, the Western Nigeria Government gave it a loan of ₦580,000, the W.N.M.B. aided it with ₦400,000. In 1975, the former Western State Government gave the Company another loan of ₦80,000 to settle all its workers outstanding entitlements. In spite of all these financial supports, the Company's condition grew worse. The Board, therefore, decided that the best thing to do was to wind up the Company and establish a profitable one. The meeting of the creditors would be convened to wind up the Company.

3. It is reported that the Board appointed Chief B. O. Olushola as the liquidator to replace Dr. C.S. Ola who has been deployed to Ondo State.

4. The Creditors of the Company met and decided that:

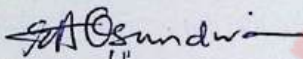
(a) the Nigeria Fibre Industries Company Limited be wound up.

(b) Chief B. O. Olushola be appointed the liquidator.

5. At page 452, the chairman's letter confirmed Chief B. O. Olushola's appointment as the Company's liquidator. It also

disclosed that the debt of the Company amounted to ₦5.3 million but the value of its assets was much less. The chairman wrote on the need to wind up the dying Company and set up another one which would be capable of producing 10 million bags annually. He said that efforts were <sup>being</sup> made to dispose of the assets of the Company and that the three state governments and the W.N.M.B. should each send a nominee to serve on the committee of inspection. Furthermore, he would like the three state governments to show their indication to dispose of the assets collectively and set up another one. It is stated in the letter that the NASREDDIN Company has indicated its keen interest in joining with the government to re-establish the Badagry project and manage it profitably.

6. In view of the fact that the Company has been experiencing some financial and management problems for a long period of time, the best thing to do would be to wind it up and replace it with a profit oriented Company. The assets of the defunct Company should be disposed of collectively by the governments of Ogun, Oyo and Ondo States.

  
(E. A. Osundiran),  
A.S. (SC)

23<sup>rd</sup> August, 1976.

7. The chairman of the NIFINCO confirms in his letter at page 462 that the assets of the NIFINCO are quite considerable and that its chalets and their location are quite attractive. He is of the view that the acquisition of the Company's assets by the Governments of Oyo, Ondo and Ogun States at a reasonable price would reduce the loss that would accrue to the three State Governments from the liquidation of the Company. The chairman's advice - if accepted - will definitely reduce the loss that the three State Government would incur as a result of the Liquidation of the NIFINCO. It is on record that the chairman of the Company addressed his letter to the three State Governments but none of them has so far signified its willingness to participate

in the joint acquisition of the assets of the Company as suggested by the Chairman of the Company.

8. As the Oyo State Government cannot take a unilateral action on this matter, I wish to recommend for approval that a memorandum that would embody the advice given by the Chairman of the NIFINCO should be submitted to the S.I.C. for consideration. If you approve, the Chairman of the NIFINCO will be informed on the return of file that he should ask the Liquidator of the Company to suspend the Sale of the assets of the Company pending the time that the State Implementation Committee's decision on the Chairman's advice would be made known.

*E. O. Omobowale*  
 (E. O. Omobowale),  
 Ag. Pr. Sec. (SC)

23 August, 1976.

Sec (SC),

Agreed that a S.I.C Memo be prepared quickly.

*ENG-HS* 23/8

Pr Sec (SC)

Re pre draft memo accordingly

*Jee*  
 24/8

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S.M.G. & H.S.

Via Sec. (SC & SM) *[Signature]*

I submit draft S.I.C. Memorandum at back cover for your consideration. *plse.*

*[Signature]*  
(E. O. Omobowale),  
Ag. Prin. Sec. (SC)

24 August, 1976.

Sec (SC),

Before I approve draft, I think some thought should be given to the liabilities of the Company. Who are the creditors of the Company besides the former Western State Govt? and what is owed to them? Check records to supply answer to these questions and let me have file by tomorrow.

*[Signature]*  
25/8

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

Preceding minutes please.

2. I have ferreted through the file but nowhere has any clear indication been given as to the identity of the creditors and the size of the debt owed to each of them.

However, it seems, by inference, the identity of <sup>some of</sup> the creditors could be made from the names and addresses given in the list at p. 461. It may be added that the search for the information required had been carried to the Ministry of Trade, Industries and Cooperatives but that Ministry was not in a position to help as the necessary file was not available. The hint has, however, been given that the necessary information could be obtained from the Liquidator.

3. From the foregoing, and as it may not be easy to get the Liquidator early, to supply the required information, it may be considered advisable to proceed with action on the draft Memo, in order to forestal prospective purchasers of the properties of the Company, please.

*F*  
(N. O. Lawore),  
Sec. (SD).

26 August, 1976.

Sec (SD),

We cannot proceed with taking a policy decision with vital information not being available. Obtain urgently from the liquidator the value (approximate if not exact) of the assets and amount owed each of the creditors.

26/8

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MR O OLUTAYO      MINISTRY OF TRADE INDUSTRIES  
AND COOPERATIVES      ABEOKUTA

YOURDET      REF      NFIC/1B/GH/2/226  
OF 21ST JULY 1976      GRATEFUL FORWARD LIST OF  
CREDITORS AND LIABILITIES INVOLVED



SECMILGOV IBADAN

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

25th  
27 August, 1976.

Despatch / Re despatch Tel. re immediate  
see  
27/8/76

A Sec (SC) You will please pursue as I am  
leaving this office by tomorrow 31/8/76  
see 30/8/76



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To:-

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NFIC/IB/CH/2/277 your Telegram of 30<sup>th</sup> August X Information not available with me X your request passed to MTIC Ibadan and Secretary Nifinc for Treatment X Expect from them

Pr. Sec (SC)  
US (STC) [Signature]

Olutayo

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MFIC/IB/GH/2/278

September, 1976

The Permanent Secretary,  
Ministry of Trade, Industries & Co-operatives,  
Secretariat,  
Ibadan.

The Secretary,  
Nigerian Fibre Industries Co. Ltd.,  
c/o Chief B. O. Olusola,  
NW5/185B Fajuyi Road,  
Adamasingba,  
P.O. Box 2073  
Ibadan.

List of Creditors and Liabilities of NIFINCO

I attach herewith a photo-copy of a telegram received from the Secretary to the Military Government and Head of Service, Oyo State, Ibadan, asking for a list of creditors of the company and the liabilities involved. As I am not in possession of the information, I have not been able to oblige him. However, I am aware that the information should be found in the file of the company at the Ministry in Ibadan as well as in the records of the company at Badagry. I shall be grateful, therefore, if you will provide him with the information directly and forward copy to me.

(O. Olutayo)  
Permanent Secretary and Chairman  
Nigerian Fibre Industries Co. Ltd.

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Ref. No. MFIC/TF/CH/2/278  
Absolute: 31 September, 1976.

Copy to:-

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

Overleaf is for information further to your telegram dated 30th  
August, 1976.

(A. Olutayo)

Permanent Secretary and Chairman  
Nigerian Fibre Industries Co. Ltd.

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RS(x)  
See (sc) 29/9

From overleaf, respectfully submitted  
please.

2. where is the telegram referred to above.  
The CR ~~detail~~ follow to X the ref.?

CR

9/9/76

RS(SC),

A. see overleaf [i]. Perhaps  
you could look through the files either here  
or in the Ministry of Trade + Industry if the  
information required can be obtained only.

See p. 474 - 475 f.

Don't bother taking any  
further action on above matter

as I understand the three States  
have lost interest as a result of pp 474-475

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Re p.63, I have looked through Vols I - III of file SP/C.124/5 on Nifinco and it will appear the Company has never properly rented, leased or have transferred to it the Tourist Centre Badagry.

2. The Board of the Company on 2/6/67 decided that the Company "should rent the TC with the amenities provided so far and then furnish it" A letter was to be written (but signed by the Chairman) to the Ministry of Trade and Industry. At the meeting of 13/7/67, the Board "decided to take up the Centre as at present and provide water and light, the cost of providing them would then be deducted by Company from rent due for occupying the centre. The Chairman undertook to obtain a copy of the letter written by the M.T.&I. in asking the M.W.&T. to provide light and water at the centre". The matter came for mention at the Board's meetings of 20/7/67, 17/8/67. At the meeting of 4/12/67 it was reported that the keys to the Centre had been obtained from the M.W.&T. and the Board "directed that negotiation for the rent to be paid for the Tourists Centre should commence with the M.W.&T. which should also be informed that the Company should not be considered as taking effective occupation of the Centre until electric light, pipe-borne water and necessary furniture had been provided for the Tourists Centre".

3. The position however changed at the meeting of 29/2/68 when the Board "decided that the Management and the M.T.&I. would take up the transfer of the Tourists Centre to the Company with the M.W.&T. Mr. George-Taylor said that the Company could proceed with occupying the Centre forthwith since after 31st March 1968, the authority of the Lagos State might interfere". It was clear the Board preferred a transfer to a lease. At the meeting of 9/7/68, it was

reported that the M.W.&T. had referred the Company's application to the M.L.&H. The Board then directed that matter should be expeditiously dealt with. This was the last time any reference was ever made to this property!

4. It can only be assumed that with the trouble the Company ran into soon after the matter was dropped even though the Company would appear to have taken up occupation. You should therefore prepare a S.I.C. Memo giving the foregoing information and asking for approval for the property to be transferred to Wemabod.

5. Write to P.S.M.W.&H. conveying suitably paragraph 3 above to him and asking for any information about any possible final transaction that took place in respect of the Centre. However, I understand that the Liquidator has been informed by P.S.M.T.C. Ogun State that the property does not belong to Nifinco and should therefore be not disposed of by him. You should include this in the S.I.C. Memo.

(C.S.O. Akande)  
S.M.G.&H.S.,  
September, 1976.

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**CONFIDENTIAL**  
**CABINET OFFICE**

SPECIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

DIVISION

LAGOS

P.M.B. No. ....

Telegrams .....

Telephone .....



Ref. No. 714/Vol.II/204

Date 13th September, 1976.

The Secretary to the Military  
Government,  
Office of the Military Governor,  
Cabinet Division,  
Oyo State,  
Ibadan.



Misbehaviour by Kola ADESINA, Correspondent  
of the NTV/WNBS Ibadan at the  
Murtala Muhammed Airport, Ikeja

In case it has not already come to your notice, I am directed to apprise you of a case of misbehaviour by Mr. ADESINA at the Murtala Muhammed Airport on 23rd August, 1976. The incident occurred when Mr. ADESINA headed towards Niger President at the Ikeja Airport on his way home during the last visit. It is understood that Mr. ADESINA wanted to interview the President but was stopped from reaching him by a Security Officer. Mr. ADESINA allegedly scorned the Security Officer to the hearing and embarrassment of many VIPs who gathered around at the V.I.P. Chalet. Incidentally, it was observed that Mr. ADESINA's breath smelt alcohol at the time of the incident.

2. It is suggested that the Director-General of the NTV should be advised to caution the journalist.

Sec(SC)/

See P. 487

(Bukar Usman)

for Secretary to the Federal  
Military Government.

Endorse to GM/WNGBS  
to indicate if Mr. Adesina

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P.T.O

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is with TV or with Radio for Oyo State  
and to see that suitable action is taken.  
He should report back soon so that  
SFMG can be told that action has  
been taken.

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Our Ref. No. SP/C.124/5/478

Office of the Military Governor,  
Oyo State,  
Ibadan.

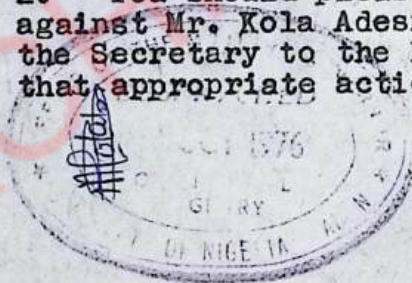
cc:

30 September, 1976

The General Manager,  
Western Nigeria Government  
Broadcasting Corporation,  
P. O. Box 1460,  
Ibadan.

Above is for your information and necessary action.

2. You should please ensure that suitable action is taken against Mr. Kola Adesina and thereafter report back soon so that the Secretary to the Federal Military Government can be informed that appropriate action has been taken.



*E. O. Omobowale*  
(E. O. Omobowale)

for Secretary to the Military  
Government and Head of Service.

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US(SIC)

Pl. see the minute at  
pages 474-475 of this file.

2 You should, please, confirm  
that action has been taken  
in the appropriate file  
in strict compliance with  
the directive given in paragraph  
5 of the minute referred  
to above.

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Pr. Sec(SIC)

Yom minute at p. 479 pl.

2. Action has been taken in file SP/S. 363 vol. VII pl.

*[Signature]*  
US(SIC)  
4/15/76

3. I should be grate ful if p. 481 is referred to US(SIC) after disposing of the above min. pls.

*[Signature]*  
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4/15/76

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MINISTRY OF TRADE  
AND



INDUSTRIES  
CO-OPERATIVES

ABEOKUTA · OGUN STATE, NIGERIA

Your Ref. No.....  
All communications should be  
addressed to the Permanent Secretary  
quoting **NFIC/IB/CH/2/280**  
Our Ref. No.....

*A* September, 1976  
Date.....

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

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



Sale of the Company's Assets on Winding Up

P. 2  
I wish to refer to our discussion on the evening of the 16th instant in connection with the chalets formerly attached to the NIFINCO at Badagry and I attach herewith a copy of my letter to Chief B. O. Olusola, the official Liquidator of the company. You will note that it has been made quite clear to the Liquidator that the chalets do not form part of the Assets of the company and that the Liquidator should not touch them.

2. A copy of this letter is being forwarded to the Secretary to the Military Government and Head of Service of Ondo State for information.

*O. Olutayo*  
(O. Olutayo)  
Permanent Secretary and Chairman  
Nigeria Fibre Industries Co. Ltd.

P. See (sc)

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Above referred CONFIDENTIAL for n.a. ple.

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NFIC/IB/GH/2/243

30<sup>th</sup> July, 1976

Chief B. O. Olusola,  
Liquidator,  
Nigeria Fibre Industries Company Ltd.,  
NW5/185B Fajuyi Road,  
Adamasigba,  
P. O. Box 2073,  
Ibadan.

Sale of the Company's Assets on Winding Up

I refer to your letter reference No. NFIC/LIQ.3 of 10th July, 1976 and my telephone discussion with you on the 28th instant. I am confirming by this letter the substance of that discussion to the effect that the chalets being used by NIFINGO's senior officials at Badagry are not part of the company's assets. The chalets, therefore, should not be treated as part of the assets of the company to be disposed of by you.

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(O. Olutayo)  
Permanent Secretary & Chairman  
Nigeria Fibre Industries Co. Ltd.

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MINISTRY OF TRADE, INDUSTRIES  
AND COOPERATIVES  
(MAIN. CONC. REGISTRY)  
30 JUL 1976  
  
DESPATCHED  
ABEOKUTA, OGUN STATE

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~~Pt. enclose in the appropriate~~

AEO

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Pt. enclose the papers in this temporary file in the main file and thereafter resubmit.

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OFFICE OF THE MILITARY GOVERNOR



ABEOKUTA · OGUN STATE, NIGERIA

Your Ref. No.....  
All communications should be addressed to the Secretary to the Military Government and Head of Service quoting S.27/13/101.  
Our Ref. No.....

Date 23<sup>rd</sup> September, 1976.

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



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

Sale of the Company's Assets on Winding Up

I am referring your attention to letter No. NFIC/IB/CH/2/280 of 17th September, 1976, addressed/endorsed to you by the Permanent Secretary Ministry of Trade, Industries and Cooperatives, Abeokuta and I would like to suggest that urgent steps be taken to add the property under consideration to the assets being passed to the Wemabod Estates Ltd. for management on behalf of the three States.

2. I know as of fact that there was a lot of pressure on the liquidator before we wrote the letter No. NFIC/IB/CH/2/268 of 30th July, 1976 to him. I only hope he stopped all actions in disposing of the property - It is a great pity that Mr. Olutayo did not endorse the letter to us.

*A. A. F. Degun*

(A. A. F. Degun)  
Secretary to the Military Government and Head of Service

US(SIC)

Above referred f.n.a pbe.

CSL  
7/10/76

Pl. connect with 'X' above and resubmit urgently US(SIC) Action taken on (X) above pbe.  
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Note:

The SIC. has approved that  
Badagry tourist centre — the property  
forming the subject of the letter  
overleaf — be passed on to Wemabod  
Estates Ltd. for management. See File 97/5-  
363.

*A. J. J.*  
11/1/76

N.F.A.

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BROADCASTING CORPORATION OF OYO STATE

~~WESTERN NIGERIA GOVERNMENT BROADCASTING CORPORATION~~

~~TELEVISION HOUSE FOR OYO STATE~~

P.M.B. 1., AGODI POST OFFICE,  
IBADAN.

Cable & Telegram: RADVISION  
Telephone: 24381-7

Your Reference.....

Our Reference..... JPF.727/42

14th October, 1976

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



For attention of Mr. E.O. Omobowale

Misbehaviour by Kola Adesina, Correspondent  
of the NTV/WNBS Ibadan at the Murtala  
Muhammed Airport, Ikeja.

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Please refer to your endorsement SP/C.124/5/478 of 30th September, 1976, on the Secretary to the Federal Military Government's letter 714/Vol.II/204 of 13th September, 1976, on the above subject. Ordinarily, Mr. Adesina has been a good officer in the Corporation. He has been at the Murtala Muhammed Airport, Ikeja, since 1968, and there has been no adverse report on him ever since.

Although, Mr. Adesina maintained his innocence and complained of mistaken identity, nevertheless, he has been warned of the dangers and embarrasment of any kind of misbehaviour and professional misconduct.

We hope you would regard the matter as having closed. Thank you.

*Yinka Oladimeji*

('Yinka Oladimeji)  
for General Manager  
Broadcasting Corporation of Oyo State.

AS(SC)

Prin Sec (sc)

Above reported for n.a. psc.

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SMG & HS

Via Sec. (SC) *25/10*

I respectfully draw the attention of the SMG & HS to page 476, containing a letter in which it is reported that Mr. Kola Adesina misbehaved at the Murtala Muhammed Airport on 23rd August, 1976. The incident occurred when Mr. Adesina headed towards Niger President at the Airport on his way home during the last visit. When Mr. Kola Adesina wanted to interview the President, a Security Officer stopped him from reaching the <sup>President.</sup> He reacted by scorning the Security Officer to the hearing and embarrassment of many V.I.Ps who gathered around the V.I.P. Chalet. The letter further stated that Mr. Adesina's breath smelt alcohol at the time of the incident.

2. In compliance with the SMG & HS's directive at pages 476 & 477, the letter at page 478 was addressed to the GM of Western Nigeria Government Broadcasting Corporation, urging him to take action on the misbehaviour of the alleged journalist.

3. In his reply at page 485, the GM of Broadcasting Corporation of Oyo State wrote to say that Mr. Kola Adesina had been at the Murtala Muhammed Airport, Ikeja, since 1968 and there had been no adverse report on him. Furthermore, he said that Mr. Adesina had been warned of the dangers and embarrassment of any sort of misbehaviour and professional misconduct.

4. Subject to your approval, on the return of file, the Secretary to the Federal Military Government will be informed that the GM of Broadcasting Corporation of Oyo State had taken appropriate action on the matter. <sup>as at P. 485</sup>

*E. A. Osundiran*  
E. A. Osundiran  
A. S. (SC)

25<sup>th</sup> October, 1976.

Sec(SC)

*Pl. proceed as in para 4 above.*

J. A. ARINYELE

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27<sup>th</sup> October, 1976.

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

Misbehaviour by Kola Adesina, Correspondent  
of the NTV/WNBS, Ibadan at the  
Murtala Muhammed Airport, Ikeja

I am directed to refer to your letter No. 714/Vol.II/204 of 13th September, 1976, and to inform you that on inquiry, it was discovered that Mr. Kola Adesina has been assigned to the Murtala Muhammed Airport, Ikeja since 1968. He is reported to have always been of good behaviour and no adverse report on him has ever been made since then. Although Mr. Adesina claimed innocence, but the General Manager of the Broadcasting Corporation of Oyo State, Ibadan, has already warned him to guard against any embarrassment of any kind in the performance of his professional duties always.



(M. O. Onajide),  
for Secretary to the Military  
Government and Head of Service.

OK, M. Onajide original above and p.a. Ty.

*[Handwritten signature]*  
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# NIGERIA FIBRE INDUSTRY WORKERS UNION

Motto: Forward to Progress

P.O. Box 29, Badagry

Telephone: 43678

9 Aje Street,  
Yaba, Lagos

Our Ref:

Your Ref:

28th Sept., 77  
Date ..... 19.....

Chief Benedict Olufemi Olusola,  
Liquidator,  
Nigeria Fibre Industry Company Ltd.,  
NW/185B, Fajuyi Road,  
Adamasingba,  
Ibadan.



Dear Sir,

Rumour over Acquisition of Property

My attention has been drawn to the rumour now widely being circulated over the acquisition by the Lagos State Government of the property upon which the Nigerian Fibre Industry Company Ltd. situates at Badagry.

2. I am to confirm if the said rumour has a true foundation so that you can be reminded of the perennial question of the workers of the company who have since been put in abeyance for some years now.
3. I am to stress further that should the said rumour comes true, then the 'benefits of the workers which have been delayed till a time when the factory will be revitalised' can now be determined together with the rehabilitation of its employees.
3. It could however be noted that if no realistic approach is given to the issue concerning the workers in all ramifications within 14 days commencing from the date of this letter, then a Trade Dispute will be apprehended over the issue.

Yours faithfully,

*G. O. Agunbiede*  
G. O. Agunbiede  
General Secretary

- cc.
- The Federal Commissioner for Labour,  
Federal Ministry of Labour,  
Independence House,  
Lagos.
  - ✓ The Secretary to the Military Government,  
Governor's Office,  
Oyo State,  
Ibadan.
  - The Secretary to the Military Government,  
Lagos State Government,  
Governor's Office,  
Ikeja.

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28/10.  
Above is humbly submitted please.

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C.R.  
27/10/77

Pr. Sec. (SC),

Page 488 contains a letter addressed to Chief Benedict Olufemi Olusola who is the liquidator of the Nigeria Fibre Industry.

2. In the letter, the General Secretary of the Company states that his attention has been drawn to the rumour that the Lagos State Government has acquired the land on which the Company is situated at Badagry. He further states that if the rumour is true, then the benefits of the workers which have been delayed till a time when new life is put into the Company can now be determined together with the rehabilitation of its employees. He, however, warns that if no realistic approach is given to the issue concerning the workers in all ramification within 14 days starting from the date of his letter, then there will be a Trade dispute.

3. The letter is copied to this Office only for our information, please.

*E. A. Osundiran*  
(E. A. Osundiran),  
AS (SC),  
1<sup>st</sup> November, 1977.

AS (SC)

Since the ltr. on p 488 was issued on 28th Sept. & there has not been any report on the threatened industrial action, I think we can regard the issue as settled. ~~The~~ course of action which opens to me is to request the liquidator to inform this office ~~that~~ about whatever action he has taken, but I have very strong suspicion that the liquidator Chief B.D. Olusola was the same person whose obituary was published in the Daily Sketch issue 12

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27<sup>th</sup> or 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct. 1977.

So, for now, let us regard the  
let. for information only. Then dispose of  
the file.

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Dispose of the file, please.

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17th November, 77

Mr. S. A. Thomas,  
Secretary to the Military  
Government and Head of Service,  
Office of the Military Governor,  
Oba Akinjobi Street,  
Ikeja.

Dear Sir,

Tourist Centre and the Nigerian Fibre Industries  
Company Limited, Badagry

I wish to bring to your attention the problem we are experiencing in connection with our responsibility for safe-guarding the interests of the former Western State in the Tourist Centre and the Nigerian Fibre Industries Company Limited both in Badagry. We act on behalf of the Governments of Oyo, Ondo and Ogun States in respect of these properties among many others.

2. The Nigerian Fibre Industries Company Limited (NIFINCO), currently under liquidation is a Company in which the former Western State had substantial interests and the land and buildings of the Company are therefore of great interest to us. We understand that your State Government decided to acquire the land with the factory buildings absolute for public purposes.

3. The Tourist Centre was built by the former Western Regional Government and was nearing completion by the time the 12-State structure came into being and the Lagos State was created. While thinking of what to do with the property, NIFINCO requested for the use of the chalets to be used as staff quarters and this was agreed in principle. Up till the time of its going into liquidation, these chalets had not been transferred to the Company nor had it paid any considerations whatsoever whether by way of rental or sub-lease. We had decided to repossess the chalets and these together with the ancilliary buildings and facilities (swimming pool) are to be used for the sort of business it was originally designed. To this end, renovation work was commenced a couple of months ago but we now understand that your State Government has also issued notice to acquire the area along with the properties of NIFINCO.

4. Policy on the transfer of the former Colony Province to  
Lagos State

I wish to recall the decision of the Working Party and the Re-constituted Working Party on the transfer of the former Colony Province to the Lagos State and to draw particular attention to paragraph 25 of the latter Party's decision. I attach a copy for ease of reference. It will be seen therein that it was agreed that both

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the Tourist Centre and the NIFINCO Factory were to remain the properties of the Western State. It is on this authority that we rest our right of ownership as agents of the Governments of Oyo, Ondo and Ogun States.

5. As it is not customary for one State Government to compulsorily acquire the properties of another State Government, we believe that the Acquisition Notice of 12th September 1972 published in the Lagos State of Nigeria Gazette No. 24 Volume 5 of 16th November 1972 and which was recently emphasized upon a 'Notice to Quit' of 9th November, 1977, issued by the Acting Permanent Secretary of the Lagos State Ministry of Works and Planning to "The Owner/Occupier NIFINCO Factory and Village", must have been in error and without knowledge of the history of the two properties referred to in my paragraphs 2 and 3 above. This seems to be more clearly so since if the properties were not those of the Western State Government, they would be those of the Lagos State Government and there would have been no further need for the latter to try to acquire them.

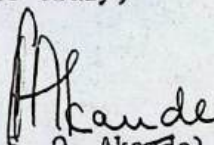
6. States (Creation and Transitional Provisions)  
(Amendment) Decree 1977, No. 53

May I please draw attention to the provisions of Section 1(b) of the States (Creation and Transitional Provisions) (Amendment) Decree 1977 by which the Federal Military Government clearly evinced the intention that the ownership of properties belonging to the former Western State Government in the former Colony Province should vest in the Military Governors of Oyo, Ondo and Ogun States jointly. The two properties under discussion here are protected by this provision. It is appreciated that the 1972 Acquisition Notice by your Government pre-dates Decree 53 of 1977 but you will appreciate that this is a matter in which legal technicalities need not be resorted to, and effect ought to be given to the clear intentions of the Federal Military Government.

7. I should like to mention in passing that there are signs that your State Government might already have been acquiring some land at Ojota (Ikeja) in circumstances similar to the properties mentioned above but I will be addressing you more specifically on this at a later date when I have all the facts.

8. It will be greatly appreciated if you will please use your good offices to get your State Government to desist from acquiring our properties in Badagry. I received information after this letter was drafted that our agents who are busy renovating the Tourist Centre have been forcibly ejected from the site. I will appreciate an opportunity to discuss further, if need be. Copies of this letter are being sent to the Secretary to the Military Government and Head of Service of Oyo, Ondo and Ogun States.

Yours truly,

  
(C. O. Akande)  
Managing Director

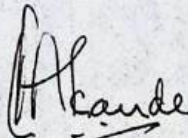
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cc: The Secretary to the Military  
Government and Head of Service,  
Office of the Military Governor,  
Ibadan,  
Oyo State.

The Secretary to the Military  
Government and Head of Service,  
Office of the Military Governor,  
Akure,  
Ondo State.

The Secretary to the Military  
Government and Head of Service,  
Office of the Military Governor,  
Abeokuta,  
Ogun State.

Above for information. I shall be grateful if this  
matter is brought to the attention of His Excellency, the Military  
Governor of your State with a view to their taking the matter up with  
the Military Governor of Lagos State.



(C. S. O. Akande)  
Managing Director

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THE REPORT OF THE RECONSTITUTED WORKING PARTY OF OFFICIALS ON THE TRANSFER OF THE FORMER COLONY PROVINCE TO THE LAGOS STATE

EPE DIVISION

24. At the meeting of the Working Party on the 16th of August, 1968 it was agreed that the following properties and investments in Epe Division should be retained by the Western State:

	42.23 acres
(i) Plywood Factory, Epe	1347.94 sq. yds.
(ii) Boat Building Yard, Epe	2042.48 sq. yds.
(iii) Boat Building Yard, Epe	905.08 sq. yds.
(iv) Boat Building Yard, Epe	1762.73 sq. yds.
(v) Boat Building Yard, Epe	3063.72 sq. yds.
(vi) Boat Building Yard, Epe	1110.30 sq. yds.
(vii) Boat Building Yard, Epe	9732.76 sq. yds.
(viii) Boat Building Yard, Epe	1111.11 sq. yds.
(ix) Boat Building Yard, Epe	1596.23 sq. yds.
(x) Boat Building Yard, Epe	

BADAGRY DIVISION

25. Tourist Centre (Nifinco Quarters) in Badagry. — (a) The issue of the land and buildings at times referred to as the "Tourist Centre" in Badagry came up for discussion at the meeting of the Working Party on the 16th of August, 1968. The Western State team explained that the buildings erected on the land have been turned over to the Nigerian Fibre Industries Company Limited residential quarters for its expatriate staff under an arrangement with the Company in which the Western State Government has over 70 per cent interest. At the request of the Lagos State team more information was made available on this matter at the meeting of the 24th of January, 1969, showing that the construction work on the quarters was completed in January, 1967 and that the quarters were handed over to the Company in November, 1967; the expatriate staff of the Company moved into the quarters in May, 1968. The cost of the buildings was given as £45,000. Information was also disclosed to the effect that the buildings appeared to have been originally intended really as part of the factory complex and to serve as quarters for the expatriate staff of the Company. In the circumstances it was agreed that the property in the so-called "Tourist Centre" should remain with the Western State.

(b) Nifinco Factory in Badagry is to remain with the West.

LANDS, OTHER PROPERTIES AND INVESTMENTS IN THE CAPITAL TERRITORY OF LAGOS AND INVESTMENTS AND PROPERTIES (OTHER THAN LAND) IN FORMER COLONY PROVINCE

(a) Fisheries Project Ijora (4564.97 sq. yds.)

26. It was agreed at the meeting of the Working Party on the 16th of August, 1968 and the 6th of April, 1970, that the Fisheries Project at Ijora (4564.97 sq. yds.) should be retained by the Western State and that any training facilities under the project for co-operative fish farmers in the West should also be made available to their counterparts in the Lagos State.

LAGOS STATE GOVERNMENT  
PUBLIC LANDS ACQUISITION LAW CAP. 113  
NOTICE TO QUIT

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To: The Owner/Occupier  
NIFINCO FACTORY and VILLAGE  
Address: BADAGRY - TOPODALE ROAD, BADAGRY



The Owner/Occupier of Property in the Schedule Hereto

Whereas:-

- (1) Under and by virtue of an Acquisition Notice dated 12th September, 1972 published in the Lagos State of Nigeria Gazette No. 24 Vol. 5 of 16th November, 1972, the property described in the Schedule hereto was compulsorily acquired by the Government for public purposes absolutely.
- (2) The said Notice of Acquisition and Notice of Intention to Treat were served on you, the Owner/Occupier.
- (3) Under and by virtue of the provisions of Section 20 Part V of the Public Lands Acquisition (Miscellaneous Provisions) Decree No. 33 of 1976, title to the said property in fee simple became vested in the Military Governor of Lagos State.

Now therefore I, Olukunle Akinola, Acting Permanent Secretary, Lagos State Ministry of Works and Planning, in exercise of the powers conferred by Section 8 of the Public Lands Acquisition Law Cap. 113 and of all other powers enabling in that behalf do hereby give you Notice that His Excellency, the Military Governor of Lagos State will on 16th November, 1977 enter and take possession of the said property. You are hereby required to Quit and deliver up vacant possession of the said property on or before the date specified above.

SCHEDULE

All that parcel of land with the factory building thereon known as Nifinco Factory situate and lying on Badagry - Topodale Road, Badagry and all that parcel of land with Dwelling Houses, Dining Block and Swimming Pool thereon known as Nifinco Village also situate and lying on Badagry - Topodale Road, Badagry which form portion of Area G of the above-mentioned Acquisition.

Dated this 9<sup>th</sup> day of NOVEMBER 1977.

OLUKUNLE AKINOLA  
Acting Permanent Secretary,  
Ministry of Works and Planning,  
Lagos State.

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S/WD, 2327/34

15th November, 1977.

The Commissioner for Works & Planning,  
Lagos State,  
Ikeja.

Dear Sir,

NIFINCO FACTORY AND TOURIST CENTRE  
BADAGRY ACQUISITION BY THE LAGOS STATE  
GOVERNMENT

The attached notice was served on me and I have since met your Ministry Officials to explain the situation. I humbly put up the fact of the case as follows:-

Following the creation of the Lagos State out of the former Western Region, a Working Party was set up by the two Governments to apportion the assets and liabilities between them. The party comprised of the following people :-

(a) Western State

Dr. F.A. Ajayi - Attorney General (Chairman)

Mr. S.O. Asabia - P.S. Ministry of Finance

Mr. A.A.K. Degun - P.S. Ministry of Local Government & Chieftancy Affairs.

Mr. M.A. Ademosu - P.S. Ministry of Establishment & Training.

Mr. S.O. Oyediran - Chief Land Officer.

(b) Lagos State

Mr. E.A. Howson-Wright - Secretary to the Military Government & Head of Service.

Mr. F.C. Coker - P.S. Ministry of Finance & Economic Development

Mr. I.O. Agoro - Solicitor General and Permanent Secretary.

Mr. Adeyemi Bero - Principal Secretary (Secretary to the Committee)

.../2.

Prof. Ayo Ogunshaye (Chairman), O.O. Adesina, E.O. Opaleye, Chief G. Gbonegun, Dr. J.A. Sofola and Mr. E.A. Akinlade - (Managing Director)

The Committee on the 6th of August, 1972 signed an agreement which was adopted by the two Governments. At page 16 of their report, it was emphatically stated that the land covered by the NIFINCO Factory and the Badagry Tourist Centre now known as NIFINCO Village near the present V. I. P. Rest House, Badagry belonged to the then Western State Government.

Your attention is invited to following decrees:-

- (a) States (Creation and transitional) Provisions Decree 1977 No.17
- (b) States (Creation and transitional) Provisions (amendment) Decree 1977 No.53.

I contend that since the properties referred to were vested in the former Western Nigeria and situated in the Colony Province before the creation of States, then by virtue of Decree No.53 of 1977 the properties became vested in the three states of Oyo, Ondo and Ogun without any further assurance.

From the foregoing, it follows that the parcels of land in question belong now to the Oyo, Ondo and Ogun States by virtue of the Decrees cited above.

In the circumstance any attempt to enforce the notice will be a breach of the provision of the Decrees cited above.

A copy of this letter is addressed to your Ministry of Justice for information.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Yours faithfully,

E. A. AKINLADE  
MANAGING DIRECTOR.

cc: Solicitor General & Permanent Secretary,  
Ministry of Justice,  
Lagos State.

Permanent Secretary,  
Ministry of Works & Planning,  
Lagos State.

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LAGOS STATE GOVERNMENT  
PUBLIC LANDS ACQUISITION LAW CAP. 113  
NOTICE TO QUIT

To: The Owner/Occupier  
NIFINCO FACTORY and VILLAGE

Address: BADAGRY - TOPODALE ROAD, BADAGRY

The Owner/Occupier of Property in the Schedule Hereto

Whereas:-

- (1) Under and by virtue of an Acquisition Notice dated 12th September, 1972 published in the Lagos State of Nigeria Gazette No. 24 Vol. 5 of 16th November, 1972, the property described in the Schedule hereto was compulsorily acquired by the Government for public purposes absolutely.
- (2) The said Notice of Acquisition and Notice of Intention to Treat were served on you, the Owner/Occupier.
- (3) Under and by virtue of the provisions of Section 20 Part V of the Public Lands Acquisition (Miscellaneous Provisions) Decree No. 33 of 1976, title to the said property in fee simple became vested in the Military Governor of Lagos State.

Now therefore I, Olukunle Akinola, Acting Permanent Secretary, Lagos State Ministry of Works and Planning, in exercise of the powers conferred by Section 8 of the Public Lands Acquisition Law Cap. 113 and of all other powers enabling in that behalf do hereby give you Notice that His Excellency, the Military Governor of Lagos State will on 16th November, 1977 enter and take possession of the said property. You are hereby required to Quit and deliver up vacant possession of the said property on or before the date specified above.

SCHEDULE

All that parcel of land with the factory building thereon known as Nifinco Factory situate and lying on Badagry - Topodale Road, Badagry and all that parcel of land with Dwelling Houses, Dining Block and Swimming Pool thereon known as Nifinco Village also situate and lying on Badagry - Topodale Road, Badagry which form portion of Area G of the above-mentioned Acquisition.

Dated this 9<sup>th</sup> day of NOVEMBER 1977.

Olukunle Akinola  
Acting Permanent Secretary,  
Ministry of Works and Planning,  
Lagos State.



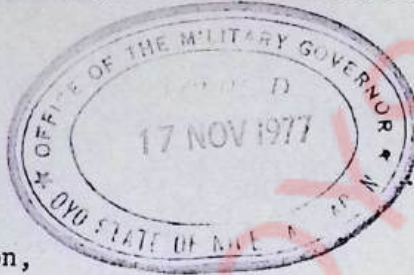
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# Odi'a Investment Company Limited

Tel. 24158, 62440, 62813-62815, Cable & Telegrams: ODINCO IBADAN. Telex No. 31225 NG:

Our Ref: C.230/90

Your Ref:



Cocoa House,  
(Floors 20-22),  
P. M. B. 5435,  
Ibadan.

17th November, 1977.

His Excellency,  
Brigadier D. M. Jemibewon,  
Military Governor,  
Oyo State,  
Ibadan.

*Sma & HS*

Your Excellency,

*See me. 17/11*

Tourist Centre and the Nigerian Fibre Industries  
Company Limited, Badagry

I humbly refer to the discussion I had with you this morning on the above subject matter and I attach herewith a photocopy of my letter to the Secretary to the Military Government and Head of Service of Lagos State with endorsements to his counterparts of Oyo, Ondo and Ogun States. I also attach another copy of the same letter for any action Your Excellency may wish to take urgently on the matter.

I wish, Sir, to thank you for all the assistance you are personally giving us in this Company in our task to establish firmly our assets.

Yours faithfully,

*Akande*  
(C. S. O. Akande)  
Managing Director

*CR/ Bu. in file*

*G. O. ABE*  
*18/11.*

DIRECTORS: Chief Kela Daisi (Chairman), C. S. O. Akande (Managing Director), Prof. Ayo Ogunsanya, Prof. S. O. Biobaku, Mr. A. A. Babelola, Prof. C. S. Ota, Mr. V. A. Osuntan



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# Odu'a Investment Company Limited

Tel. 24158, 62440, 62813-62815, Cable & Telegrams: ODINCO IBADAN. Telex No. 31225 NG.

Our Ref: C.250/87

Cocoa House,  
(Floors 20-22),  
P. M. B. 5435,  
Ibadan.

Your Ref:

.....17th November.....1977..

Mr. S. A. Thomas,  
Secretary to the Military  
Government and Head of Service,  
Office of the Military Governor,  
Oba Akinjobi Street,  
Ikeja.

Dear Sir,

## Tourist Centre and the Nigerian Fibre Industries Company Limited, Badagry

I wish to bring to your attention the problem we are experiencing in connection with our responsibility for safe-guarding the interests of the former Western State in the Tourist Centre and the Nigerian Fibre Industries Company Limited both in Badagry. We act on behalf of the Governments of Oyo, Ondo and Ogun States in respect of these properties among many others.

2. The Nigerian Fibre Industries Company Limited (NIFINCO), currently under liquidation is a Company in which the former Western State had substantial interests and the land and buildings of the Company are therefore of great interest to us. We understand that your State Government decided to acquire the land with the factory buildings absolute for public purposes.

3. The Tourist Centre was built by the former Western Regional Government and was nearing completion by the time the 12-State structure came into being and the Lagos State was created. While thinking of what to do with the property, NIFINCO requested for the use of the chalets to be used as staff quarters and this was agreed in principle. Up till the time of its going into liquidation, these chalets had not been transferred to the Company nor had it paid any considerations whatsoever whether by way of rental or sub-lease. We had decided to repossess the chalets and these together with the ancilliary buildings and facilities (swimming pool) are to be used for the sort of business it was originally designed. To this end, renovation work was commenced a couple of months ago but we now understand that your State Government has also issued notice to acquire the area along with the properties of NIFINCO.

## 4. Policy on the transfer of the former Colony Province to Lagos State

I wish to recall the decision of the Working Party and the Re-constituted Working Party on the transfer of the former Colony Province to the Lagos State and to draw particular attention to paragraph 25 of the latter Party's decision. I attach a copy for ease of reference. It will be seen therein that it was agreed that both

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the Tourist Centre and the NIFINCO Factory were to remain the properties of the Western State. It is on this authority that we rest our right of ownership as agents of the Governments of Oyo, Ondo and Ogun States.

5. As it is not customary for one State Government to compulsorily acquire the properties of another State Government, we believe that the Acquisition Notice of 12th September 1972 published in the Lagos State of Nigeria Gazette No. 24 Volume 5 of 16th November 1972 and which was recently emphasized upon a 'Notice to Quit' of 9th November, 1977, issued by the Acting Permanent Secretary of the Lagos State Ministry of Works and Planning to "The Owner/Occupier NIFINCO Factory and Village", must have been in error and without knowledge of the history of the two properties referred to in my paragraphs 2 and 3 above. This seems to be more clearly so since if the properties were not those of the Western State Government, they would be those of the Lagos State Government and there would have been no further need for the latter to try to acquire them.

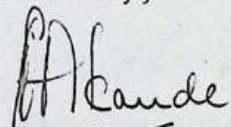
6. States (Creation and Transitional Provisions)  
(Amendment) Decree 1977, No. 53

May I please draw attention to the provisions of Section 1(b) of the States (Creation and Transitional Provisions) (Amendment) Decree 1977 by which the Federal Military Government clearly evinced the intention that the ownership of properties belonging to the former Western State Government in the former Colony Province should vest in the Military Governors of Oyo, Ondo and Ogun States jointly. The two properties under discussion here are protected by this provision. It is appreciated that the 1972 Acquisition Notice by your Government pre-dates Decree 53 of 1977 but you will appreciate that this is a matter in which legal technicalities need not be resorted to, and effect ought to be given to the clear intentions of the Federal Military Government.

7. I should like to mention in passing that there are signs that your State Government might already have been acquiring some land at Ojota (Ikeja) in circumstances similar to the properties mentioned above but I will be addressing you more specifically on this at a later date when I have all the facts.

8. It will be greatly appreciated if you will please use your good offices to get your State Government to desist from acquiring our properties in Badagry. I received information after this letter was drafted that our agents who are busy renovating the Tourist Centre have been forcibly ejected from the site. I will appreciate an opportunity to discuss further, if need be. Copies of this letter are being sent to the Secretary to the Military Government and Head of Service of Oyo, Ondo and Ogun States.

Yours truly,

  
(C. S. O. Akande)  
Managing Director

See p. 504

THE REPORT OF THE RECONSTITUTED WORKING PARTY OF OFFICIALS ON THE  
TRANSFER OF THE FORMER COLONY PROVINCE TO THE LAGOS STATE

EPE DIVISION

24. At the meeting of the Working Party on the 16th of August, 1968 it was agreed that the following properties and investments in Epe Division should be retained by the Western State:

	42.23 acres
(i) Plywood Factory, Epe	1347.94 sq. yds.
(ii) Boat Building Yard, Epe	2042.48 sq. yds.
(iii) Boat Building Yard, Epe	905.08 sq. yds.
(iv) Boat Building Yard, Epe	1762.73 sq. yds.
(v) Boat Building Yard, Epe	3063.72 sq. yds.
(vi) Boat Building Yard, Epe	1110.30 sq. yds.
(vii) Boat Building Yard, Epe	9732.76 sq. yds.
(viii) Boat Building Yard, Epe	1111.11 sq. yds.
(ix) Boat Building Yard, Epe	1596.23 sq. yds.
(x) Boat Building Yard, Epe	

BADAGRY DIVISION

25. *Tourist Centre (Nifinco Quarters) in Badagry.*— (a) The issue of the land and buildings at times referred to as the "Tourist Centre" in Badagry came up for discussion at the meeting of the Working Party on the 16th of August, 1968. The Western State team explained that the buildings erected on the land have been turned over to the Nigerian Fibre Industries Company Limited residential quarters for its expatriate staff under an arrangement with the Company in which the Western State Government has over 70 per cent interest. At the request of the Lagos State team more information was made available on this matter at the meeting of the 24th of January, 1969, showing that the construction work on the quarters was completed in January, 1967 and that the quarters were handed over to the Company in November, 1967; the expatriate staff of the Company moved into the quarters in May, 1968. The cost of the buildings was given as £45,000. Information was also disclosed to the effect that the buildings appeared to have been originally intended really as part of the factory complex and to serve as quarters for the expatriate staff of the Company. In the circumstances it was agreed that the property in the so-called "Tourist Centre" should remain with the Western State.

(b) Nifinco Factory in Badagry is to remain with the West.

LANDS, OTHER PROPERTIES AND INVESTMENTS IN THE CAPITAL  
TERRITORY OF LAGOS AND INVESTMENTS AND PROPERTIES  
(OTHER THAN LAND) IN FORMER COLONY PROVINCE

(a) Fisheries Project  
Ijora (4564.97 sq. yds.)

26. It was agreed at the meeting of the Working Party on the 16th of August, 1968 and the 6th of April, 1970, that the Fisheries Project at Ijora (4564.97 sq. yds.) should be retained by the Western State and that any training facilities under the project for co-operative fish farmers in the West should also be made available to their counterparts in the Lagos State.

LAGOS STATE GOVERNMENT  
PUBLIC LANDS ACQUISITION LAW CAP. 113  
NOTICE TO QUIT

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To: The Owner/Occupier  
NIFINCO FACTORY and VILLAGE  
Address: BADAGRY - TOPODALE ROAD, BADAGRY



The Owner/Occupier of Property in the Schedule Hereto

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Now therefore I, Olukunle Akinola, Acting Permanent Secretary, Lagos State Ministry of Works and Planning, in exercise of the powers conferred by Section 8 of the Public Lands Acquisition Law Cap. 113 and of all other powers enabling in that behalf do hereby give you Notice that His Excellency, the Military Governor of Lagos State will on 16th November, 1977 enter and take possession of the said property. You are hereby required to Quit and deliver up vacant possession of the said property on or before the date specified above.

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Dated this <sup>9<sup>th</sup></sup>..... day of ..NOVEMBER.. 1977.

OLUKUNLE AKINOLA  
Acting Permanent Secretary,  
Ministry of Works and Planning,  
Lagos State.

PSOMG,

Pp. 491 to 498 and 499 to above  
are respectfully submitted please

C.R. 18/11/77

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SP/C.124/504.

02 December, 1977.

His Excellency Lt.-Commander  
Godwin Kanu,  
Office of the Military Governor,  
Lagos State,  
Ikeja.

Dear

Tourist Centre and the Nigerian Fibre Industries  
Company Limited, Badagry

PP-500-503

I refer to our telephone conversation of recent date on the above subject and attach herewith for the information of Your Excellency photocopy of a letter No. C.230/87 of 17th November, 1977 which was addressed to your Secretary to the Military Government on the same matter by the Managing Director, Odu'a Investment Company Limited.

2. As I have pointed out during our discussion, the property in question belongs to the three States of Oyo, Ondo and Ogun (being inheritors of the old Western State) and I do not consider it right and seemly for another sister State Government to want to acquire such property against the wish of its owners. In the circumstance I would request you to use your good and kind offices to prevent the intended acquisition by the Lagos State Government.



*[Handwritten Signature]*  
(D. M. Jemibewon)  
Brigadier  
Military Governor  
Oyo State.  
*Brig*

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Ref. SP/C.124/505

Office of the Military Governor,  
Oyo State. Ibadan.

02 December, 1977.

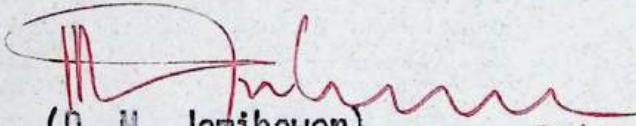
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H. E. The Military Governor,  
Ondo State,  
Akure.

H. E. The Military Governor,  
Ogun State,  
Abeokuta.

Overleaf for information further to earlier  
correspondence with your Government by the Managing  
Director, Odu'a Investment Company Limited on this  
matter.



  
(D. M. Jemibewon)  
Brigadier  
Military Governor  
Oyo State. *Big*

Y. E.,

After speaking with Y.E. on the letter at p.499 I submit, in accordance with Y.E.'s directive, the letter at pp.504-505 addressed to the Military Governor of Lagos State for Y.E.'s initialling. The original is a.b.c. for signature.

2. I also place at b.c. endorsements to Y.E.'s counterparts at Ogun and Ondo for similar action.

*Jil*

(G. O. Abe)  
P. S. O. M. G.,  
1st December, 1977.

*Seen*

*[Signature]*  
*2/12*

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# Odu'a Investment Company Limited

Tel. 24158, 62440, 62813-62815, Cable & Telegrams: ODINCO IBADAN. Telex No. 31225 NG.

Our Ref: C.230/101

SECRET

Cocoa House,  
(Floors 20-22),  
P. M. B. 5435,  
Ibadan.

Your Ref:

.....28th November.....1977.....

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



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

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

## Tourist Centre and the Nigerian Fibre Industries Company Limited, Badagry

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Further to the endorsement of my letter No. C.230/87 of 17th November, 1977 addressed to the Secretary to the Military Government and Head of Service, Lagos State, I attach herewith a copy of "The Report of the Reconstituted Working Party of Officials on the Transfer of the former Colony Province to the Lagos State" for your retention and ease of reference just in case you do not have one readily available.

*A Akande*  
(C. S. O. Akande)  
Managing Director

PS(SC),

Above is humbly submitted please.

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C.R.  
4/12/77

CR  
You will pls connect with the man file and resubmit.

AG. Pr. Sec. (SC) 1/12.

PS(SC),

Action taken as requested  
at foot overleaf please.

~~OO~~  
C.R.  
2/12/77

Sec (G & A)

I believe overleaf is f.y.  
kind attention; it is therefore referred  
to you p13.

wj  
Pr. Sec. (SC)  
6/12.

Pr. Sec (SC)

Definitely no. p13.

2. PS on 6 was involved as  
shown on p. 506 only when  
he stood in for Bruce # HS.  
All matters in this file have  
always been dealt with by  
the SD Division which was  
split into SM & SC.

the date  
7/12/77.

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30<sup>th</sup> November, 1977.**SECRET**

The Managing Director,  
Odu's Investment Company Limited,  
Cocoa House,  
(Floors 20-22),  
P.M.B. 5435,  
Ibadan.

Tourist Centre and the Nigerian Fibre Industries  
Company Limited, Badagry

I write with reference to your letter No. C.230/87 of 17th November, 1977, and with the directive to say that, in the circumstances indicated, the Ministry of Works and Planning has been requested to withhold action meanwhile, on the Acquisition Notice affecting the NIFINCO Factory and the Tourist Centre in Badagry.

2. I am to add, however, that the whole matter will be taken up at inter-State level with the Governments of Oyo, Ondo and Ogun States, and I am to suggest that, in the mean-time, you should stay action on your part regarding the Tourist Centre as the proposed use may no longer be either feasible or permissible for security and other reasons.

3. A copy of this letter is endorsed to the Secretaries to the Military Governments of Oyo, Ondo, and Ogun States, respectively, as well as to the Permanent Secretaries, Lagos State Ministry of Works and Planning, and Ministry of Trade, Industry and Co-operatives.

*Folarin Coker*  
(Folarin Coker)

Ag. Secretary to the Military Government  
and Head of Service

see p. 567

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Copies to:-

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30<sup>th</sup> November, 1977.

1. The Secretary to the Military Government, Military Governor's Office, Secretariat, Ibadan.
2. The Secretary to the Military Government, Military Governor's Office, Akure.
3. The Secretary to the Military Government, Military Governor's Office, Abeokuta.



Overleaf for information.

2. Further correspondence on the matter will be sent to you in due course.

*(Folarin Coker)*

Ag. Secretary to the Military Government and Head of Service

Copies to:

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30<sup>th</sup> November, 1977.

1. The Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Works and Planning, Secretariat, Ikeja.
2. The Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Trade, Industry and Co-operatives, Secretariat, Ikeja.

Above for information and necessary action please. I attach hereto a copy of the letter Ref.No.C.230/87 of 17th November, 1977, from the Managing Director, Odu's Investment Company Ltd.

2. His Excellency had directed that the acquisition Notice in respect of NIFINCO and the Tourist Centre be withheld in the meantime. Please take necessary action in this regard.

*(Folarin Coker)*

Ag. Secretary to the Military Government and Head of Service

PS(SC)

Action taken as requested

Y. E.

Via

S.M.G. & H.S.

~~12/12/77~~ 12/12/77

Via

1/5 P.S. (SD)1,

*[Signature]* 12/12

I respectfully invite your attention to the letter on p.509. Although the letter was addressed to the Managing Director of Odu'a Investment Company and endorsed to SMG & HS, Oyo, Ondo and Ogun States by their Lagos State counterpart, it bears relevance to Your Excellency's letter on p.504 which was written to your Lagos State colleague. From the date of Your Excellency's letter and the date of p.509, there is no doubt that your letter could not have been received before p.509 was issued. Certainly, therefore, p.509 issued as a result of Your Excellency's telephone discussion with your Lagos State counterpart, on the issue of the "Tourist Centre" at Badagry.

2. The main substance of the letter on p.509 is that -

- (a) the Lagos State Government has directed its Ministry of Works and Planning to with-hold action on the acquisition Notice affecting the NIFINCO Factory and Tourist Centre in Badagry;
- (b) the matter will be taken up at governmental levels with Oyo, Ondo and Ogun States;
- and (c) the Odu'a Investment Coy should no longer go ahead with its plan for the NIFINCO Factory or the Tourist Centre.

3. All this is for Your Excellency's information, please. On return of file, the letter of the Managing Director, ODINCO and the report at back cover will be examined.

*[Signature]*  
 (M. A. Ayero),  
 Ag. Prin. Sec. (SC)

9 December, 1977.

*Noted. However para 2(c) cannot be indefinitely. They should bring their contract with us.* *[Signature]* 13/12.

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~~Prin. Sec. (SC)~~

pl. speak ref. your min.  
overleaf.

Jil  
G. O. ABE  
13/12/77.

P.S.O.M.G.,

We spoke. Please find at back cover, the draft of a letter to His Excellency the Military Governor of Lagos State for your consideration.

*malg*  
(M. A. Oyero),  
Ag. Prin. Sec. (SC)

14 December, 1977.

Y.E.

I respectfully invite Y.E. to  
initial the letter on p. 513  
and sign the originals  
abe.

Jil  
G. O. ABE  
PSOMG

A copy should be made  
out for the MD, OIC.  
15/12 for his information 15/12

15 December, 1977

His Excellency Lt.-Commander Godwin Kanu,  
Office of the Military Governor,  
Lagos State,  
Ikeja.

Tourist Centre and the Nigerian Fibre  
Industries Company Limited, Badagry

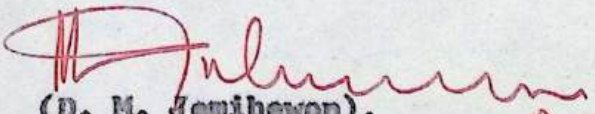
I refer to my letter No. SP/C.124/504 of 2nd December, 1977 and to our telephone discussion of Tuesday, 13th December, 1977 on the above stated subject.

2. Apparently, before Your Excellency received my letter referred to above, the Secretary to the Military Government and Head of Service, Lagos State had entered into correspondence with the Managing Director of Odu'a Investment Company on the same subject, vide letter No. LS/1.Vol.VIII/289 of 30th November, 1977 a copy of which was endorsed to my office here in Ibadan.

3. While on the one hand your Secretary to the Military Government and Head of Service gave a welcome assurance that action would be with-hold on the acquisition of the NIFINCO factory and the Tourist Centre in Badagry he, on the other hand, advised that action be suspended by the Odu'a Investment Company on the development of the Tourist Centre pending conclusion of a proposed inter-State consultation among the Governments of Lagos, Oyo, Ondo and Ogun States. As I have indicated during discussion with you, such an embargo will, in the face of the persistent and spiralling inflation in the economy, adversely affect the cost of the project.

4. In order to avert such a prospect, it is desirable that you use your good offices to ensure that the proposed inter-governmental negotiation is commenced without any delay but that, in the meantime, Odu'a Investment Company is allowed to carry on its development of the Tourist Centre.

5. Copies of this letter are being endorsed to Their Excellencies, the Military Governors of Ondo and Ogun States both of whom are agreeable to the above proposition.

  
(D. M. Jemibewon),  
Brig.,  
Military Governor,  
Oyo State.

Pls see P 522

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Ref. No. C.124/5/Vol.III/514  
Office of the Military Governor,  
Ibadan.

15 December, 1977.

Copy to:-

His Excellency Wing Commander  
I. D. Ikpeme,  
Military Governor,  
Ondo State,  
Akure.

His Excellency Lt.-Col. S.A. Balogun,  
Military Governor,  
Ogun State,  
Abeokuta.

Above for information further to our telephone  
conversations.



*[Handwritten Signature]*

(D. M. Jemibewon),  
Brig.,  
Military Governor,  
Oyo State.

*Brig*

*Prim. Sec. (sc)*

*pl. despatch the originals  
abe. and comply with HE's  
directive on p. 512 (bottom).*

*Dil*  
G. O. ABE  
15/12.

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16 December, 1977

The Managing Director,  
Odu'a Investment Company Ltd.,  
P.M.B.5435,  
Ibadan.

Tourist Centre and the Nigerian  
Fibre Industries Company Limited, Badagry

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P.513  
I am directed to forward to you a copy of letter No. SP/C.124/5/Vol.III/513 of 15th December, 1977, written by His Excellency the Military Governor of Oyo State, Brigadier David Jemibewon, to his Lagos State counterpart and endorsed to the Military Governors of Ondo and Ogun States. The letter was in response to letter No. LS/1.Vol.VIII/289 of 30th November, 1977 which the Secretary to the Military Government and Head of Service, Lagos State, wrote to you and endorsed to this Office.

2. Further correspondence on the subject will be addressed to you when necessary.



*md*  
(M. A. Oyero),  
for Secretary to the Military  
Government & Head of Service.

See P.516



SP/C 124/5

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# Odu'a Investment Company Limited

Tel. 24158, 62440, 62813-62815, Cable & Telegrams: ODINCO IBADAN. Telex No. 31225 NG.

Our Ref: C.230/112

Your Ref: SP/C.124/5/515

Cocoa House,  
(Floors 20-22),  
P. M. B. 5435,  
Ibadan.

22nd December, 1977

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



Tourist Centre and the Nigerian  
Fibre Industries Company Limited, Badagry

P.515

Thank you for your letter of 16th December, 1977. The Lagos State officials had before allowed the agent of Wemabod Estates Limited to re-enter the Tourist Centre but a report has just been made to me that the men have again last Friday been forcibly ejected from the site. The appeal contained in paragraph 4 of His Excellency's letter would not appear to have been heeded. You may wish to bring this to the attention of His Excellency to whom we are very much indebted for his prompt assistance.

(C. S. O. Akande)  
Managing Director

Sec (C),

Above is humbly submitted  
Please.

C.R. - 27/12/77


**DIRECTORS:** Chief Kola Daisi (Chairman) C. S. O. Akande (Managing Director) Prof. Ayo Ogunseye  
Prof. S. O. Biobaku, Mr. A. A. Babalola, Prof. C. S. Ola, Mr. V. A. Oduntan.

P.S.(P),

I respectfully invite your attention to the letter at p.516 from the Managing Director Odu'a Investment Company Ltd. In it, the Managing Director thanked His Excellency the Military Governor for his prompt action on the refusal of Lagos State officials to allow the agents of Wemabod Estates to carry out the development of the Tourist Centre in Badagry. He added however that the appeal contained in His Excellency's letter at p.513 was not heeded by Lagos State officials.

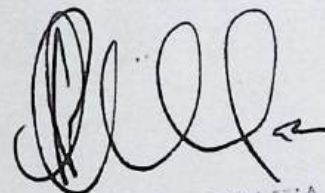
2. I observe however that His Excellency the Military Governor's letter, was issued on the 15th of this month and the Managing Director wrote on the 22nd instant on a report he received on Friday 16th December, at which time the letter issued on the 15th could not have been received in Lagos and passed down to the officials connected with the Centre. Before we can complain from this end, we should allow a reasonable length of time to elapse to enable us watch for further developments. On return of file, and subject to approval I shall reply the Managing Director accordingly.


3. For your information only please.

  
Bola Obakin,  
Ag. Sec. (SC),  
28<sup>th</sup> Dec., 1977.

See (8C)

Let's hold on until, say, the middle of next month.

  
D. A. ABENUSAWA  
29/12/77.

CR/ ✓ B.U. 17/1/78  
  
29/12

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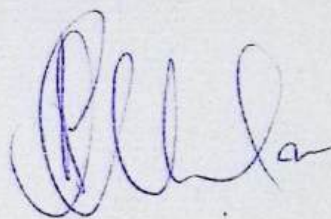
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directed for ~~baey~~

~~Badi~~

17/1 ✓

CR

Bu. 27/1/78



B. A. ATINUSAWA

17/1/78.

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# Odu'a Investment Company Limited

Tel. 24158, 62440, 62813-62815, Cable & Telegrams: ODINCO IBADAN. Telex No. 31225 NG.

Our Ref: C.230/119

Your Ref:

Cocoa House,  
(Floors 20-22),  
P. M. B. 5435,  
Ibadan.

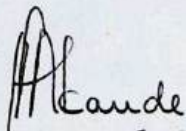
...16th January, 1978...

Mr. T. A. Akinyele,  
Secretary to the Military  
Government and Head of Service,  
Office of the Military Governor,  
Ibadan.

## Tourist Centre and the Nigerian Fibre Industries Company Limited, Badagry

P. 516  
P. 515

I refer to my letter No. C.230/112 of 22nd December, 1977 in response to your letter No. SP/C.124/5/515 of 16th December, 1977 and wish to remind you that there would appear to be no change so far. May be you and His Excellency would like to seize the opportunity of the meeting of the National Council of States holding this week to discuss the matter further with the Lagos State Military Governor and Secretary to the Military Government and Head of Service.

  
(C. S. O. Akande)  
Group Managing Director

NOTE:  
already shown to IBENG

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Pls. see P. 523<sup>A</sup>

CR M. J. A. R.  
~~\_\_\_\_\_~~

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SMG & HS.,

Overleaf is respectfully submitted  
as directed please.

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C.R.

23/1/78

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PS(P)

In view of pp. 516 & 519 pl prepare for HE's signature further to p. 513 another letter to serve as a reminder and further appeal to HONG, Lagos State. A copy for m.s. is to be endorsed to the M.D, Odun Int. Co Ltd.

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261/78

SMG &amp; H.S.,

The letter on P 522 is submitted for H.E.'s initialling. The originals of the letter are also submitted for H.E.'s signature. The endorsement to the MD Odun Int. Co Ltd will be submitted to you for signature after HE. has taken action on the copies at loc.



D. A. ABINUSAWA

As PS(P)

1/2/78.

SP/C.124/5 Vol.111/522.

ob February, 1978.


His Excellency Lt.-Commander Godwin Kanu,  
Office of the Military Governor,  
Lagos State,  
Ikeja.

Tourist Centre and the Nigerian Fibre  
Industries Company Limited, Badagry.

P. 513  
I refer to my letter No. SP/C.124/5/Vol.111/513 of 15th December, 1977 with which I requested Your Excellency to use your good offices to ensure that Odu'a Investment Company is allowed to carry on its development of the Tourist Centre at Badagry pending the commencement of inter-governmental negotiation on the NIFINCO factory and the Tourist Centre.

2. Reports reaching me indicate that the workmen (agents of Wemabod Estates Limited) had been forcibly ejected from the site by the Lagos State officials since the 16th of December, 1977. Once again I would like to appeal to Your Excellency to use your good offices to ensure that the development of the Tourist Centre is no longer interfered with by the officials of Lagos State Government and that the proposed inter-governmental negotiation is initiated without further delay.

3. Copies of this letter are being endorsed to Their Excellencies, the Military Governors of Ondo and Ogun States.

  
(D. M. Jemibewon),  
Brig.,  
Military Governor,  
Oyo State.

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Our Ref.No.SP/C.124/5Vol.III/523A

6th February, 1978.


Copy to:

The Managing Director,  
Odu'a Investment Company Ltd.,  
Cocoa House,  
P. M. B. 5435,  
Ibadan.

Above for information with reference to your  
letter No. C.230/119 of 16th January, 1978.

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(T. A. Akinyele)  
Secretary to the Military  
Government & Head of Service.

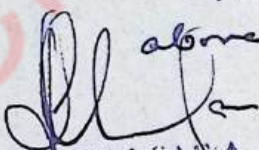
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SMG & H.S.

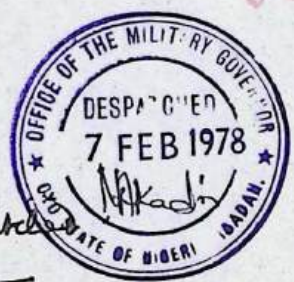
I submit the endorsement  
at loc. for your signature in compliance  
with your instruction on p 521  
Please initial the file copy

above also.

See p. 525

  
D. A. ABINUSAWA  
As PS (P),  
6/2/78.

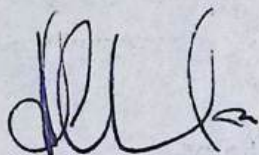
PSCP) Sgt & cherty dispatched  
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Sec (Sc)

Please see from p. 521  
and dispose of Ele.



D. A. ABINUSAWA  
As PS(P)  
7/2/78.

CR,

Pl k. v. v. for the reaction of HEMC<sub>4</sub>  
of Lagos State.



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SP/C.124/5

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# Odu'a Investment Company Limited

Tel. 24158, 62440, 62813-62815, Cable & Telegrams: ODINCO IBADAN. Telex No. 31225 NG:

Our Ref: O.230/143

Cocoa House,  
(Floors 20-22),  
P. M. B. 5435,  
Ibadan.

Your Ref:

29th March, 1978.

Mr. T.A. Akinyele,  
Secretary to the Military Government &  
Head of Service,  
Office of the Military Governor,  
Agodi,  
Ibadan.



## Tourist Centre and the Nigerian Fibre Industries Company Limited, Badagry

I refer to your endorsement No. SP/C.124/5 Vol.III/523A of 6th February, 1978 and wish to thank His Excellency the Military Governor for the trouble he has been taking over this matter. I wish to report that it has not been possible up till now for a meeting of 'officials' to hold to discuss the Tourist Centre. A meeting scheduled for 1st March was put off till 15th March by the Lagos State Government officials. When our representatives (including the Managing Director of Wemabod Estates Limited, the Managing Director of Nigerian Hotels Ltd.) arrived for the scheduled meeting of 15th March, the Lagos State Government officials were again not ready for a meeting and a formal one could not be held.

2. Contacts on that day by our representatives with some officials of the Lagos State Government revealed that the State Government was not going to dispute our right to the property but that the Lagos State Government would want to buy it. We are very much disturbed by this undesirable delay being forced on our effort to renovate the property and commence business in it. Already, the security of the property is in danger and we have to bear increased expenses in strengthening our guards on it. We will therefore appeal for further assistance by His Excellency and your good-self in resolving this matter expeditiously.

*Akande*  
(C.S.O. Akande),  
Group Managing Director.

see p. 533

Sec(sc),  
Action  
taken please.

*[Signature]*  
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P. deal.

CR,  
Pl submit in file.

*[Signature]*  
3/4/78

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

via

P.S. (P),

*[Handwritten signature]*  
7/4/78

At p.525, the M.D. of Odu'a Inv. Coy. reported that officials of his Company has not been able to hold meetings with Lagos State officials on the Tourist Centre and NIFINCO in Badagry due to the reluctance of Lagos State Officials to hold the meeting. He also reported that contacts with some of the officials in Lagos revealed that although the Lagos State Government will not dispute Odu'a's right to the property but that they would want to buy it. Odu'a is distressed at the intentional delay in allowing them to renovate the Tourist Centre and commence business inspite of increasing maintenance expenditure on the property. The Company wants further assistance from H.E.M.G. and your good-self in resolving the matter.

2. Up till now, the Military Governor of Lagos State has not replied to H.E.M.G's letter at p.522 written on 6th February, 1978. It would appear that personal contacts with the Military Governor of Lagos State by our Governor even if only on telephone or during any visit to Lagos, will be of tremendous help. In addition, I respectfully suggest that you consider making telephone contact with your Lagos State counterpart. If these actions are taken quickly, we may be able to persuade Lagos State Govt. from <sup>persuing</sup> ~~pursing~~ the idea of buying what has for many years been the property of the former Western State.

3. Kindly give consideration <sup>to</sup> the suggestions in the preceding paragraph.

*[Handwritten signature]*

(Bola Obakin),

Sec. (SC),

6<sup>th</sup> April, 1978

*PS(P)*

*M. speak.*

*u/t/78*

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Sec (SC),

The SMC & HS has directed that Ministry of Trade Industries and Co-op. be contacted with a view to securing documentary evidence that the Tourist Centre at Badagry was a separate entity and not originally built as part of NIFIN Co.

The SMC & HS of Lagos State would need this assurance to enable the Govt of Lagos State to reconsider its stand on the impending take-over of the premises by the Govt.

Kindly get in touch with the appropriate officials in the Ministry of FI & Co-op. to supply the information requested.

The SMC & HS would also like to have another copy of the Report at b.c. is "The Report of the Reconstituted Working Party of Officials - the Transfer of Power Colony Province to Lagos State."

D. A. ABINUSAWA

PS (P),  
12/4/78.

AS (SC),

Pl find out the facts on para 1 above from N.T.I & Co. I doubt if the facts will be available here. If you fail to lay your hands on any material, you will go to Odu'a & speak with appropriate officers. The files must be with them.

2. With respect to the last para, copy of the report abc should be in the old files on NIFINCO & TOURIST CENTRE with Trade or Odu'a. Pl report back early.

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Sec (sc)

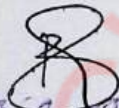
About the information required in the Minute of the PS(P) at page 527 (paragraph 1), I contacted the Secretary of Odula Investment Company Ltd, Mr Onadele. He told me that he had forwarded <sup>to you</sup> a photocopy of the extract of Working party's report on the sharing of property between former Western State Government and Lagos State Government. In the report according to him, it is stated that the Tourist Centre is not part of the Industry — NIFIMCO.

SAO

13/4/78

A.S. (sc)

We discussed. Press for a copy of the report above & report back

  
Bola Obakin  
13/4/78

Sec(sc)

I went to the office of Mr Onadele in the morning. He told me that copies of the Report of the Reconstituted Working party of Officials on the transfer of the former Colony Province to Lagos State are not available at his end. He then advised me to contact

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Mr Arripo, the ~~chief~~ legal Adviser,  
Ministry of Justice.

On my return, ~~from~~ he called  
at the office of the chief legal  
Adviser to ask for a copy of the  
Report. He directed me to ~~the~~ Librarian  
who unfortunately could not get a copy  
in the ~~Library~~ Ministry's Library.  
Now ~~that~~ efforts to get a  
copy of the report have failed, may I suggest  
~~that~~ we make a photostat copy of the  
report placed at back cover.

SAO

17/4/78.

AS (sc)

Proceed as in your last paragraph. Urgent action pl.

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19/4/78

Sec(sc)

Please find at back cover ~~the~~ <sup>the photo-</sup>  
copy of the Report of the Reconstituted  
Working Party of Officials on the Transfer  
of the former Colony Province to the Lagos  
State.

SAO

26/4/78.

P.S. (P)

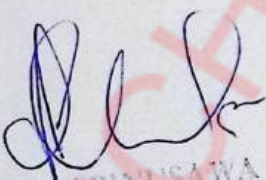
Your min at p 527 refers pl.

- 2. Odu'a has confirmed that the Tourist Centre is not part of NIFIMCO. It has operated as a separate entity.
- 3. A copy of the Report of the Reconstituted Working Party of officials on the Transfer of the former Colony Province to the Lagos State is placed abe for the use of the S.M.S & H.S as indicated in your min referred to above please.

  
 Bola Obakin  
 Ag Sec (sc)  
 26/4/78


Sec (8c),

In there no confirmation for the meeting of Trade Industry & Cooperative. There shall be some documentary evidence in the meeting to support the separateness of the Tourist Centre vis-a-vis the NIFIMCO. at Parliament.

  
 D. A. ABINUSAWA  
 p8 (P)  
 27/4/78.

AS (sc),

Pl seek confirmation from RTI etc as directed above.

  
 28/4/78

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Sec(sc)

Please refer to your minute overleaf.

2. The photocopy of S.I.C. <sup>memorandum MG(76)</sup> ~~117~~ 130 of 17<sup>th</sup> Sept. 1976 obtained from the Secretary, Ministry of Trade, Industries and Co-operatives, Mr. Sapohunda is placed at back cover. The Memorandum traces the history of the Tourist Centre at Badagry. No other document confirms the separateness of the Centre from MIFIMEO at this end.

S.A.O

1/5/78.

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# Odu'a Investment Company Limited

Tel. 24158, 62440, 62813-62815, Cable & Telegrams: ODINCO IBADAN. Telex No. 31225 NG;

Our Ref: C.230/147

Your Ref:

Cocoa House,  
(Floors 20-22),  
P. M. B. 5435,  
Ibadan.

1st May, 78  
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The Secretary to the Military  
Government and Head of Service,  
Office of the Military Governor,  
Agodi,  
Ibadan.



## Tourist Centre and the Nigerian Fibre Industries Company Limited, Badagry

The Board of this Company at its meeting of 25th April, 1978 expressed considerable appreciation for the great assistance His Excellency Brigadier D. M. Jemibewon, Military Governor of Oyo State has been giving the Company in its effort to secure occupation of the Tourist Centre, Badagry. Even though the matter is yet unresolved, the Board directed that its gratitude be conveyed to His Excellency for the keen interest he has continued to show in the affairs of the Company.

I shall be grateful if you will please bring the foregoing to the attention of His Excellency.

*Akande*  
(C. S. O. Akande)  
Group Managing Director

see (sc),

please. Above is humbly submitted

*AA*

C.R. 3/5/78



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# Odu'a Investment Company Limited

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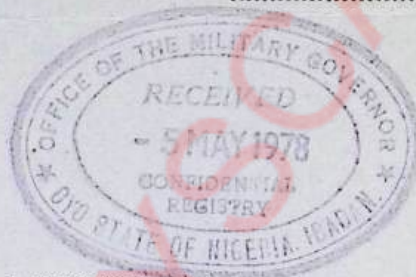
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Cocoa House,  
(Floors 20-22),  
P. M. B. 5435,  
Ibadan.

Your Ref:

4th May, 1978.

Mr. T. A. Akinyele,  
Secretary to the Military  
Government and Head of Service,  
Office of the Military Governor,  
Agodi,  
Ibadan.



## Tourist Centre and NIFINCO, Badagry

P.525

Further to my letter No. C.230/143 of 29th March, 1978, I wish to report that a meeting between our representatives and those of the Lagos State Government was held on Tuesday, 2nd May 1978 with the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Works and Housing, Mr. T. B. O. Williams presiding. The meeting was quite disappointing since the Permanent Secretary did not appear to be fully conversant with the circumstances of the properties and in spite of explanations, continued to take an uncooperative stand. One thing was however clear and it was that the Lagos State Government was bent on taking over the Tourist Centre and the NIFINCO premises.

2. Mr. Williams was reported to have said that whether or not the Tourist Centre and NIFINCO were separate establishments, the Lagos State Government would go ahead to take possession of them because the directive to take possession came from their Military Governor. The Permanent Secretary indicated that they would negotiate for rather than acquire the properties. He definitely refused that we or our agents should re-enter the Tourist Centre to complete the renovation works already about 90% completed. He also indicated that his Government would not use the site for the purpose for which it was originally intended.

3. It seems quite evident now that no useful purpose will be served by further meetings with the Lagos State Ministry of Works and Housing. It is our view that this matter need now to be taken up at above the level of officials and perhaps with the Chief of Staff, Supreme Headquarters for adjudication between us (Oyo, Ondo and Ogun States) and the Lagos State Government. We, of Odu'a, appreciate that our shareholder-States are very busy with a lot of pressing State affairs but we hope that you will be able to deal with this matter early and to finality.

4. A copy of this letter is being sent to the Secretaries to the Military Government and Heads of Service of Ondo and Ogun States.

see P.584

(C. S. O. Akande)  
Group Managing Director

CR  
M. f. a. r.

SMG & HS,

Action taken.

5/5/78

C.R.  
5/5/78

YE

The letters on pp 532 - 533 from the Group Managing Director of Oduá Investment Co Ltd are submitted for YE's consideration. They deal with the apparent intransigence of the Lagos State officials over the properties of the old Western State in Badagry viz. Tourist Centre and NIFINCO. It has been suggested that no useful purpose will be served by pursuing the matter at the level of officials but that it should be taken up at the highest level including making a case to the Chief of Staff, SHQ.

2. It will be recalled that the opportunity of the last meeting of the Military Governors of the 3<sup>rd</sup> O<sup>o</sup> States was taken to mention a similar case in respect of the landed property of the Airport Hotel at Ikeja and the N.G. Ogun State was mandated to pursue the matter further. It is a well-known fact that YE had done everything possible to persuade your colleague in Lagos State to give orders to his officials to allow the agents of the 3<sup>rd</sup> O<sup>o</sup> State Governments to continue work on the Tourist Centre and NIFINCO but apparently to no avail.

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3. I do not believe that the matter be taken up yet with the C.S. SHA. My suggestion is that you obtain a convenient date from IHRG, Lagos State when the 3 N.G.s of Oyo, Ondo, and Ogun States could meet him to discuss the issues connected with the three sets of landed properties. If that fails, then a concerted approach could be made to the Supreme Headquarters. I shall be grateful for Y.E.'s further directives.

T. A. AKINYELE

7/5/78

Write a letter for me to the  
Mtd Gov Lagos along the line of  
your suggestions. Copy my  
colleagues of Ondo and Ogun  
States.

PSCP)

M. put up the nec. letter as in  
IHRG's min. above. Urgent pl.

8/5/78

SP/C.124/5/556.

May, 1978.

His Excellency,  
Lt.-Commander Godwin Kanu,  
Office of the Military Governor,  
Lagos State,  
Ikeja.

Tourist Centre and the Nigeria Fibre  
Industries Company Limited, Badagry.

P. 522 I refer to my letter No. SP/C.124/5/Vol.111/522 of  
6th February, 1978 with which I appealed to Your  
Excellency to use your good offices to ensure that the  
proposed inter-governmental negotiation on the effective  
possession of the properties mentioned above by the Odu'a  
Investment Company Limited is initiated without further  
delay.

2. I have been informed that no appreciable progress  
has been made by the negotiating panel headed by the  
Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Works and Housing of  
Lagos State. I will therefore like Your Excellency to  
fix a convenient date which I and my colleagues the  
Military Governors of Ondo and Ogun States could meet  
Your Excellency to discuss the issues connected with the  
following landed properties:

- (a) Tourist Centre, Badagry,
- (b) The Nigerian Fibre Industries Company  
Limited,
- (c) Landed Property of the Airport Hotel  
at Ikeja,

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with a view to reaching an equitable settlement.

3. Copies of this letter are being endorsed to Their Excellencies, the Military Governors of Ondo and Ogun States.

*[Handwritten signature]*  
(D. M. Jemibewon),  
Brigadier,  
Military Governor,  
Oyo State. *Big*

*See P 559*

Our Ref.No.SP/C.124/5/557A *A*

Office of the Military Governor,  
Ibadan: // May, 1978.

Copy to:-

His Excellency Wing Commander I. D. Ikpeme,  
Military Governor,  
Ondo State,  
Akure.

His Excellency Lt.-Col. S. A. Balogun,  
Military Governor,  
Ogun State,  
Abeokuta.

Overleaf for Your Excellency's  
information.

*[Handwritten signature]*  
(D. M. Jemibewon),  
Brigadier,  
Military Governor,  
Oyo State. *Big*

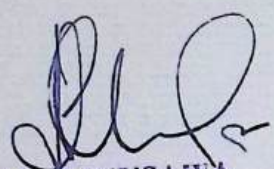


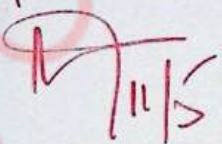
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*See p. 560*

Y.E.,  
via SMGUTH, ~~10/5/78~~ 10/5/78

I submit for Y.E.'s signature the letters at b.c. The file copy for initialing is on pp. 556 and 557. The letter has been put up in keeping with Y.E.'s directive on p. 555.

  
D. A. ABINUSAWA  
PS (P)  
10/5/78

Seen:  
  
11/5

PS(P)

Pl. K. I. V.

~~10/5/78~~  
T. A. AKINYELE  
12/5/78

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OFFICE OF THE MILITARY GOVERNOR



ABEOKUTA · OGUN STATE, NIGERIA

50/124/5

Your Ref. No.....  
All communications should be addressed to the Secretary to the Military Government and Head of Service quoting S.27/44/51  
Our Ref. No.....

Date 24<sup>th</sup> May, 1978.

His Excellency,  
Brigadier D. M. Jemibewon,  
Military Governor,  
Oyo State,  
IBADAN.

Tourist Centre and the Nigeria  
Fibre Industries Company Limited

I hereby acknowledge receipt of your endorsement No. SP/C.124/5/557A of 11th May, 1978, and I look forward to hearing further on the matter from Your Excellency.

2. Meanwhile, we could possibly take advantage of the forthcoming National Council of States meeting to meet with Governor of Lagos State either formally or informally intimating him of the agreements resolved by the working party of officials on the transfer of the former Colony to Lagos State on the points raised in your Paragraph 2(a)-(c).

3. A copy of this letter is being endorsed to His Excellency the Military Governor of Ondo State.

(S. A. Balogun)  
Lt. Col.  
Military Governor,  
Ogun State.

SECRET

1. My file  
2. S.M.G.H.S.

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OFFICE OF THE MILITARY GOVERNOR



*SP/C 124/5*

ABEOKUTA · OGUN STATE, NIGERIA

Your Ref. No.....

All communications should be addressed to the Secretary to the Military Government and Head of Service quoting S. 27/44/51

Our Ref. No.....

Date *24<sup>th</sup>* May, 1978.

His Excellency,  
Brigadier D. M. Jemibewon,  
Military Governor,  
Oyo State,  
IBADAN.



Tourist Centre and the Nigeria Fibre Industries Company Limited

*P. 557*

I hereby acknowledge receipt of your endorsement No. SP/C. 124/5/557A of 11th May, 1978, and I look forward to hearing further on the matter from Your Excellency.

2. Meanwhile, we could possibly take advantage of the forthcoming National Council of States meeting to meet with Governor of Lagos State either formally or informally intimating him of the agreements resolved by the working party of officials on the transfer of the former Colony to Lagos State on the points raised in your Paragraph 2(a)-(c).

3. A copy of this letter is being endorsed to His Excellency the Military Governor of Ondo State.

*[Signature]*  
(S. A. Balogun)  
Lt. Col.  
Military Governor,  
Ogun State.

SECRET

*[Signature]*  
*SP/C 124/5*  
1. My file  
2. *SMG/HTS* ✓

*CR*  
*Pr. file away.*

*[Signature]*

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SP/C.12A/5 Vol.III/561.

12 June, 1978.

His Excellency,  
Lt.-Commander Godwin Kanu,  
Office of the Military Governor,  
Lagos State,  
Ikeja.

Tourist Centre and the Nigeria Fibre  
Industries Company Limited, Badagry.

I refer to the discussions which I and my colleagues from Ondo and Ogun States had with Your Excellency on Friday 2nd June, 1978 in Lagos on the subject-matter stated above. I would like to seek Your Excellency's confirmation that the agents of our three State Governments (Oyo, Ondo and Ogun) are now free to enter the land and premises of the two projects to carry out further developments.

2. I attach herewith for Your Excellency's ease of reference, the relevant portion to the subject-matter of the Report of the Working Party of Officials which considered the transfer of the former Colony Province to the Lagos State in 1968.

3. I should be glad to hear from Your Excellency very shortly.



*(Handwritten signature)*  
(D. M. Jemibewon),  
Brigadier,  
Military Governor,  
Oyo State. *Bng*

see pp. 574

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

I place at back cover for His Excellency, the Military Governor's signature letter to His Excellency, the Military Governor Lagos State in respect of the Tourist Centre and NIFINCO premises at Badagry. The file copy for initialling is at p.561 while a spare copy for His Excellency, the Military Governor's personal file is also at back cover.

2. A few copies of the report at back cover has been made out as directed. I place 3 copies of the report at back cover for His Excellency, the Military Governor to keep 2 copies. You may also wish to keep a copy in your office please.

(Bola Obakin),  
Ag. Sec. (SC),

8<sup>th</sup> June, 1978.

YE

Ref above min., the letter absc. is subtd for YEB signature please.

~~T. A. AKINYELE~~

11/6/78

Please send information copy to the Govs of Ogun and Ondo States,

See (SC) M. dispatch & later pursue HENG's min. above.

T. A. AKINYELE 12/6/78

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CR/

Pl issue letter abt + return file to  
me Fr. 2.



13/6

Sec. (S.C.)

Nec. action has been taken. This  
file is hereby returned for further  
nec. action pls.

ADD.

C. R.

13/6/78

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Our Ref. No. SP/C.124/5 Vol.III/564

Office of the Military Governor,  
Ibadan,  
Oyo State of Nigeria.

15 June, 1978.

Copy to:-  
P.561

His Excellency,  
Lt.-Col. Ayodele Balogun,  
Office of the Military Governor,  
Abeokuta,  
Ogun State.

His Excellency,  
Wing Commander David Ikpeme,  
Office of the Military Governor,  
Akure,  
Ondo State.

Overleaf for information please.

(D. M. Jeniboron),  
Brig.,  
Military Governor,  
Oyo State.

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ARCHIVES OF OYO STATE

Y.E.,

via

S.M.G. & H.S., ~~200~~ 14/1/78

With reference to Y.E's minute at p. 562, I place at back cover for signature information letters to Y.E's colleagues in Ondo and Ogun States in respect of NIFINCO and the Tourist Centre in Badagry. Kindly initial the file copy at p.564.

(Bola Obakin),  
Ag. Sec. (SC),

14<sup>th</sup> June, 1978.

"A"

"B"

Sec (SC)

M. dispatch the letters at bc.

~~T. A. AKINYELE~~

"C" 15/6/78

cc/

M dispatch letters abc

15/6

"D"

Sec. (S.C.)

Ref. your above minute, it is hereby confirmed that nec. action has been taken  
pls.

ADD.  
C.R. 16/6/78

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S.M.G. & H.S.


Page 559 is hereby submitted as b.u. for  
today pls.

A.O.

C.R.

16/6/78

B.V. 2wks ✓

  
T. A. AKINYELE  
16/6/78

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# LAGOS STATE GOVERNMENT

When replying, please quote reference and date of this letter



Office of the Secretary to the Military Government  
~~City Hall~~ Oba Akinjobi Street, Lagos, Nigeria  
Secretariat, IKEJA.

Ref. No. LS/S.1/Vol.VIII/330  
P.M.B. 1530  
Telephone: 32257

20th June, 1978.

The Secretary to the Military Government,  
Office of the Secretary to the Military Government,  
Ibadan,  
Oyo State.

SECRET

Tourist Centre and the Nigerian Fibre Industries Company Limited, Badagry

P.509 I wish to refer to my letter No. LS/1.Vol.VIII/289 of 30th November 1977, addressed to the Managing Director, Odu'a Investment Company Limited on the above subject, a copy of which was endorsed to you; and to express regret that for one reason or another it has not been possible to fix a date for the meeting proposed in paragraph 2 of my letter under reference.

2. However, it is considered at this end that in view of the importance of the matter to be discussed, the meeting should be at the level of the Secretaries to the Military Government of the Four States concerned. They should, however, be free to come with their appropriate advisers.

3. Accordingly, you are invited to a meeting to be held in the Conference Room of this Office to discuss the above-mentioned subject on Friday, 14th July 1978, at 10 a.m.

4. I should be grateful if you would confirm that you would attend; and please brief your Military Governor that the proposed meeting has now been summoned, since he has, at one time or another, raised the issue of the Badagry Tourist Centre with my Military Governor.

(S. A. Thomas)  
Secretary to the Military Government  
and Head of Service.

SECRET

for

27/6/78

SP/C.124/5/Vol.III/568.


29<sup>th</sup> June, 1978

The Secretary to the Military  
Government and Head of Service,  
Office of the Military Governor,  
Lagos State,  
Oba Akinjobi Street,  
P.M.B. 1530,  
Ikeja.

(For the attention of Mr. S. A. Thomas)

Tourist Centre and the Nigerian Fibre Industries  
Company Limited, Badagry

P 567  
I thank you for your letter Ref. No. LS/S.1/Vol.VIII/330  
of 20th June, 1978 and I hereby confirm that I will attend  
the meeting fixed for 10 a.m. 14th July, 1978 in the Conference  
Room of your office to discuss the above-mentioned subject.

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

Ref. No. SP/C.124/5/Vol.III/568A  
Office of the Military Governor,  
Ibadan.

Copy to:-


Mr. T. A. Iwajomo,  
Secretary to the Military  
Government and Head of Service,  
Office of the Military Governor,  
Ondo State,  
Akure.

June, 1978.

Mr. A. A. K. Degun,  
Secretary to the Military  
Government and Head of Service,  
Office of the Military Governor,  
Ogun State,  
Abeokuta.

P 567  
For information with reference to the letter Ref. No. LS/S.1/  
Vol.VIII/330 of 20th June, 1978 received from Mr. S. A. Thomas,  
Secretary to the Military Government and Head of Service of Lagos  
State copy of which I presume has been forwarded to you.



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

Y.E.,

Pls. see p. 567 in which the Secretary to the Military Government and Head of Service, Lagos State has now arranged a meeting of the Secretaries to the Military Governments of Lagos, Oyo, Ondo and Ogun States to discuss issues connected with the Tourist Centre and the Nigerian Fibre Industries Company Limited at Badagry. I have confirmed my readiness to attend the meeting fixed for Friday 14th July, 1978 in Lagos.

~~\_\_\_\_\_~~  
(F. A. Akinyele),  
S.M.G. & H.S.,  
29/6/78.

PK.  
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30/6

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Pl. b. u. 12/7/78.

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T. A. AKINYELE  
30/6/78

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8/6/24/5

S.27/44/62.

30<sup>th</sup> June, 1978.

Mr. S. A. Thomas,  
The Secretary to the Military Government  
and Head of Service,  
Lagos State,  
I K E J A.



My Dear SAT.

Tourist Centre and the Nigerian Fibre Industries  
Company Limited, Badagry

I thank you most sincerely for your letter  
LS/S.1/Vol.VIII/329. It reached me only a couple of days ago.

I agree with you that the above-mentioned subject is of  
such importance that it should be discussed at the level of  
Secretaries to the Military Government of the four States  
concerned. Friday 14th July, 1978 also seems to be a suitable  
date for the meeting as we will all come down for the next  
meeting of the National Council of States holding on Thursday  
13th July, 1978.

I am forwarding a copy of this letter and yours to our  
colleagues in Oyo and Ondo so that they may also prepare for  
the meeting. They will communicate direct with you. I have  
no doubt however that they will make time for the meeting.

Greetings.

Yours sincerely,

(A. A. K. DEGUN)  
Secretary to the Military Government  
and Head of Service

ch/ Pl. in the appropriate file.

Jil  
G. O. ABE  
3/7.

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Our Ref. No. S.27/44/63.

Office of the Military Governor,  
ABEOKUTA.

30<sup>th</sup> June, 1978.

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Copy to:-

Mr. T. A. Iwajomo,  
The Secretary to the Military Government  
and Head of Service,  
Ondo State,  
AKURE.

Mr. T. A. Akinyele, ✓  
The Secretary to the Military Government  
and Head of Service,  
Oyo State,  
IBADAN.

For information.

SEE P.572

2. Photocopy of the letter from our colleague in Lagos is attached. I have no doubt that you will make time to attend the meeting on the date proposed.
3. I am also forwarding a copy to Mr. Akinlade so that he may attend with his officials since he has all the relevant documents and details.

*A. A. K. Degun*

(A. A. K. DEGUN)  
Secretary to the Military Government  
and Head of Service

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LAGOS STATE GOVERNMENT

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When replying, please quote reference and date of this letter



Office of the Secretary  
to the Military Government  
~~City Hall~~ Oba Akinjobi Street,  
Lagos, Nigeria Secretariat, IKEJA.

Ref. No. LS/S.1/Vol.VIII/329  
P.M.B. ~~2638~~ 1530  
Telephone: ~~28700~~ 32257

20th June, 1978.

The Secretary to the Military Government,  
Office of the Military Government,  
Abeokuta,  
Ogun State.



SECRET

Tourist Centre and the Nigerian Fibre Industries Company Limited, Badagry

P. 44

I wish to refer to my letter No. LS/1.Vol.VIII/289 of 30th November 1977, addressed to the Managing Director, Odu'a Investment Company Limited on the above subject, a copy of which was endorsed to you; and to express regret that for one reason or another it has not been possible to fix a date for the meeting proposed in paragraph 2 of my letter under reference.

before now

2. However, it is considered at this time that in view of the importance of the matter to be discussed, the meeting should be at the level of the Secretaries to the Military Government of the two States concerned. They should, however, be free to come with their respective officers.

3. Accordingly, you are invited to a meeting to be held in the Conference Room of this Office to discuss the above-mentioned subject on Friday, 14th July 1978, at 10 a.m.

4. I should be grateful if you would confirm that you would attend; and please brief your Military Governor that the proposed meeting has now been summoned, since he has, at one time or another, raised the issue of the Badagry Tourist Centre with my Military Governor.

(S. A. Thomas)  
Secretary to the Military Government  
and Head of Service.

SECRET

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P.S.O.M.G.

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Pages 570 to 572 overleaf are hereby submitted for your rec. action pls.

ADD.

C: B

4/7/78

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CR

Bu. p. 569 to Mr.

Adigun un-faithfully on assumption of office as S.M.G.H.S.

and, in any case, not later than Monday / Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> / 11<sup>th</sup> July, 1978 before he travels out to Lagos for NSC mtg.

Jil

G. O. ABE

PERSONS

4/7/78.

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LAGOS STATE GOVERNMENT

P.M.B. No. 12637

Telephone: 33441

Telegram: GOVLAG.

Reference No. LS/1/Vol.VIII/337



Office of the Military Governor  
1 Oduduwa Street, G.R.A.  
Ikeja, Nigeria

29th June, 1978

His Excellency,  
Brigadier D. M. Jemibewon,  
Office of the Military Governor  
Ibadan,  
Oyo State.

*My dear Brigadier,*



Tourist Centre and the Nigeria Fibre Industries  
Company Limited, Badagry

P.561

I refer to Your Excellency's letter No. SP/C.124/5/  
Vol.III/561 of 12th June, 1978, on the above-named subject.  
By now you must have been briefed by your Secretary to the  
Military Government that he and his colleagues in Ondo and  
Ogun States have been invited by my Secretary to the  
Military Government to a meeting to be held in Lagos on  
Friday, 14th July, 1978, to discuss the issues involved in  
the recommendation of the Official Working Party, contained  
in the attachment to your letter under reference.

2. I have been advised that the proposed meeting is  
necessary because investigations carried out at this end  
have revealed that the agreement reached by the Working  
Party on the tourist centre in Badagry appears to have been  
based on a number of misrepresentations made by the officials  
of the former Western State, at the various meetings of  
the Working Party held between 16th August, 1968, and 6th  
April, 1970, at which the property was discussed.

3. Moreover, I have been further advised that this agree-  
ment may need to be reviewed in the light of the provisions  
of the Nigeria Tourist Board Decree No. 54 of 1976.

*Yours sincerely*

COMMANDER GODWIN N. KANU(NN)  
MILITARY GOVERNOR OF LAGOS STATE

*ck/*  
*Bo in*  
*file.*  
*Jil*  
*5/7.*

ARC

*1 My file*  
*2 Photocopy for my colleagues in Ondo and Ogun*  
*3 Please see me if agreements are*  
*to be reviewed as per para 3 it must be*  
*sanctioned by the four states and not by Lagos*

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P.S.O.M.G.

Overleaf letter is hereby submitted  
for your nec. action as directed pls.

ADD

C. B.

5/7/78

CR / Bu. as in min. (2)

p. 573. This is important  
and urgent.

Jil  
G. O. ABE

Bom G

6/7/78.

S.M.G. & H.S.

I wish to submit pp. 570 to 575 above  
for your information and nec. action on  
pp. 570 to 572 and 574 pls.

ADD

C. R.

10/7/78

SC.42/75

576  
July, 1978

Mr. S. A. Thomas,  
Secretary to the Military Government  
and Head of Service,  
Military Governor's Office,  
Oba Akinjobi Street,  
Secretariat, IKEJA.

Tourist Centre and the Nigerian Fibre Industries

With reference to your letter Ref.No.LS/S.1/Vol.VIII/331 dated 20th June, 1978, in connection with the above-mentioned subject, I confirm that I would attend the meeting to be held at 10.00 a.m. in the Conference Room of your Office on Friday, the 14th of July, 1978.

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

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Our Ref.No. SC.42/76

Office of the Military Governor,  
Akure.

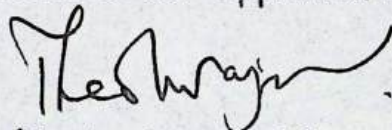
3<sup>rd</sup> July, 1978.

Copy to:

Mr. A. A. K. Degun,  
Secretary to the Military Government  
and Head of Service,  
Governor's Office,  
Abeokuta, Ogun State.

✓ Mr. M. S. Adigun,  
Secretary to the Military Government  
and Head of Service,  
Governor's Office,  
Ibadan, Oyo State.

For your information, please. I hope it would be possible for the three of us to meet briefly while in Lagos on the 13th of July for the meeting of the National Council of States to articulate our approach and strategy at the meeting.



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

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BADAGRY TOURIST CENTRE

The site known as Badagry Tourist Centre covering an area of approximately 26.46 acres is within the Government reservation area in Badagry.

In 1969 Government of the then Western Region completed the buildings comprising five single and five double chalets, common hall, swimming pool, boys quarters, power house and let the whole area, through the Ministry of Trade and Industry to the NIFINCO at an annual rent of £300.00 (N600.00) per annum. It was on the occupation of the NIFINCO staff (mainly expatriate) that the site known as Badagry Tourist Centre was styled "NIFINCO VILLAGE". Thus the premises was never, at any time, part of the NIFINCO Factory.

Following the creation of the Lagos State out of former Western Region, a working party was set out by the two Governments to apportion the assets and liabilities between them. The Committee on the 6th of August, 1972 signed an agreement which was adopted by the two Governments. At page 16 of their report, it was emphatically stated that the land covered by the NIFINCO Factory and Badagry Tourist Centre known as NIFINCO VILLAGE belonged to the then Western State Government. A portion (about 10 acres) of the Lagos State VIP Rest House falls within the area of the Tourist Centre.

The three State Governments of Oyo, Ondo and Ogun passed the property to Odu'a Investment Company Limited for use. The Odu'a Investment Company Limited requested Wemabod Estates Limited to advise on the proper use of the premises. The existing use as a Tourist Centre or Motel was recommended. It was then decided that the Motel should form an arm of the Lagos Airport Hotel. This property was then passed on to the Lagos Airport Hotel Limited for face lifting and use. The Nigeria Hotels Limited who are the managers of the Lagos Airport Hotel Limited carried out the face lifting of the area primarily to cash on the Trade Fair Exhibition in November, 1977.

The face lifting was about 80 - 90% completed when the Lagos State Government gave an order for work to stop on the site and asked workers to quit with immediate effect. In fact, by Notice dated 9th November, 1977 (page 32) copy attached, the land was deemed to have been acquired by the Lagos State Government. But the Managing Director of Wemabod Estates Limited quickly pointed out to the Lagos State Government that the land belonged to the three States of Oyo, Ondo and Ogun and therefore could not be acquired. (Copy of letter attached) As a result of the representation made by Wemabod Estates Limited, the Lagos State Government allowed work to start in November, 1977 and within three days of resumption of work, the workers were forced out of the premises again. Since then, the Lagos State Government has not allowed work to continue on the premises despite the efforts made by the Managing Director, Wemabod Estates Limited by personal contacts with the SMG of Lagos State, the PS and Commissioner for Works and Planning, Lagos State. In addition letters were written stating that at least work should be allowed to be completed to avoid any increase in cost pending whatever decision might be taken.

After three postponement of meetings with the Lagos State Ministry of Works and Planning officials, it was possible to hold a meeting under the Chairmanship of the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Works and Planning, Lagos State on Tuesday, 2nd May, 1978. At that Meeting, it was agreed that the Lagos State Ministry of Works and Planning should inspect the site so as to know the extent of the work carried out and the need for work to be completed. The Ministry of Works & Planning promised that after the inspection, another meeting would be summoned to resolve the matter finally. Since then there has never been any communication from Ministry of Works and Planning for further meeting.

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The followings need be agreed upon by the Lagos State Government:-

1. That the parcel of land is not part of NIFINCO Factory.
2. That the parcel of land belongs to the three State Governments of Oyo, Ondo and Ogun and therefore it cannot be acquired under the provisions States (Creation and Transitional Provisions) (Amendment) Decree 1977 No.17 and States (Creation and Transitional Provision)(Amendment) Decree 77 No.53.
3. The face lifting work should be allowed to be completed.
4. That the premises be used as motel and any future expansion programme should be with the approval of the Lagos State Government.

VILLAGE belonged to the three State Governments. A portion subject to agreement by the Lagos State Government was within the area of the Lagos State Government. The three state governments of Oyo, Ondo and Ogun passed the property to Ode's Investments Company Limited for use. The Ode's Investments Company Limited is a private company limited to advise on the proper use of the premises. The existing use as a Tourist Centre Hotel was discontinued was not decided upon the state and the work on the Lagos Airport Hotel. This property was then handed on to the Lagos Airport Hotel Limited for face lifting and use. The Lagos Airport Hotel Limited who are the successors of the Lagos Airport Hotel Limited carried out the face lifting of the premises and the cash on the state rate contribution in November 1977.

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LAGOS STATE GOVERNMENT  
PUBLIC LANDS ACQUISITION LAW CAP. 113  
NOTICE TO QUIT

To: The Owner/Occupier  
NIFINCO FACTORY and VILLAGE



Address: BADAGRY - TOPODALE ROAD, BADAGRY

The Owner/Occupier of Property in the Schedule Hereto

Whereas:-

- (1) Under and by virtue of an Acquisition Notice dated 12th September, 1972 published in the Lagos State of Nigeria Gazette No. 24 Vol. 5 of 16th November, 1972, the property described in the Schedule hereto was compulsorily acquired by the Government for public purposes absolutely.
- (2) The said Notice of Acquisition and Notice of Intention to Treat were served on you, the Owner/Occupier.
- (3) Under and by virtue of the provisions of Section 20 Part V of the Public Lands Acquisition (Miscellaneous Provisions) Decree No. 33 of 1976, title to the said property in fee simple became vested in the Military Governor of Lagos State.

Now therefore I, Olukunle Akinola, Acting Permanent Secretary, Lagos State Ministry of Works and Planning, in exercise of the powers conferred by Section 8 of the Public Lands Acquisition Law Cap. 113 and of all other powers enabling in that behalf do hereby give you Notice that His Excellency, the Military Governor of Lagos State will on 16th November, 1977 enter and take possession of the said property. You are hereby required to Quit and deliver up vacant possession of the said property on or before the date specified above.

SCHEDULE

All that parcel of land with the factory building thereon known as Nifinco Factory situate and lying on Badagry - Topodale Road, Badagry and all that parcel of land with Dwelling Houses, Dining Block and Swimming Pool thereon known as Nifinco Village also situate and lying on Badagry - Topodale Road, Badagry which form portion of Area G of the above-mentioned Acquisition.

Dated this ..... 9<sup>th</sup> ..... day of ..NOVEMBER.. 1977.

Olukunle Akinola  
Acting Permanent Secretary,  
Ministry of Works and Planning,  
Lagos State.

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15th November, 1977.

The Commissioner for Works & Planning,  
Lagos State,  
Ikeja.

Dear Sir,

NIFINCO FACTORY AND TOURIST CENTRE  
BADAGRY ACQUISITION BY THE LAGOS STATE  
GOVERNMENT

The attached notice was served on me and I have since met your Ministry Officials to explain the situation. I humbly put up the fact of the case as follows:-

Following the creation of the Lagos State out of the former Western Region, a Working Party was set up by the two Governments to apportion the assets and liabilities between them. The party comprised of the following people :-

(a) Western State

Dr. F.A. Ajayi - Attorney General (Chairman)

Mr. S.O. Asabia - P.S. Ministry of Finance

Mr. A.A.K. Degun - P.S. Ministry of Local Government & Chieftancy Affairs.

Mr. M.A. Ademosu - P.S. Ministry of Establishment & Training.

Mr. S.O. Oyediran - Chief Land Officer.

(b) Lagos State

Mr. E.A. Howson-Wright - Secretary to the Military Government & Head of Service.

Mr. F.C. Coker - P.S. Ministry of Finance & Economic Development

Mr. I.O. Agoro - Solicitor General and Permanent Secretary.

Mr. Adeyemi Bero - Principal Secretary (Secretary to the Committee)

.../2.

Prof. Ayo Ogunsheye (Chairman), O.O. Adesina, E.O. Opaleye, Chief O. Gbonegun, Dr. J.A. Sofola and Mr. E.A. Akinlade - (Managing Director)

The Committee on the 6th of August, 1972 signed an agreement which was adopted by the two Governments. At Page 16 of their report, it was emphatically stated that the land covered by the NIFINCO Factory and the Badagry Tourist Centre now known as NIFINCO Village near the present V. I. P. Rest House, Badagry belonged to the then Western State Government.

Your attention is invited to following decrees:-

- (a) States (Creation and transistional) Provisions Decree 1977 No.17
- (b) States (Creation and transtional) Provisions (amendment) Decree 1977 No.53.

I contend that since the properties refered to were vested in the former Western Nigeria and situated in the Colony Province before the creation of States, then by virtue of Decree No.53 of 1977 the properties became vested in the three states of Oyo, Ondo and Ogun without any further assurance.

From the foregoing, it follows that the parcels of land in question belong now to the Oyo, Ondo and Ogun States by virtue of the Decrees sited above.

In the circumstance any attempt to enforce the notice will be a breach of the provision of the Decrees sited above.

A copy of this letter is addressed to your Ministry of Justice for information.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Yours faithfully,

E. A. AKINLADE  
MANAGING DIRECTOR.

cc: Solicitor General & Permanent Secretary,  
Ministry of Justice,  
Lagos State.

Permanent Secretary,  
Ministry of Works & Planning,  
Lagos State.

*c/r*  
There is a letter for this d. from  
m. s., O'ding Investments.

*3/7*



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S/C 124/5

# Odu'a Investment Company Limited

Tel. 24158, 62440, 62813-62815, Cable & Telegrams: ODINCO IBADAN. Telex No. 31225 NG:

Our Ref: C.40/181

Your Ref:

Cocoa House,  
(Floors 20-22),  
P. M. B. 5435,  
Ibadan.

.....27th July,.....1978.

Mr. M. S. Adigun,  
Secretary to the Military  
Government and Head of Service,  
Office of the Administrator,  
Agodi,  
Ibadan.



Dear Mr. Adigun,

Tourist Centre and NIFINCO, Badagry

P.533  
There is an outstanding matter in respect of the above properties of the former Western State to which I wish to draw your attention. In my letter No. C.230/150 of 4th May, 1978 to your predecessor, Mr. T. A. Akinyele, I reported the then latest position of the matter and consequently, a meeting of the Secretaries to the Military Government and Heads of Service of Oyo, Ondo, Ogun and Lagos States was to have been held in Lagos on Friday, 14th July, 1978 to settle the issues involved. Unfortunately, the meeting could not hold because of the sudden decision at the meeting of the National Council of States on 13th July, 1978 to re-assign all Military Governors and as a consequence of which the Secretaries to the Military Governments had to return to their respective capitals.

2. It will be appreciated if this matter can be re-opened with a view to you and your colleagues of the other three States holding a meeting to settle the issues. A copy of this letter is being sent to your counterparts of Ondo and Ogun States.

Yours sincerely  
*C. S. O. Akande*  
(C. S. O. Akande)  
Group Managing Director

S.M. G. & H.S.

Your minute at bottom of P.583 refers.  
2. I hereby submit the above letter for your nec. action pls.

ADD.  
C. R.  
31/7/78

SMG. & HS.,

Your minute at the opposite page refers, please.

2. It will be observed from the Report a. b. c. that a total of seven meetings were held by the Reconstituted Working Party of Officials on the Transfer of the former Colony Province to the Lagos State. Four of such meetings were held in 1968, two in 1969 and the remaining one in 1970. - please see para. 3 on page 3 of the Report. The meeting referred to in your min. at opposite page is probably the one held on 16th August, 1968, the minutes of which is at p. 16 in the Report. The meeting dealt with the following issues:

- (a) The Epe Boat-yard,
- (b) The Tourist Centre (Nifinco Quarters) in  
Badagry,

and (c) The Fisheries Project at Ijora, Lagos.

The meeting also agreed on the transfer of the properties listed on pp. 20 - 21 to the Lagos State.

3. You may find the above information useful, please.

(W. Oyajide)  
Ag. Princ. Sec. (SC)

7<sup>th</sup> September, 1978.

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ABEOKUTA · OGUN STATE, NIGERIA

Your Ref. No.....

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Our Ref. No.....

S.27/44/70.

Date..... 4<sup>th</sup> August, 1978.

Mr. S. A. Thomas,  
The Secretary to the Military Government  
and Head of Service,  
Military Administrator's Office,  
Oba Akinjobi Street,  
Secretariat,  
I K E J A.

Mr. T. A. Iwajomo,  
The Secretary to the Military Government  
and Head of Service,  
Office of the Military Administrator,  
AKURE,  
Ondo State.

Mr. M. S. Adigun,  
The Secretary to the Military Government  
and Head of Service,  
Office of the Military Administrator,  
IBADAN,  
Oyo State.

Tourist Centre and the Nigerian Fibre Industries  
Company Limited, Badagry

It is unfortunate that due to circumstances beyond our control we could not meet as scheduled on Friday, 14th July, 1978 to deliberate on the above-mentioned topic.

2. I would like to suggest that we arrange another meeting for Thursday, 24th August, 1978 at 10.00 a.m. in Ikeja. This matter is so important that discussion on it should not be delayed any longer.

3. Do we all agree to meet in Lagos as proposed? The date was deliberately put far off to enable us to effect the necessary contacts among ourselves and agree on a most convenient date.

*A. A. K. DEGUN*

(A. A. K. DEGUN)  
Secretary to the Military Government  
and Head of Service

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DAS (C)

Sec (S.C.)

The mtg. mentioned overleaf was briefly held last Thursday, 24/8 as it could make little headway, thanks to the intransigence of Lagos State Engg.

2. You will pl. look for me the mins of the mtgs of the Working Party of Officials on the transfer of the former Colony Province to the Lagos State. I want to refer in particular to the mins of the mtgs of August 1969.

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Preceding minutes refer.

2. Attach volumes I + II of this file and see if the minutes of meeting of August 1969 are in any of the closed volumes.

3. please treat as very urgent.

J. Ayode

Ag DAS (S.C.)

30/8/78

## LAGOS STATE GOVERNMENT

When replying, please quote  
reference and date of this  
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Ref. No. LS/1/Vol. VIII/362

1st September, 1978

Mr. A.A. Dahun,  
Secretary to the Military  
Government and Head of Service,  
Ogun State.

Mr. M.S. Adigun,  
Secretary to the Military  
Government and Head of Service,  
Oyo State.

TOURIST CENTRE BADAGRY

I refer to the above-mentioned subject, and the discussion held thereon in my office on Thursday, 24th August 1978, and forward herewith, as promised, copies of the following minutes of the meeting of the Working Party, relevant to the issues raised during the discussion referred to above:-

- (i) Minutes of the meeting held on 16th August 1968 - paragraph 14
- (ii) Minutes of the meeting of 24th January 1969 - paragraph 3
- (iii) Minutes of the meeting of 6th April 1970 - paragraph 16.

2. I have endorsed a copy of this letter to the Secretary to the Military Government and Head of Service, Ondo State.

*S. A. Thomas*  
(S. A. THOMAS)

Secretary to the Military Government  
and Head of Service



SECRET

Minutes of the Meeting of the Working Party held at  
the State Chambers Ibadan  
on Friday the 16th of August, 1968 at 10 a.m.

Present:

Dr. F. A. Ajayi (Chairman)	-	Attorney-General, Ministry of Justice, Western State.
Mr. S. O. Asabia	-	Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Finance, Western State.
Chief N. O. A. Akinyemi	-	Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Local Govern- ment and Chieftaincy Affairs, Western State.
Mr. M. A. Ademosu	-	Ag. Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Establishments & Training, Western State.
Chief S. O. Oyediran	-	Chief Lands Officer, Ministry of Lands and Housing, Western State.
Mr. A. E. Howson-Wright	-	Secretary to the Military - Government, Lagos State.
Mr. F. C. O. Coker	-	Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Finance and Economic Development, Lagos State.
Mr. I. O. Agoro	-	Solicitor-General and Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Justice, Lagos State.
Mr. J. O. Adeyemi-Bero (Secretary)	-	Principal Secretary, Office of the Military Governor, Lagos State.

In Attendance:

Mr. S. O. Fadahunsi	-	Chief Executive Officer, Lagos Executive Development Board, Lagos.
Mr. A. K. Degun	-	Under Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture & Natural Resources, Western State.
Mrs. F. N. Akintunde-Ighodalo	-	Ag. Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Trade & Industry, Western State.

Mr. M.A. Akintomide	-	Chairman, Marketing Board, Western State.
Mr. S.A. Adeniyi	"	Asst. Chief Agric. Extension Services Officer, Ministry of Agriculture & Natural Resources, Western State.
Mr. G.F. Bajomo	-	Ag. Chief Estates Officer, Housing Corporation, Western State.
Mr. J.A. Denloye	-	Legal Officer, Housing Corporation, Western State.
Mr. J.O. Omogbenigun	-	Ag. Chief Accountant, Housing Corporation, Western State.
Mr. Dele Omisore	-	Valuation Officer, Finance Corporation, Western State.
Mr. S.A. Cladeinde	-	Chief Accountant, Western Nigeria Development Corporation, Western State.

The Chairman explained that other members in attendance at the meeting were officials invited to clear some points arising from discussions related to their respective Ministries and Corporations.

2: The minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed after the following amendments:

The initials of Chief Akinyemi were amended to read N.O.A. instead of G.O. The official title of Chief Oyediran was amended to read Principal Land Officer instead of Chief Land Officer.

Paragraph 5, line 3: the words "he used it" were deleted and "it was used merely" were substituted.

Paragraph 7, line two the words "Lagos State team" were deleted and "Working Party" substituted. The word "one" was deleted and "the" was substituted at the end of line two.

Paragraph 8: In sub-paragraph (viii) under Epe substitute "Divisional" for "Division". In sub-paragraph (xvi) under Fire Station Ikeja substitute "could" for "should" in the first line.

Paragraph 9: delete fullstop and add the following "because Ikeja G.R.A. could be regarded as being in a special and close relationship with Housing and Industrial Estate established in the area from the resources of the former Western Nigeria"

Paragraph 12 line 10: the word "seizes" deleted and "ceases" substituted. The words "or disposition" were added at the end of the paragraph.

Paragraph 13: In sub-paragraph (A) (ii) substitute "Nifinco" for "Tourist" in the first line and "Nifinco" for "Nivico" in the second line.

Matters Arising:

3. The Leader of the Lagos State team referred to the details called for on the 40 Million pounds Investment at Ikeja, and to which nothing has so far been done. The Chairman read from a file a few items of the investments of the Western Nigeria Development Corporation in the area. He was interrupted by the leader of the Lagos State team who said

the list he was reading from, was not made available to the Lagos State Officials. The Chairman replied that he thought that the list was amongst those which had been circulated to the members of the Working Party, and that he saw it amongst his papers for the meeting. But as none of the members of the Lagos State team had it, it was agreed that copies be made available to the Lagos State Officials.

4. The Floating Dispensary which was advertised for sale was again discussed. The Chairman said that Dr. Franklin who was to confirm or deny the allegation was not available; and assured the meeting that the position will be clarified.

5. Members went through the list of the remaining landed properties one by one and decision in respect of each was as follows:

The Dairy Farm Agege:

6. This was discussed at length. There were different stories told by officers at both sides who are familiar with the historical background of the area.

7. Mr. S.A. Adeniyi, Asst. Chief Agricultural Extension Services Officer, gave the history of the dairy farm. He said the farm was a research station for the Western State Ministry of Agriculture and Natural Resources. It was maintained for milk production to feed mostly people in Lagos. The commercial aspect of the milk production notwithstanding, the vital and most important reason why the station has been kept by the Western State Government was because of its facilities for research. He told members that the farm started operation during the Second World War. At that time, it was designed to feed the soldiers only with adequate milk supplies. It was because of the success of the place during the war that it was decided to continue with the activities of the farm.

8. The farm was described as a training centre for agricultural students. The dairy plant at the farm is the only one in possession of the Western State Government for artificial insemination which was capable of dealing with 150 breeding animals. The Chairman asked if it was possible for the dairy farms at Ikenne and Ibadan to meet the need of the Western State. The answer was in the affirmative, but that there would still be need for that in Agege to supplement the needs of the other dairies because of the plant for artificial insemination.

9. It was explained that the cows at the Agege Dairy Farm were for research purposes, and were liable to be moved from one station to another, and that about April 1968, the number of cows at the Agege Dairy Farm was up to 200. This explanation was given to correct the impression that the cows were deliberately moved out from the station to Ibadan and Ikenne when the States were created.

10. A member of the Lagos State team who had full knowledge of the area gave the historical background of the place dating back to thirty years ago. He said the statement that the station came into existence after the Second World War was unfounded. He said breeding of cows had in fact started there long before the last World War. He went further to say that it was not desirable to confine such agricultural research in one place. He said the research station could still be established elsewhere, and pointed out that agricultural research stations were in fact established in other parts of the Western State.

11. The Lagos State team observed that from the views of the Officials of the Western State, the emphasis would appear to be on the marketing aspect.

This was a new element being introduced into the negotiations. In any case the Agege Dairy Farm was said to be a research station. As has been pointed out, it could be removed elsewhere in the Western State. Lagos State Government would install another plant of their own at Agege.

12. Finally, the two sides agreed that the land on which the Dairy Farm is established should be transferred to Lagos State Government, and for the mutual benefit of both Governments there should be a joint administration of the Agege Dairy Farm. And the joint administration should be subject to review every five years. Details of financing and further development of the area would be worked out at a date by the two governments.

13. State Lands Badagry: Members agreed unanimously that these should be transferred to Lagos State Government.

14. Tourist Centre Badagry: The Western State Officials stated that the quarters have been transferred to Nifinco as residential quarters under a previous arrangement with the Company in which the Western State Government has over 70% interest. The Lagos State team wanted more information to confirm, for their records, that in fact the quarters have been handed over to Nifinco staff.

15. Farm Institute, Ikorodu: Mr. Degun of the Ministry of Agriculture and Natural Resources explained that the Western State Government had three Institutes at Odeda, Ilesha, and Ikorodu to cater for different tastes and that the Ikorodu Institute was the only one of its kind to provide training for settlers in the areas of rubber and oil palm and that most of the students now in the Institute are Westerners. He stated further that at the beginning of this financial year, the first quarter allocation was sent to Ikorodu but it was returned with the suggestion that the Lagos State Government had enough money to maintain it. He explained that the Institute was located there because of its dense rainfall. Mr. Akintomide supported this view. Mr. Coker stated that since the Lagos State is now effectively in possession, it would serve no useful purpose to waste time on the matter if the West could find alternative areas like Ijebu for a new Institute. It was agreed, however, after prolonged discussion on the matter had taken place, that the Institute should go to the Lagos State. It was also agreed that as pointed out by Dr. Ajayi, the undertaking of the Lagos State team should be noted that they would not only retain students of Western State origin in the Institute but in the selection of candidates for the future courses, no State will be discriminated against. It was further agreed that any compensation still payable for lease, buildings, crops and other unexhausted improvements will now have to be paid by the Lagos State Government and that compensation already paid by the Western State Government shall be regarded as part of the assets transferred to the Lagos State Government, but facts and figures regarding this should be made available to the Lagos State team.

16. Topo Island Farm Settlement: The transfer of this Settlement to the Lagos State was unanimously agreed to by both sides.

17. It was also agreed by both sides that the following properties be retained by the Western State Government:

- (i) Plywood Factory at Epe 47.23 acres
- (ii) Fisheries Project Ijora 4564.97 sq. yds.
- (iii) Akinyemi's Farm Agege
- (iv) Araromi and Moba Area of Ikeja Div. 552.5 acres
- (v) Vegetable Oils Factory 36.3 "
- (vi) Mushin Light Industry Scheme I 20.92 "

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(vii)	Mushin Light Industry Scheme II	58.09	acres
(viii)	-do- III	154	"
(ix)	Flat Building Yard Epe	1347.94	sq. yds.
(x)	" " " "	2042.48	" "
(xi)	" " " "	905.08	" "
(xii)	" " " "	1762.73	" "
(xiii)	" " " "	3063.72	" "
(xiv)	" " " "	1110.20	" "
(xv)	" " " "	9732.76	" "
(xvi)	" " " "	1111.11	" "
(xvii)	" " " "	1596.23	" "
(xviii)	Access Road to Housing Estate Ikeja - (Housing Corporation)	18.23	acres
(xix)	-do-	5.552	"
(xx)	Drainage Outfall for Ikeja Housing and Industrial Estate	6,000	sq. yds.
(xxi)	Western Nigeria Housing Corporation's Property (Trade Effluent Disposal Plant)	7964.08	" "
(xxii)	W.R.F.C. & Lagos Airport Hotel (A)	5,754	acres
	- ditto -	4,435	"

18. Ikeja Master Plan (5,000 Acres) plus additional (1,000 acres)

The area was divided into four categories, namely (a) area paid for and occupied by the Ikeja Town Planning Authority, (b) areas not paid for, but occupied by Ikeja Town Planning Authority, (c) areas paid for, but not occupied or developed and (d) areas not paid for and not occupied. Of the four categories, members felt there was no need for any argument on the transfer of all the acres in (a) and (b) to the Lagos State Government. The first two, i.e. (a) and (b) above were occupied by the Ikeja Town Planning Authority which is already an arm of the Lagos State Government. The Lagos State team also said that the other two i.e. (c) and (d) should be properties of Lagos State because the whole area was acquired purposely for planning. It was however agreed that a further detailed description at the next meeting be submitted before a final decision on the transfer to the Lagos State Government is reached. In this transaction, development was still to be completed. Also, compensation in respect of the acquisition was still not completed. £783,342:15:8d has been paid so far and there was a balance of £350,000 to be paid.

19. Ikeja Housing and Industrial Estate (731.7 acres)

The area was acquired for industrial and housing projects of the Housing Corporation Services. The entire 731.7 acres had been developed and allocated. And the sum of £801,864 has been fully paid.

20. At this juncture, the Chairman referred to Edict No. 2 which tends to bring some difficulties in the way of the Western Nigeria Housing Corporation. It was suggested that a case be put forward by the Western State Government to amend the Law. The meeting was assured that this will be taken care of by the Lagos State Government at the appropriate time. To a question posed by the Chairman as to whether or not the Lagos State Government would raise objection to granting of loans to borrowers in Lagos State, the answer was "no"; and that the Lagos State Government would not be an impediment in the way of the Western State Government in considering fresh requests for loans.

21. Extension to Ikeja Housing and Industrial Estate (601 acres):

The estimated compensation to be paid for the area is £880,000.

No payment has been made so far. The 601 acres were acquired as an extension to the Industrial area. This was done on the demand for more lands by the Industrialists in the Area. The lay-out plan for the 601 acres has been done by the Planning Authority, 50 acres of which have been allocated to some industrial enterprises, thus leaving a balance of 551 acres.

22. The Lagos State team noted all that has been said on these properties and called for more information before a final decision could be reached.

23. Agreement was reached for the transfer of the following to the Lagos State Government:

Proposed Travelling Magistrate's Court site, Ajegunle			
	Apapa		2.728 acres
Proposed site for Trade Centre :	Agege		54.81 "
Ikeja-Isheri Road	..	..	6594.58 sq.yds.
Produce Office, Ejirin	..	..	1756.02 " "
Teachers Training Centre Ikeja	..	..	24.61 acres
Pump House Ikorodu	..	..	69.99 sq.yds.
<u>Water Supply selling Station:</u>			
Iju Road	66.75	sq.yds.	
Oniwaya Road	68.68	" "	
Ipaja	66.94	" "	
Darocha	66.74	" "	
Tabontabon	66.74	" "	
Ogba Road	66.61	" "	

For the proposed site for Trade Centre Agege, the meeting was told that the sum of £20,000 has been fully paid.

24. Discussion on the Fire Station Ikeja and the Government Residential Area Ikeja (872.3 acres) was left in abeyance against the next meeting of the Working Party.

25. The meeting was adjourned at 5.30 p.m. after it has decided that the next meeting would be held in Lagos.

Governor's Office,  
Lagos State.

August, 1968.

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Working Party  
held at the Lagos State Secretariat  
City Hall, Lagos  
on Friday 24th January, 1969

Present:

Dr. F.A. Ajayi (Chairman)	-	Attorney-General, Ministry of Justice, Western State.
Mr. S.O. Asabia	-	Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Finance, Western State.
Chief O. Thomas	-	Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Establishments & Training, Western State.
Mr. A.K. Degun	-	Ag. Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Local Government and Chieftaincy Affairs, Western State.
Chief S.O. Oyediran	-	Chief Lands Officer, Ministry of Lands and Housing, Western State.
Mr. A.E. Howson-Wright	-	Secretary to the Military Government, Lagos State.
Mr. F.C.O. Coker	-	Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Finance and Economic Development, Lagos State.
Alhaji I.O. Agoro	-	Solicitor-General and Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Justice, Lagos State.
Mr. J.O. Adeyemi-Bero (Secretary)	-	Principal Secretary, Office of the Military Governor, Lagos State.

In Attendance:

Mr. E.A. Ajobo	-	Ag. Senior Assistant Secretary, Ministry of Establishments & Training, Western State.
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The meeting was declared open at 10.55 a.m. The Chairman observed that the discussions on both sides leading to the agreement reached on the Ikorodu Farm Institute were not recorded fully in paragraph 15 of the circulated Minutes of the previous meeting held on August 16, 1968. The para. was deleted and redrafted as now shown in those minutes. The following minor amendments in the Minutes of the previous meeting were also made:-

The meeting was held at the Exco. Chambers Ibadan and not at the Conference Hall as indicated in the heading. Mr. A.K. Degun was Under-Secretary then, and not Acting Permanent Secretary; Mr. J.O. Omogbenigun shown as Chief Accountant

should read Ag. Chief Accountant.

Page 2, Paragraph 1: delete last word "officer" and substitute "Ministries. and Corporations".

Paragraph 8: In sub-paragraph (viii) under Epe substitute "Divisional" for "Division". In sub-paragraph (xvi) under Fire Station, Ikeja substitute "could" for "should" in the first line.

Paragraph 13: In sub-paragraph (A) (ii) substitute "Nifinco" for "Tourist" in the first line and "Nifinco" for "Nivico" in the second line.

Page 3: Paragraph 9, first line, delete the word "claimed" and substitute "explained"; third line, delete "since" and substitute "about"; line four delete the word "figure" and substitute "explanation":

Page 4, line four: delete the word "would" and substitute "could"; also delete the word "to". Paragraph 12, first line, delete the words "was the property of" and substitute "on which the Dairy Farm is established should be transferred to"; line three substitute "of" for "on"; line five, delete the word "renewal" and substitute "review". Paragraph 14, first line: substitute "Centre" for "Quarters" and delete the words "put up a claim" and substitute "stated"; line two, delete the word "were" and substitute "have been"; line three delete the words "commitment the former Western Region owed to the Company" and substitute "a previous arrangement with the company in which the Western State Government has over 70% interest"; line four substitute "have been handed over to" for "were built for". Paragraph 16 delete the word "Institute" and substitute "Settlement" in line one. Paragraph 17 add "at Epe" to Plywood Factory in (i); add I, II, III to items (vi) (vii) (viii); transfer item (xxii) to those listed under paragraph 23 after deleting therefrom "(Somolu and Ilupeju Residential and Commercial Estate)".

Page 5 Paragraph 18, lines six and seven, insert between the words "acres" and "to" the words "in (a) and (b)"; delete the words "Also" in line eight and substitute "The Lagos State team also said that". Paragraph 19, delete the word "Lagos" and substitute "Housing and" in the heading. Paragraph 20, first line delete the word "junction" and substitute "junction".

Paragraph 21, add the words "Housing and" between the words "Ikeja" and "Industrial" in the heading; line four, add the letter "s" to the word "Industrialist". Paragraph 23: Add the following to the list:

- Ikeja-Isheri Road - 6594.58 sq. yds.
- Produce Office, Ejinrin 1756.02 " "
- Teachers Training:
  - Centre- 24.61 acres
- Pump House Ikorodu - 69.99 sq. yds.

Also insert "Magistrate's" before Court in line three and delete "Magistrate" before "Apapa" in line four.

Matters Arising:

2. Floating Dispensary at Epe: The Chairman read a reply to his letter from Dr. Franklin, Controller of Medical Services in the West, over the matter. In the letter it was pointed out that there was a survey boat "Nick" which sank towards the end of 1966 in Okitipupa where it was stationed; it was later surfaced and towed to Epe Boatyard where a Board of Survey inspected it and recommended that it be sold by public tender. The Ministry of Finance approved this recommendation and the boat was sold by public tender in June, 1968. There was also an old disused barged at

Epe which was being used as a dispensary but it had ceased to be so used for over eleven years and if it was still afloat its value must be negligible. Mr. Coker said his recollection was that what was advertised for sale at the time was described as a floating dispensary at Epe. In order to clarify the matter finally Mr. Asabia said he would check further with the Board of Survey as to the details of the boat sold.

3. Nifinco Quarters: The Chairman read out a letter which he has received from the Ministry of Trade and Industry, Ibadan about the matter; this disclosed that construction work on the Quarters was completed on the 4th of January, 1967; that the Quarters were handed over to Nifinco on the 15th of November 1967; and the expatriate staff of the Company moved into the Quarters in May, 1968. Cost of building the quarters was given as £45,000. From the explanation given by the Western State team, it seemed that the idea of a tourist centre was an excuse to justify the siting of Nifinco in such an unsuitable place as Badagry. The buildings were said to have been originally intended as part of the factory complex to serve as quarters for the expatriate staff, for whom the Company largely owned by the Government was obliged to provide suitable living accommodation. It was in the circumstances agreed that the property in the so-called Tourist Centre should remain in the Western State.

4. Fire Station, Ikeja: The Chairman announced that the Western State Government on the advice of its appropriate Ministry would wish to retain the Fire Station at Ikeja in the interest of the better protection of its industrial and housing estate in the area. The building will now be completed by the Western State Government. The Lagos State team expressed the hope that the implications of this decision by the Government of the Western State have been fully considered, and that the decision was final.

5. The Western Nigeria Housing Corporation: While it was noted that the Lagos State Government will in no way be an impediment in the way of the Western State Government in considering fresh requests for loans and continuing with its normal operations within the Lagos State the Chairman said that the Housing Corporation would still want to know the real extent of their legal rights in this matter. It was suggested by the Chairman and agreed by all that on the basis of what has been recorded in paragraph 20 of the minutes of the previous meeting and in order not to occasion any embarrassment to the Housing Corporation if it should have to take proceedings against defaulters in the Lagos State, the Law Officers of the two Governments should meet for the purpose of devising whatever legal measures may be considered necessary in all the circumstances.

6. Western State Properties and Investments in Lagos State: The Lagos State team said that they have made requests at previous meetings for a breakdown of the alleged 40 million pounds investments by the Western State at Ikeja. The Chairman said that this figure must have been mentioned originally in relation to Western State investments and properties in the Lagos State as a whole and not at Ikeja alone. He said that he had with him some lists of these investments and properties part of which were made available to him at Ibadan only the day before the meeting; he would not say that the information now at his disposal was fully exhaustive. He then proceeded to read out the more substantial items on these lists whilst Mr. Coker did the adding up of the figures. The Chairman stopped when to a total of about seventeen million pounds already added up by Mr. Coker, he mentioned for addition, the figure of at least nine million pounds for the Wemabod Estates but the Lagos State team expressed the view that properties and investments within the Lagos City area need not be added to the

present list. The Lagos State team expressed the view that they would have wished to have a full list of everything in writing and that they felt that this was a purely accounting matter which need not involve any secrecy. The Chairman remarked here that in whichever way one may look at the matter, whether the properties and investments were up to twenty or forty or sixty million pounds in value, the points which the Western State team had been anxious to make all along still remain that the investments and properties of the Western State Government in the Lagos State generally and in the Ikeja area in particular were very substantial; that there was no other State Government in Nigeria that has investments and properties of a comparable magnitude as the Western State has either in Ikeja or in the rest of the Lagos State; that these represent the bulk of Government investment in the whole of the former Western Nigeria; and that the Western State Government therefore considers it fair and legitimate that there should be adequate provisions for the protection of its continued ownership of these investments and properties now that they situate within the Lagos State.

7. Ikeja Master Plan: The area was originally estimated to be 5,000 acres plus 1,000 additional acres later acquired. But it was later discovered that parts of the land were swampy and so had to be de-requisitioned. Other lands were later acquired in substitution and the total land acquired now is about 4,500 acres. Compensation already paid by the Western State Government was £783,342:15:8d. i.e. (£716,559.2.5d for land plus £66,783.13.3d for crops and buildings). This payment was for parts of the land and payment for the remaining areas was yet to be made. The four categories of the land are (a) areas paid for and occupied by the Ikeja Area Planning Authority; (b) areas not paid for but occupied by the Ikeja Area Planning Authority; (c) areas paid for but not occupied or developed; and (d) areas not paid for and not occupied.

8. Three parcels of land totalling 550.82 acres had also been leased to the Ikeja Area Planning Authority, namely, Somolu 38.52 acres, Somolu Extension 40.70 acres and Ilupeju 471.6 acres. The lease in respect of each was for 99 years with effect from 1963 at an annual rent of one shilling with a provision that the Authority would reimburse Government for the cost of the acquisition. The leases were for housing and industrial development. The lands were laid into plots and nearly all have been leased to developers.

9. Financial Obligations of the Ikeja Area Planning Authority:

The Western State Government paid £195,000 as compensation for the total area of 550.82 acres (approx. 551 acres) of land leased to the Ikeja Area Planning Authority. The agreement between the Authority and the Government was to pay £10,000 yearly in liquidating the amount of £195,000. So far only £10,000 had been paid, leaving a balance of £185,000 to be paid as cost of land acquisition. The Authority received on loan £90,000 in May, 1959 at 6% per-annum interest from the Ministry of Local Government for the development of the land with roads, drains etc. The loan is to be refunded at the rate of £15,000 per annum. The total amount still to be paid by the Authority now is £66,794.

10. It was agreed that the parcels of land in categories (a) and (b) should clearly go to the Lagos State Government. Chief Thomas said that it was clear that the acquisition of the 4,500 acres was for industrial purpose. He said that in the arrangement now proposed, the Ikeja Area Planning Authority would still be the leasee and the Lagos State Government would now become the landlord; but the balance of the sum of money made available to the Authority on loan and of the compensation money to be refunded by the Authority will still have to be paid to the Western State Government, in compliance with the agreement made between the Authority

and that Government. The Lagos State team said that they had no objection to this arrangement which was agreed by all accordingly; information on the full contents of the relevant agreement is to be made available to the Lagos State Government later.

11. Category (c): Area paid for but not occupied or developed:

Chief Thomas said that as the area was acquired for purposes of industries, the area should remain with the Western State Government. He gave the example that it was just like any Government or individual buying any property any where in any other State with a view to establishing or facilitating the establishment of industries there. The Lagos State did not agree to this. It was pointed out by them that these lands acquired and not yet developed should without any difficulty revert to the Lagos State Government. In the end it was agreed that the Lagos State should have this area but that the cost of acquisition borne by the Western State Government will have to be met by the Lagos State Government.

12. Category (d): Areas not paid for and not occupied:

This was likened to category (c) and it was unanimously agreed that it be transferred to the Lagos State Government.

13. Government Reservation Area in Ikeja: The Lagos State team opened the discussion by saying that the Government Reservation Area in Ikeja is by any standard, property of the State Government as it is in other places like Epe and Badagry; it was their view therefore that what obtained in those places should also apply in the case of Ikeja G.R.A. It was further stated that unallocated plots in the G.R.A. should not be allocated by the Western State Government, and that such plots should go to Lagos State Government. Details of both allocated and unallocated lands were asked for. Chief Oyediran brought out a list showing the following:

- 295 plots allocated to Individuals
- 266 plots allocated to Governments, Corporations and Companies.
- 12 plots not allocated
- 573 Total

14. The case of Mr. Fagbemi, who is at present occupying one of the Government quarters at Ikeja came up for discussion. Mr. Howson-Wright referred to this case as irregular; he said that there were senior officers of the Lagos State Government without quarters, and yet Mr. Fagbemi apparently felt that he had an undisputed right to remain in the quarters. Furthermore, Mr. Fagbemi is not a civil servant; he is a Co-operative staff. Mr. Asabia maintained that Mr. Fagbemi's case is genuine. He said it was similar to those of other officials of the Western State Government serving in Lagos and housed at Ikoyi. Mr. Howson-Wright said that it was the principle involved that he was holding on to; he added that Mr. Fagbemi's claim cannot be accepted as of right and that Mr. Fagbemi should move out by the 31st of March, 1969 unflinchingly; this has been accepted by Ibadan.

15. Discussion on the Ikeja G.R.A. was then resumed. The Western State team expressed the view that in other places, G.R.As. are purely used for Government residential purposes but the G.R.A. at Ikeja is different. The G.R.A. at Ikeja was improved considerably to offer attractions to expatriate industrialists; if the industrial estate had not been sited at Ikeja, the G.R.A. there could, like so many other G.R.As. in the Western State, have remained without its present high state of improvement and the attendant enhancement in the value of the lands there, after the Government of the West had expended a lot of money in laying out large parts of the area and facilitating the provision of good roads, water, electricity and other amenities which are all clearly inducements to businessmen to take up residential accommodation there.

16. The Lagos State team said that the G.R.A. at Ikeja was transferred by the Federal Government to the West upon Regionalisation and that therefore the Western State should not claim all the credit for it. The principle emphasised by the Lagos State team was that housing is a social service which any Government should accept as its responsibility. It sounds odd therefore for the Western State Government to retain the G.R.A. in an area which now falls within the territorial jurisdiction of the Lagos State; more so, when lands are State matters.

17. Many suggestions were proffered; such as special consideration to offer five to ten years guarantee to protect the interests of the Western State Government in the Ikeja area, or a joint ownership of the G.R.A. by both State Governments; or a sharing of the rents accruing therefrom. No final decision was taken on any of these suggestions. At this stage the Western State team was asked to present for study details of rent and any other information that may be of interest in helping to come to a decision in the matter. Mr. Howson-Wright remarked here that information on a vital matter like this should be clearly and fully presented and be properly documented for future reference.

18. Ikeja Housing and Industrial Estate:

Agreement was reached that the Ikeja Housing and Industrial Estate (731.7 acres) mentioned in the last minutes should remain with the West.

19. Discussions on the Extension to Ikeja Housing and Industrial Estate (601 acres) were deferred till the next meeting of the Working Party; so also discussions on the papers which the Western State team submitted last year on provisions for safeguarding Western State properties and investments within the Lagos State.

20. The next meeting was fixed for 11 a.m. on Monday the 10th of February, 1969, at Ibadan.

Governor's Office,  
Lagos State.

24th January, 1969.

Present:

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| Dr. F. A. Ajayi<br>(Chairman)           | - | Attorney-General,<br>Ministry of Justice,<br>Western State.                                      |
| Mr. A. A. K. Degun                      | - | Permanent Secretary,<br>Ministry of Local Government &<br>Chieftaincy Affairs,<br>Western State. |
| Chief S. O. Oyediran                    | - | Chief Lands Officer,<br>Ministry of Lands & Housing,<br>Western State.                           |
| Mr. A. E. Howson-Wright                 | - | Secretary to the Military<br>Government, Lagos State.  |
| Mr. F. C. O. Coker                      | - | Permanent Secretary,<br>Ministry of Finance & Economic<br>Development, Lagos State.              |
| Mr. I. O. Agoro                         | - | Solicitor-General &<br>Permanent Secretary,<br>Ministry of Justice,<br>Lagos State.              |
| Mr. J. O. Adeyemi-Bero<br>( Secretary ) | - | Principal Secretary,<br>Lagos State.   |

In Attendance:

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| Mr. S. O. Fadahunsi | - | Chief Executive Officer,<br>Lagos Executive Development<br>Board, Lagos.         |
| Mr. G. B. Jinadu    | - | Chief Executive Officer,<br>Ikeja Town Planning Authority,<br>Lagos.             |
| Dr. F. O. Akinyemi  | - | Senior Town Planning Officer,<br>Ministry of Works & Transport,<br>Lagos State.  |
| Mr. J. A. Thomas    | - | Principal Lands Officer,<br>Ministry of Works & Transport,<br>Lagos State.       |
| Mr. J. B. Sobowale  | - | Under-Secretary,<br>Ministry of Finance,<br>Western State.                       |
| Mr. O. Olutayo      | - | Senior Assistant Secretary,<br>(Revenue), Ministry of Finance,<br>Western State. |

The Chairman declared the meeting open at 10.35 a.m. He explained to members the various circumstances which had led to the delay in calling a meeting since the last one in July, 1969. Some members in the Lagos State team were away overseas, and despite the anxiety being expressed generally that the Working Party should complete its deliberations and issue its final Report, it has taken some time for the day's meeting to be arranged. He recalled the decision at the last meeting, whereby the Secretary in liaison with the Chairman was asked to prepare a draft Report for consideration at the day's meeting which everyone agreed should be the final meeting of the Working Party.

2. The minutes of the meeting held on 4th July, 1969, were taken as read and approved. The Chairman recalled the sudden death of Mr. A.B.A. Johnston, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Works & Transport Lagos State who it was understood would have attended the day's meeting. Members then rose for one minute in memory of the late Mr. Johnston. Thereafter the Chairman suggested and it was agreed that the draft Report which had previously been circulated to members be considered paragraph by paragraph, so that members could express their views on the various parts of the Report and suggest amendments where necessary.

Membership:

3. A few amendments were made. On the list of signatories, Mr. S.O. Asabia is to sign as former Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Finance, Western State; Mr. A.A.K. Degun, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Local Government and Chieftaincy Affairs, Western State, is to be included as a member of the Working Party. The word "Alhaji" is to be deleted in Mr. I.O. Agoro's name. Page 3, paragraph 2, line 12, it was suggested that the following be inserted after "Chief O. Thomas"; "Our Report and meetings were completed before Mr. S.O. Asabia was appointed as Deputy Governor of the Central Bank of Nigeria".

Procedure:

4. Paragraph 3 of the Report should read as follows:

At the first meeting of the re-constituted Working Party which was held in Lagos on 14th March, 1968, it was agreed that Dr. Ajayi, Attorney-General of the Western State should be the Chairman of the Working Party. Although the arrangement made was that meetings should be held alternatively in Lagos and Ibadan, in the end, it became necessary to hold in Lagos, the meetings of the 14th March, 26th March and 3rd May, 1968, the one of the 24th January, 1969, as well as the final one on the 6th April, 1970, whilst only the ones of the 16th August, 1968, and the 4th July, 1969, were held in Ibadan.

Pools Betting Tax:

5. The Lagos State team mentioned here that pools betting is a State matter and so they entertained some fears that under the Western State Pools Betting (Control and Taxation) Law 1962, No. 1 of 1963, there could be double taxation in respect of one stake. They said that in Lagos, pools tax is based on the total intake of stakes but that the reference to stakes placed by persons "within and outside the Region" in the Western State Law mentioned above might give rise to an

objection that the Law imposes tax on pools betting outside the Western State. The Chairman explained that no such objection could stand for it is only if persons outside the Western State placed stakes with a licensed proprietor carrying on business within the State that any liability to pay tax on such stakes would arise; there is nothing unusual in this type of statutory provision and a ready analogy is to be found in income tax legislation whereby income derived from outside a State by a person resident within the State is liable to tax imposed by that State. After some further discussion, it was agreed that paragraph 5 of the draft Report should remain as worded but that any practical problem, for instance in relation to double taxation on stakes, could, if it should arise in the future, be discussed and resolved between the two Governments concerned.

Pensions Liability in respect of Transferred Officers:

6. It was recalled that the subject is a constitutional one already being dealt with by the National Council on Establishments. It was, therefore, agreed that whatever arrangements are made at the Federal level in respect of officers of other States should be applicable in respect of the officers affected in the Western and Lagos States, too.

Transfer of Officers from Western State to Lagos State:

7. It was reported that there was no problem arising from the exercise whatsoever and that everything has eventually proved smooth and straightforward. Paragraph 7 of the draft Report was accordingly approved as prepared.

General consideration of the Basis for Allocation of Properties between the two Governments:

8. Paragraphs 9 to 17 of the draft Report dealing with this matter were agreed to stand as prepared.

Properties and Investments recommended to be retained by the Western State:

9. Three items, namely Mushin Light Industries Scheme III, (154 acres), Araromi and Moba Area acquisition (552.5 acres) and Akinyemi's Farm, Agege (57.82 acres) previously agreed to be retained by the Western State were re-examined in the light of new facts which Lagos State officials present with the Lagos State team at the meeting said that they would like to bring to the attention of members.

(a) Mushin Light Industries Scheme III (154 acres).

The Lagos State officials stated that of the areas covered by the three schemes for Light Industries at Mushin, only 10% had so far been developed and allocated, and that in fact, the few plots allocated were given to private persons and companies. The Lagos State team then stated that on the basis of the earlier agreement reached on other similar properties, the remaining undeveloped and unallocated areas within the three Schemes should go to the Lagos State. At this stage, Chief Oyediran who disagreed with the Lagos State officials' view that only 10% of the areas covered by the three Schemes had been developed put a telephone through to Ibadan to cross-check on the matter and later brought to the meeting the information that Scheme I was developed and Scheme II was mostly developed, but Scheme III was not yet developed, nor has the compensation for its acquisition been paid, due to disputes about ownership. After some discussion it was agreed that Mushin Light Industries Scheme III which was still undeveloped should be transferred to Lagos State.

(b) Araromi and Moba Area acquisition: (552.5 acres):

Although this area was rejected by the Lagos State team at previous meetings of the Working Party they stated on this occasion that in line with the general application of the principle that all undeveloped and unallocated areas should be transferred to the Lagos State, they would now wish that the Araromi and Moba Area be transferred to the Lagos State. It was then agreed that the Araromi and Moba Area should be transferred to Lagos and that the compensation of £850,000 already paid by the Western State Government for the acquisition should be refunded to the West by the Lagos State Government.

(c) Akinyemi's Farm Agege (57.82 Acres)

Two main points were raised on this farm; first that the compensation to be paid for the acquisition of the farm by the Western State Government has not yet been paid owing to disputes about ownership; secondly, that Mr. Akinyemi obtained a loan of a substantial amount of money from the Financial Corporation of the Western State, and the farm was pledged as security for the loan. It was proposed by the Lagos State team that the farm be transferred to the Lagos State but the Western State team said that they would like to check first as to the amount of the loan in respect of which the farm had been mortgaged as security and also the present position regarding the claim in court for compensation and the amount due. It was agreed that the Chairman should check further about these points and in the light of any information disclosed, agree with the Secretary to the Military Government, Lagos State, as to what arrangements should be made for the eventual disposal of this property.

Fire Station, Ikeja:

10. The Lagos State team mentioned the fact that the Fire Station has been left uncompleted for quite a long time by the Western State Government, and that apart from the pressure from the Industrialists in the interest of their business at Ikeja, the government of the Lagos State also appreciates the need for a Fire Station in the Ikeja Industrial area. It was agreed that the Western State team should take up the matter with a view to seeing to it that the Fire Station is completed without further delay. The Lagos State Government could also build its own Fire Station in the area.

V. I. P. Rest House at Ikeja:

11. Paragraph 20 of the draft Report on this was agreed to stand as prepared.

Western Nigeria Housing Corporation Industrial and Housing Estate at Ikeja: (731.7 acres)

12. Paragraph 21 of the draft Report on this was agreed to stand as prepared.

About 50 acres out of the Extension to Ikeja Industrial and Housing Estate: (601 acres)

13. Paragraph 22 of the draft Report was amended by deleting in line 6 the words "undertaken by" after the word "been" and substituting the words "prepared by the Western Nigeria Housing Corporation and approved by".

Medical Stores, Oshodi:

14. Paragraph 23 of the draft Report was agreed to stand as prepared.

One Division:

15. Paragraph 24 of the draft Report dealing with properties in this Division which are to be retained by the Western State was agreed to stand as prepared.

Tourist Centre (Nifinco Quarters in Badagry):

16. The transfer of this property to the Lagos State was again raised by the Lagos State team; they reiterated the view that it was built for the social need of the people in Badagry, and as such it should be transferred to Lagos State, the successor government. The Chairman, however, explained that all the available evidence indicates that the so-called Tourist Centre was specifically built to encourage and attract workers of Nifinco factory to stay in the area, particularly the expatriate staff. He said the Government of the West would not have expended a huge sum of £45,000 merely for such a centre at the place for any other reason. In support of this statement, he said that there was no other similar Tourist Centre built anywhere else in the Western State by the Government. It was finally agreed that the property be recommended to remain with the West. Paragraph 25 (b) of the draft was then amended to read: "Nifinco Factory in Badagry is to be retained by the Western State".

Fisheries Project, Ijora (5464.97 sq.yds):

17. The Lagos State team said that fishing activity being the main traditional occupation of the people of Lagos State, the fisheries project at Ijora should be transferred to the Lagos State Government. The Chairman explained that the fisheries project at Ijora was also required by the Western State, for instance to provide training for co-operative fish farmers. It was then agreed that paragraph 26(a) of the draft Report should stand as prepared but that any training facilities under the project for co-operative fish farmers in the West should also be made available to their counterparts in the Lagos State.

Other Properties and Investments within the Capital Territory of Lagos and former Colony Province:

18. It was agreed that the last 13 words in paragraph 26(b)(i) of the draft Report should be replaced with the words "are to remain with the West". It was also disclosed at the meeting that the following properties in Lagos were owned by the Western State Government; being Government Quarters or properties allocated to officials of the then Western Region who were posted to Lagos to perform services for the West:

- (i) 3, Club Road Ikoyi
- (ii) 1, Awolowo Road, Ikoyi
- (iii) 18, Cooper Road, Ikoyi
- (iv) 15, Milverton Road, Ikoyi
- (v) 13, North Avenue, Apapa
- (vi) Property at Victoria Beach, Lagos.

It was the view of members of the Lagos State team that the Quarters were transferred to the West under the Apportionment of Assets and Liabilities Regulations, 1954, and if now the services concerned are performed by the Lagos State Government, then the Quarters should be handed over to the Lagos State Government. The members of the Lagos State team observed that they entertained some doubts about the Awolowo Road, S. W. Ikoyi property and the Victoria Beach, Lagos, property too, because most of the properties along Awolowo Road are privately owned, and also the property mentioned at Victoria Beach has no number; it is, therefore,

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difficult to know its precise location at Victoria Beach. It was finally agreed that if any of the properties is found upon a further check to be occupied at the present by Western State officials performing duties for the Western State, within the Lagos State, such properties should remain with the Western State. If on the other hand any of them is found to be no longer in use by the Western State Government, the same should be transferred to the Lagos State.

Properties recommended to be transferred to the Lagos State - Ikeja Division:

19. The following were added to the list of properties in paragraph 27 of the draft Report:-

- (xvi) Mushin Light Industries Scheme III  
(154 acres)
- (xvii) Araromi and Moba Area Acquisition  
(552.5 acres)

Ikeja Master Plan Acquisition (5,000 acres) plus additional (1,000 acres).

20. Paragraph 28 of the draft Report dealing with this was agreed to stand as prepared.

Extension to Ikeja Industrial and Housing Estate (601 acres):

21. Paragraph 29 of the draft Report was amended by deleting in line 6 the words "undertaken by" after the word "been" and substituting the words "prepared by the Western Nigeria Housing Corporation and approved by".

Epe Division:

22. Paragraph 30 of the draft Report dealing with properties in Epe Division which are to be transferred to the Lagos State was agreed to stand as prepared.

Badagry Division:

23. Paragraph 31 of the draft Report dealing with properties in Badagry Division which are to be transferred to the Lagos State was agreed to stand as prepared.

Properties to be transferred to the Lagos State subject to special arrangements regarding future use:

Agege Dairy Farm:

24. Paragraph 32 of the draft Report on this was agreed to stand as prepared.

Ikorodu Farm Institute:

25. Paragraph 33 of the draft Report on this was agreed to stand as prepared.

Ikeja Government Reservation Area (872.3 acres):

26. On this controversial matter of the Ikeja G.R.A., the Lagos State team stated that the points which they made at previous meetings of the Working Party have now been strengthened by the decision of the Supreme

Military Council over the transfer of the Victoria Island and Ikoyi to the Lagos State Government by the Federal Military Government, and that His Excellency, the Military Governor of Lagos State has made known his intention to allocate plots to the Governments of other States for the building of Rest Houses for their use within Lagos. The Western State team did not agree with the contention of the Lagos State Government team that the Reservation should pass to the Lagos State. The Lagos State team at this point stated that fresh allocations were still being made by the Western State Government despite the agreement between the two sides that allocations should stop and that they would not regard as valid, allocations so made after the 1st of April, 1968, when the Lagos State commenced to function effectively. The Western State team explained that the allocations referred to were not fresh allocations of vacant plots but re-allocations of plots which had formerly been allocated but had since been withdrawn or rejected. It was agreed that a list of such re-allocations should be prepared by the West and made available to Lagos and that no more re-allocations of rejected or withdrawn plots should be made. Pending a final decision on the ownership of the Reservation, it was also agreed, as an interim measure:-

- (i) that the two Governments could separately demand and collect ground rents from lessees and that when eventually the ownership of the Estate is decided, necessary allocation of the ground rents so collected would be carried out;
- (ii) that whenever necessary the Principal Land Officer, Lagos State could call for information from or furnish information to the Chief Land Officer, Western State and vice versa, on any lease e.g. the particulars of the payment of ground rents; and
- (iii) that the Lagos State as well as the Western State could in order not to hold up private transactions indefinitely give consent under the relevant laws to subsequent transactions on leases in the Ikeja Government Reservation Area.

The Western State team made the point that whenever the future of the Ikeja Government Reservation Area is settled, it might become necessary to cover by special legislation, the interim acts on the part of either Government.

Other matters on which agreement was not reached:

27. Paragraph 35 of the draft Report on these was agreed to stand as prepared.

Registration and Stamping of Land Instruments:

28. Paragraph 36 of the draft Report on this was agreed to stand as prepared.

Financial Obligations of Ikeja Area Planning Authority:

29. In paragraph 37 (b), line 5, the sums of £10,000 and £185,000 were altered to £20,000 and £175,000 respectively and the sum of £66,794 in the last line was also altered to £30,000 on the basis of information provided by the Chief Executive Officer of the Ikeja Area Planning Authority who was present at the meeting.

Occupation of Government Quarters at Ikeja by Mr. S.A. Fagbemi:

30. Paragraph 38 of the draft Report on this was agreed to stand as prepared.

Interim collection of rents from Government lands at Ikeja:

31. Paragraph 39 of the draft Report on this was agreed to stand as prepared.

Handling of Court cases on compulsory land acquisition:

32. Paragraph 40 of the draft Report on this was agreed to stand as prepared.

Floating Dispensary at Epe:

33. Paragraph 41 of the draft Report on this was agreed to stand as prepared.

Right of Reversion of Western State Government leases within Lagos State:

34. Paragraph 42 of the draft Report on this was agreed to stand as prepared.

Revenue Allocation in respect of Western State Properties and Investments within Lagos State:

35. Paragraph 43 of the draft Report on this was agreed to stand as prepared. It was also agreed that this issue is really one more appropriately for consideration under any future constitutional arrangements for the country.

Constitutional Safeguards for Western State Properties and Investments within Lagos State:

36. Paragraph 44 of the draft Report was agreed to stand as prepared.

Summary of agreed recommendations:

37. Paragraph 45 of the draft Report was agreed to stand as prepared, it being not considered necessary to list one by one again the properties agreed to be retained by the Western State or transferred to Lagos State once there are references under this paragraph to the appropriate parts of the Report where such properties have been listed. As regards subparagraph (7), the Chairman observed that there might eventually well be other matters in the Report requiring some form of special legislation or the other for their implementation.

Summary of matters not agreed:

38. Paragraph 46 of the draft Report was agreed to stand as prepared.

Appendices I and II:

39. It was agreed that these should remain as part of the Report.

40. The meeting which had a lunch break then ended at 5 p.m.

Lagos State Secretariat,  
City Hall,  
Lagos.

6th April, 1970.

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7<sup>th</sup> September, 1978.

Mr. S. A. Thomas,  
The Secretary to the Military Government  
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Military Administrator's Office,  
Oba Akinjobi Street,  
Secretariat,  
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Tourist Centre and the Nigerian Fibre Industries  
Company Limited, Badagry

I thank you for your letter No. LS/1/Vol. VIII/362 of  
1st September, 1978 and the accompanying documents.

2. At the meeting held in your office on Thursday,  
24th August, 1978, you will recall that we decided to hold  
a meeting on the above-named subject on the day following  
the next National Council of States Meeting. That meeting  
has not been scheduled for Wednesday, 20th September, 1978  
at 8.00 a.m. It is very likely that it will end on the same  
day.

3. I will therefore suggest that our proposed meeting  
should hold in your office on Thursday, 21st September, 1978  
at 10.00 a.m. We do not need any further confirmation  
of the date unless however you do not consider it convenient.  
I sincerely appeal to you to allow the meeting to take place  
so that this sore point should be finalised. We did mention  
to you at the last meeting that as at that date the three  
O's have sunk a colossal sum of #581,116.54 on the project  
and the building has been closed up for the last six months?  
This seems to us to be a colossal waste of public funds !!  
We should discuss how to avoid further delay in solving  
this matter.

4. I am forwarding a copy of this letter to our colleagues  
in Ondo and Oyo.

*AD*  
(A. A. K. Degun)  
Secretary to the Military Government  
and Head of Service

Our Ref. No. S.27/44/105.

Office of the Military Administrator,  
ABEOKUTA:

7<sup>th</sup> September, 1978.

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and Head of Service,  
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IBADAN,  
Oyo State.

For information. I will suggest we prepare for the meeting on  
Thursday, 21st September, 1978.

*A. A. K. Degun*

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Secretary to the Military Government  
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Mr. S. A. Thomas,  
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and Head of Service,  
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Tourist Centre and the Nigerian Fibre Industries  
Company Limited, Badagry

This is to refer to Mr. A. A. H. Degun's letter No. S.27/64/10A of 21st September, 1978 which he addressed to you on the above-mentioned subject and to confirm that I shall be available for the meeting scheduled for 10 a.m. Thursday, 20th September 1978 in your Office.

2. I am sending copies of this letter to the Secretaries to the Military Government and Heads of Services, Ogun and Ondo States.

(M. S. Adigun),  
Secretary to the Military Government  
and Head of Service.

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Our Ref. No.SP/C.124/5.Vol.III/611A  
Office of the Military Administrator,  
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The Secretary to the Military Government  
and Head of Service,  
Akure,  
Ondo State.

For your information please, reference Secretary to the Military Government and Head of Service's letter mentioned above.

(M. S. Adigun),  
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and Head of Service.

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Our Ref. No.SP/C.124/5.Vol.III/611B

Office of the Military Administrator,  
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9<sup>th</sup> September, 1978.

Copy to:

Mr. C. S. O. Akande,  
Group Managing Director,  
Odu'a Investment Company Limited,  
Cocoa House,  
Ibadan.

Overleaf for your information please.



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Secretary to the Military Government  
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Cocoa House,  
P.M.B. 5435,  
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see P. 614  
The attached is for your information. I hope you have no objection.

*A. A. K. Degun*  
(A. A. K. Degun)  
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Date..... 18 September, 1978.

Mr. S. A. Thomas,  
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Secretariat,  
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Tourist Centre and the Nigerian Fiber  
Industries Company Limited, Badagry

I thank you for your letters No. LS/1/Vol.VIII/383  
of 7th September, 1978, and No. LS/1/Vol.VIII/386 of  
8th September, 1978 and already note your desire that  
our meeting should be fixed for Friday 6th October, 1978.  
I will like you however, to agree that we take a trip to  
the site at Badagry before the meeting takes place so  
that we all know what we are talking about. If the above  
suggestion is agreeable to you I will suggest that we  
should meet in your office at 10.00 a.m. and take a drive  
together to Badagry and return to your office to hold the  
meeting. In the alternative, the meeting could in fact,  
take place in one of the offices at Badagry and we will  
be your guest.

2. Whatever your attitude is to the above, this letter  
needs no reply since we will all meet in your office at  
10.00 a.m. on Friday, 6th October, 1978.

*A. A. K. Degun*

(A. A. K. Degun)  
Secretary to the Military Government  
and Head of Service

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Ref. No. LS/1/Vol.VIII/383

7th September, 1978

Mr. A.A.K. Degun,  
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Secretary to the Military Government  
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Oyo State.

## TOURIST CENTRE, BADAGRY

As promised when we last met, I hereby summon another meeting for Friday, 6th October 1978 to be held in the Conference Room of this Office to discuss the above-mentioned subject.

2. Please arrange to attend along with your appropriate officials.

(S. A. THOMAS)

Secretary to the Military Government  
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Military Administrator,

Tourist Centre, Badagry

As reported verbally to you last Saturday, 7th instant, I attended the meeting which the S.M.G.s of the three 'O' States held with the S.M.G. Lagos State on the issue of the Tourist Centre, Badagry, which the Lagos State Government was to take over and for which a compulsory acquisition notice was published in the Lagos Gazette in 1977 vide p. 581.

2. A brief on the Tourist Centre which was prepared by the Wemabod Estates Ltd. is at pp. 578 - 600. As stated in the brief, the Tourist Centre was recommended by the Working Party (comprising top officials of the then Western State and Lagos State Government's) in 1969 to be retained by Western State on the ground that it was part of the Nifinco Jute Bag Factory in Badagry which, as a purely commercial/industrial project, could not therefore be taken away from the former Western State Government. If, however, the Tourist Centre were not regarded to be part of the Industrial Project of Nifinco, it would have been handed over to Lagos State Government as one of the assets to be inherited, being located in its territory. A copy of the Working Party's Report is at back cover and your attention is referred to para. 25 thereof on p. 16 of the report (extracted to p. 494).

3. In 1976, just before States' creation, Nifinco went into liquidation and the Tourist Centre which was used as quarters for the expatriate officers of the Company became vacant since

the factory had to close down. The assets at Badagry were among those which were passed to Odu'a Investments to manage jointly for the three 'O' States; and the Wemabod Estates Ltd., a subsidiary of Odu'a took over the management of the Tourist Centre which it intends to run in collaboration with the Nigeria Hotels Ltd. as a mini hotel in Badagry. Lagos State Government got to know of this plan and quickly came out with an acquisition notice. By the time the acquisition notice came out, the Wemabod Estates Ltd. had spent ₦503,088.54 on renovation, quite apart from a firm commitment of ₦78,028.00 in respect of the same project. Series of correspondence had since been exchanged between the former Military Governor of Lagos State and your predecessor as well as the former Military Governor of Ogun State vide pp. 522, 556, 559, 561 and 574. At the instance of the S.M.G. of Lagos State, vide p. 567, this matter was remitted to the S.M.G.s., For various reasons, a meeting could not hold until Friday 6th October, 1978 and the letter of the former Governor of Lagos State at p. 574 formed the basis of the discussion at the meeting. The S.M.G. Lagos State who is an old colleague from the old Western Region Civil Service and the most senior of the four S.M.G.s presided at the meeting.

4. The three 'O' States had tremendous difficulty reconciling the conflicting reasons given to the Lagos State officials by the Managing Director of Wemabod Estates Ltd. on pp. 496 - 497

and the Group Managing Director of Odu'a Investments Ltd. on p. 491 on the one hand and the reasons given by the Western State delegates on the Working Party at the several meetings held, the minutes of which are on pp. 589 - 608. The Western State delegates' argument for retaining the Tourist Centre with Western State was consistent throughout as could be seen in para. 14, p. 592; para. 3, p. 597 and para. 16, p. 605; namely, that even though the Tourist Centre at Badagry was so called, it was meant specifically to assist the Nigerian Fibre Company (Nifinco) Ltd. with accommodation in Badagry and that the Tourist Centre was handed over to the Jute Bag Company in 1967 on payment of an annual rent of £300. Mr. Degun, S.M.G. Ogun State who served on the Working Party further explained that because the Jute Bag project in Badagry was incurring heavy losses, the then N.N.D.P. Government of Western Region wanted to save itself any additional embarrassment which would arise if it further overloaded the project with <sup>the</sup> cost of provision of housing for the Italian staff of the Company. Government therefore built the Tourist Centre from public funds and let it out to Nifinco to accommodate its expatriate staff.

5. This argument did not impress the Lagos State officials, particularly their S.M.G. who was acting Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs and Information, Western State, at the time the Tourist Centre was being built. Arguments therefore went backwards and forwards for several hours and it was quite apparent that the Lagos State officials were not prepared to

budge. It was at that stage that I whispered to S.M.G., Ondo State, who was sitting next to me the suggestion I later made at the meeting, to the effect that Lagos State Government could be invited to participate in any commercial project the Odu'a Investments Ltd. might decide to have at the Tourist Centre, Badagry, so that the argument of the Lagos State Government against another State Government running a purely commercial project in its territory outside the Federal capital would have been satisfactorily answered.

6. This suggestion threw our Lagos State counterparts off their feet as they never thought of it. My other colleagues from Ondo and Ogun States warmly supported my suggestion for consideration by the Lagos State Government. The Chairman (who is also the S.M.G., Lagos State) promised to recommend it to his Government for favourable consideration. He however asked whether this pattern of joint participation would extend to other commercial projects of the old Western State in Lagos. I quickly reminded him that the subject for discussion at the meeting was the Badagry Tourist Centre to which we should limit ourselves. I however assured him that our experience with the Badagry Tourist Centre project would decide further areas of future joint participation by the three 'O' States and Lagos State.

7. I have a feeling that Lagos State Government will not turn down the offer we have made because to do so will project that State Government in very bad light. I expect that, as soon

as they give the green light, a small Committee will be set up to work out details of the joint participation, ~~purposes~~. As soon as the Lagos State Government's reaction is known, I shall bring it to your notice.

(M.S. Adigun),  
S.M.G. & H.S.

9th October, 1978.

*Well done.*

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13th October, 1978

Mr. A.A.K. Degun,  
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TOURIST CENTRE, BADAGRY

I forward herewith, a copy of the Minutes of the meeting held on Friday, 6th of October 1978 on the ownership of the above-mentioned project between representatives of Lagos, Ogun, Ondo and Oyo States.

2. I should be glad to have your confirmation of or comments on the draft to enable the final version to be prepared for circulation.

(B. A. THOMAS)

Secretary to the Military Government  
and Head of Service

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Minutes of the Inter-States Meeting on the Badagry Tourist Centre project held in the Conference Room of the Office of the Secretary to the Military Government Lagos State Secretariat, Ikeja on Friday 6th October, 1978 at 10.05 a.m.

Present:

- 1. S. A. Thomas - S.M.G. & Head of Service, Lagos State (Chairman)
- 2. A. A. K. Degun - S.M.G. & Head of Service, Ogun State
- 3. T. A. Iwajomo - S.M.G. & Head of Service, Ondo State
- 4. M. S. Adigun - S.M.G. & Head of Service, Oyo State

In Attendance:

- 5. F. B. O. Williams - Permanent Secretary, Lagos State Ministry of Works & Planning
- 6. S. A. Dawodu - Permanent Secretary, Lagos State Ministry of Information, Tourism, Social Development & Sports
- 7. J. O. Erusiafe - Permanent Secretary, Lagos State Ministry of Trade, Industry & Co-operative
- 8. A. O. Ejiwunmi - Solicitor-General & Permanent Secretary Lagos State Ministry of Justice
- 9. T. O. Folami - Chief Lands Officer, Lagos State Ministry of Works & Planning
- 10. E. A. <sup>lade</sup> Akindele - Managing Director, WENABOD ESTATES LTD.
- 11. T. A. Oke - Nigeria Hotels, Ltd.
- 12. A. A. Adegbesan - Nigeria Notels, Ltd.
- 13. F. O. Mogaji - ODU'A INVESTMENT COMPANY
- 14. A. O. Anjorin - Secretary for Administration, Office of the Secretary to the Military Government, Lagos State
- 15. R. B. Fanimokun - Principal Secretary, Office of the Secretary to the Military Government Lagos State (Secretary)

The meeting commenced at 10.05 a.m.

In his preliminary remarks, the Chairman explained why it was impossible to hold the meeting on 24th August 1978 as first proposed by the S.M.G. and Head of Service, Ogun State. He stated that some informal discussions were, however, held with S.M.G.'s for Ogun and Oyo States who turned up for the meeting. It transpired during that day's discussion that these other sister States were not in possession of certain important documents containing the

background and antecedents of the matter. As agreed, therefore, he had forwarded copies of the documents to the S.M.G.'s of the three States under cover of a letter.

3. Further in his preliminary remarks, the Chairman also recalled that the S.M.G. & Head of Service, Ogun State had proposed in a letter that the present meeting should be preceded by a visit to the project site and also that the meeting could take place in Badagry. The Chairman opined that these proposals would not be feasible having regard to the length of travelling time to and from Badagry. Secondly, holding the meeting in Badagry would not be convenient in view of the paucity of facilities, both at the project site and generally in Badagry, to service the meeting in all its entirety.

2 | 4. All other participants at the meeting except the S.M.G. & Head of Service, Ogun State indicated understanding and support for the above explanation. According to Mr. Degun, a prior visit to the project site would make subsequent discussion very meaningful because all members would then have a first hand knowledge as to the location and nature of the project and thereby be in a position to appreciate the extent of physical development which had taken place on the renovation.

5. After further consideration, it was finally resolved that if and when necessary, an inspection visit to the project site could be arranged later. With regard to the question of costs already incurred on the renovation and the physical development, it was noted that such information, if required, could readily be obtained, e.g. through invoices and/or bills submitted by the contractors. Having disposed of these preliminary issues, deliberations commenced on the substantive subject matter.

6. Presenting the Lagos State's views on the ownership of the Badagry Tourist Centre, the Chairman referred to the Working Papers already circulated and reiterated the main issues which the last Military Governor of Lagos State raised in paragraphs 2 & 3 of the letter Ref. No. LS/1/Vol.VIII/337 of 29th June 1978 and which was

addressed to the then Military Governor of Oyo State, viz:-

"..... investigations carried out at this end have revealed that the agreement reached by the Working Party on the tourist Centre in Badagry appears to have been based on a number of misrepresentations made by the officials of the former Western States, at the various meetings of the Working Party held between 16th August 1968 and 6th April 1970 at which the property was discussed.

"Moreover, this agreement may need to be reviewed in the light of the provision of the Nigeria Tourist Board Decree No. 54 of 1976."

7. To buttress the above viewpoints about previous misrepresentation of facts, the Chairman disclosed that the Lagos State Government had since established the followings:-

- (i) that, based on the available Survey and Site Plans, the sites for the Tourist Centre and NIFINCO were separate and distinct from each other;
- (ii) that the area on which the Tourist Centre was built is within the G.R.A. which was and still remains a State land;
- (iii) that the Tourist Centre was, indeed, conceived and developed as a full-fledged project in its own right in the approved Development Plan 1962 - 1968 for the old West;
- (iv) that, contrary to the misrepresentation made at the meetings of the Working Party that the Tourist Centre in Badagry was the only one of its type built by the former Western State, a similar one was built at Uromi and that it was duly inherited by the former Mid-Western Region when it was created in 1963; and

(v) that, consistent with the purpose for which it was conceived by the Western Regional Government, the Tourist Centre was reflected under the Ministry of Home Affairs and Information in the 1965 - 66 and 1967 - 68 Estimates, whereas NIFINCO was provided for as an Industrial project under Head 705 of the 1967 - 68 Estimates.

8. The Chairman referred participants to paragraph 14 of the Report of the Working Party and stated that, that paragraph contained the rationale and criteria used for recommending the distribution of the assets and liabilities of the former Western States in the Colony Province. These were identified as:-

- (a) Administrative needs;
- (b) Social needs;
- (c) Sovereignty of each State; and
- (d) Commercial/Industrial needs.

He maintained that, whereas the ownership of the Tourist Centre should have been determined on the basis of the first three of these criteria, its allocation to the former Western State was made as a result of the misrepresentation of the facts of the case by the representatives of the former Western State on the Working Party who, as contained in paragraph 25 of the Report, stated that the Centre was part of the NIFINCO complex and that it had indeed been "handed over" to the Company for use as staff quarters by its expatriate staff.

9. In conclusion, the Chairman submitted that members of the Lagos State team of the Working Party which, even at that time, persistently maintained that they had great doubts in their minds as to the veracity of the information given to them by their Western State Counterparts on the project, had agreed to the transferring of the Tourist Centre to the Old Western State solely because of the misrepresentation of facts made by the Western State team, especially the false information that the Tourist

Centre was constructed as quarters for the expatriate staff of NIFINCO and secondly that the project had since been transferred to NIFINCO. Furthermore, the letter Ref. No. C.230/87 dated 17th November, 1977 from the Managing Director of Odua Investment Company Limited which maintained that the Centre was never transferred to NIFINCO had most significantly revealed the truth of the matter. Similarly, the Company's letter Ref. No. C.230/74 of 23rd September 1977 had clarified the ownership and original conception of the Badagry Tourist Centre.

10. In his own comments, the S.M.O. & Head of Service, Ogun State, drew the attention of members to the following extracts:-

(i) Minutes of the Meeting of the Working Party - 16/8/68

Para. 14 - Tourist Centre Badagry

"The Western State Officials stated that the quarters have been transferred to Nifinco as residential quarters under a previous arrangement with the Company in which the Western State Government has over 70% interest. The Lagos State team wanted more information to confirm, for their records, that in fact the quarters have been handed over to Nifinco staff."

(ii) Minutes of the Meeting of the Working Party - 24/1/69

Para. 3 - Nifinco Quarters

"The Chairman read out a letter which he has received from the Ministry of Trade and Industry Ibadan about the matter, this disclosed that construction work on the Quarters was completed on the 4th of January, 1967; that the Quarters were handed over to Nifinco on the 15th of November 1967; and the expatriate staff of the Company moved into the Quarters in May, 1968.

Cost of building the quarters was given as 45,000 Pounds. From the explanation given by the Western State team, it seemed that the idea of a tourist centre was an excuse to justify the siting of Nifinco in such an unsuitable place as Badagry. The buildings were said to have been originally intended as part of the factory complex to serve as quarters for the expatriate staff, for whom the Company largely owned by the Government was obliged to provide suitable living accommodation. It was in the circumstances agreed that the property in the so-called Tourist centre should remain in the Western State."

11. On the strength of the above-quoted extracts, Mr. Degun deposed that all the relevant facts demanded were actually made available before that Working Party reached an accord and a gentleman's agreement on the retention of the project by the Old Western State. He stated that the agreements on the property were reached ten years ago and maintained that, as each of the then two States were represented by a high-powered team, the agreement could not now be reviewed or changed. In his view, the Lagos State delegation on the Working Party must have been fully satisfied with the case presented to it. He was supported in these views by the S.M.C.'s of Oyo and Ondo States who added that the ten year old agreement should not be tinkered with, especially having regard to the in<sup>sp</sup> aintenance of a Civilian Administration.

12. Commenting on the last observation, the Chairman observed that the Lagos State delegation was obviously sceptical about the case as evidence in the following extract:-

Minutes of the Meeting of the Working Party - 6/4/70

Para. 16 - "The transfer of this property to the Lagos State was again raised by the Lagos State team, they reiterated the view that it was built for the social needs of the people in Badagry and as such it should be transferred to Lagos State, the successor Government .....

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13. During subsequent deliberations, two divergent and, indeed parallel stand-points crystallised.

14. On the one hand, the Lagos State delegates at the present meeting maintained that the charge of misrepresentation against the old West had been proved and sustained. They concluded that since the recommendation of the Working Party on the Badagry Tourist Centre was based on a false promise and, ipso facto, amounted to a deviation from the agreed principle of transfer of assets, the need for a review was inescapable and compelling. Photocopies of the Approved Estimates of the Western State for the Financial Years 1965/66 to 1967/68 were produced and circulated by the Lagos State team at the days' meeting. The relevant provisions in these documents showed that the Badagry Tourist Centre was consistently itemised as a project under the State Ministry of Home Affairs and Information, whereas NIFINCO was distinctly classified as an industrial project under the State Ministry of Trade & Industry. In addition, the Chairman recalled that, as Acting Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Home Affairs & Information in the then Western Region at the material time, he knew, as a fact, that the Tourist Centre was, by conception and design, a Catering Rest House.

15. On the other hand, the representatives of the Oyo, Ogun and Ondo States insisted that all the facts before the meeting were not inconsistent with the explanation given by the Old West to the Working Party. They reiterated that the intention of the Old West in itemising the Badagry Tourist Centre as a separate project was simply to avoid "overloading" the estimated cost and financial provision for NIFINCO. The preoccupation then was to make the Tourist Centre project politically acceptable even though it was conceived as part and parcel of the factory complex. With regard to an earlier observation about the Omnibus Survey Plan dated 1965, the individual project's site plan which the Lagos State team produced, the representatives of the other three States expressed some doubt about the authenticity of the documents. In any case,

the representatives stressed that the two project sites were contiguous and that further, it was not at all unusual to locate and build staff quarters for a project on a separate site. When pressed to reconcile their present stand-point with the information contained in the letters by the Managing Director of the Odua Investment Company and whose references were mentioned earlier on in para. 9 above, Mr. Degun, on behalf of the other delegates, urged that the letters should be discountenanced. The position of both Odua's Company and the WEMABOD in the matter was clarified as merely that of an agent duly charged with the management and development of the property under consideration. It is the owners of the property and not the agents which would have the final say on the type and mode of development as well as on usage.

16. At a stage, the S.M.G. & Head of Service, Ondo State advised the meeting to take due cognisance of the reality of the existing situation. On this note, he opined that the days discussion should not be in terms of, or centered around the issue of the rightful ownership of the Badagry Tourist Centre since there was already an existing valid and binding agreement on that score. Mr. Iwajomo further remarked that the Lagos State Government itself did not raise any question about the right of ownership of the property until the WEMABOD started renovation work in 1977. It, therefore, appeared to him that the crucial issue for examination was to find out whether and how the existence of the Tourist Centre would, in any way, adversely affect the efforts of the Lagos State to promote tourism development within its territory. He further suggested that the meeting should be fully addressed, on the related issue of appropriateness or otherwise of one State Government undertaking a tourist project within another State, but stressed the need to avoid a State taking over the legitimate property of another situated within its jurisdiction.

17. The above suggestion generated some discussion with regard to the 'locus standi' of the Report of the Working Party. In the opinion of the Lagos State representatives, the documents only

contained joint "recommendations" by Officials. As at present, there had not been formal ratification by any of the Governments concerned. In the circumstances, the documents cannot and should not be treated as final, sacrosanct and inviolable. On the contrary, where and when loopholes became apparent in respect of some specific recommendations, as in the present case, it would be most appropriate to initiate a renegotiation with a view to effecting necessary amendments. It was further contended that, even in cases of international agreements signed, sealed and delivered, there had been many instances of review in the light of new facts and/or prevailing circumstances.

18. On their own side, the representatives of Oyo, Ondo and Ogun States argued that the Report of the Working Party should be binding on all the parties pending formal ratification. They submitted that there was, all along, a tacit understanding that the document would be so treated. This was indeed the reason and justification for all the follow-up actions so far effected on the various recommendations. They concluded that it would be too late in the day to start amending a ten-year old agreement signed by accredited representatives of the then two State Governments.

19. In his contribution at this stage, the S.M.C. & Head of Service, Oyo State again reiterated that as Officials, the meeting should bear in mind that Civilians would soon assume power in the country. He thereupon cautioned that a seemingly potential ground for unhealthy inter-State rivalry and dispute should not be created. Instead, the overall objective of discussion amongst officials from the four sister States must be towards identification and exploration of the wide range of areas for possible mutual co-operation. As the other members expressed concurrence with these views, the meeting unanimously resolved to be so guided in finding solutions to the problem at present on hand.

20. The next issue discussed at length centered around the contention by the Lagos State Government that the existence of a "Tourist Centre" owned by other States within its own territory was at

variance with, and a negation of the spirit and the provision of Decree No. 54 of 1976. On this point, a member of the Lagos State team referred to the preamble of the Decree as well as Section 7 thereof. He, accordingly, stated that the intendment of the Decree was that each State should confine its tourism development activities to its own area and encourage Nigerians from other parts to visit the very State. It was largely in recognition of the country-wide nature of this programme and the underlying policy decision that each State should concentrate exclusively on its own area, that the Federal Government opted to fund the scheme of each State, to some extent through grants. It would be out of place and indefensible, therefore, for any State to cross its border, as it were, in search of potential or suitable areas for domestic tourist Centres.

21. The above submission was countered by the S.M.G., Ondo State, who contended that such an interpretation would amount to stretching the provisions of the Decrees too far. An alternative interpretation he offered was that each State Government was expected to consider and embark on whatever facilities it found desirable, including hotels, tourist centre, catering rest houses etc. In any case, the subject of the day's meeting was Tourist Centre and not Tourism development. He further argued that as the rightful owners of the property under consideration, the three States, Oyo, Ondo and Ogun reserved the right to convert their property to whatever purpose they intended.

22. In reply, however, the Lagos State Government team pointed out that prior approval of the Lagos State Government would still be equally required. It was explained that, having regard to Decree No. 54 of 1976, although an individual citizen could, as a constitutional right, undertake tourism ventures in any State, a State Government cannot do so without first seeking and obtaining the consent of the prospective host State. Indeed, it is one thing for a State to apply, saying that it wants to use a particular place for a particular purpose, but it is quite another matter as

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24 October, 1978.

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IKEJA,  
Lagos State.

TOURIST CENTRE, BADAGRY

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2. It will be appreciated if you will kindly let me know very urgently when it will be convenient for you to hold the next meeting at which a final decision on the matter would be taken.

3. Copies of this letter are being forwarded to our colleagues in Ondo and Oyo.

*AD*  
(A. A. K. DEGUN)

Secretary to the Military Government  
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Our Ref. No. S.27/44/128A.  
Office of the Military Administrator,  
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27<sup>th</sup> October, 1978.

Mr. O. Coker,  
Secretary to the Military  
Government & Head of Service,  
Office of the Military Administrator,  
Lagos State,  
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Tourist Centre, Badagry

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(M. S. Adigun),  
Secretary to the Military Government  
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Tourist Centre, Badagry

I forward herewith five (5) copies of the minutes of  
the meeting on the above-mentioned project held on Friday,  
6th October 1978, after their recent clearance with you.

2. I wish to advise that, while we are already taking steps  
to refer the matter to our Cabinet for consideration and  
approval, you too may wish to proceed along similar lines  
with your Governments so that another meeting could be arranged  
as soon as the reactions of our respective Governments on the  
agreements as contained in the minutes are known.

*P.A.*

(O. A. COKER)  
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MINUTES OF THE INTER-STATES MEETING ON THE BADAGRY TOURIST CENTRE PROJECT HELD IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY TO THE MILITARY GOVERNMENT LAGOS STATE SECRETARIAT, IKEJA ON FRIDAY, 6TH OCTOBER, 1978 AT 10.05 A.M.

Present:

1. S. A. Thomas - S.M.G. & Head of Service, Lagos State.  
(Chairman)
2. A. A. K. Degun - S.M.G. & Head of Service, Ogun State.
3. T. A. Iwajomo - S.M.G. & Head of Service, Ondo State.
4. M. S. Adigun - S.M.G. & Head of Service, Oyo State.

In Attendance:

5. F. B. O. Williams - Permanent Secretary, Lagos State Ministry of Works & Planning.
6. S. A. Dawodu - Permanent Secretary, Lagos State Ministry of Information, Tourism, Social Development & Sports.
7. J. O. Erusiafe - Permanent Secretary, Lagos State Ministry of Trade, Industry & Co-operatives,
8. A. O. Ejiwunmi - Solicitor-General & Permanent Secretary, Lagos State Ministry of Justice.
9. T. O. Folami - Chief Lands Officer, Lagos State Ministry of Works & Planning.
10. E. A. Akinlade - Managing Director, WEMABOD ESTATES LTD.
11. T. A. Oke - Nigeria Hotels Ltd.
12. A. A. Adegbesan - Nigeria Hotels Ltd.
13. F. O. Mogaji - ODU'A INVESTMENT COMPANY
14. A. O. Arjorin - Secretary for Administration, Office of the Secretary to the Military Government, Lagos State.
15. R. B. Fanimokun - Principal Secretary, Office of the Secretary to the Military Government, Lagos State.  
(Secretary)

The meeting commenced at 10.05 a.m.

2. In his preliminary remarks, the Chairman explained why it was impossible to hold the meeting on 24th August 1978 as first proposed by the S.M.G. and Head of Service, Ogun State. He stated that some informal discussions were however, held with SMG's for Ogun and Oyo States who turned up for the meeting. It transpired during that day's discussion that these other sister States were not in possession of certain important documents containing the back-ground and antecedents of the matter. As agreed, therefore, he had forwarded copies of the documents to the SMG's of the three States under cover of a letter.

3. Further in his preliminary remarks, the Chairman also recalled that the SMG & Head of Service, Ogun State had proposed in a letter that the present meeting should be preceded by a visit to the project site and also that the meeting could take place in Badagry. The Chairman opined that these proposals would not be feasible having regard to the length of travelling time to and from Badagry. Secondly, holding the meeting in Badagry would not be convenient in view of the paucity of facilities, both at the project site and generally in Badagry, to service the meeting in all its entirety.

4. All other participants at the meeting except the S.M.G. & Head of Service, Ogun State indicated support for the above explanation. According to Mr. Degun, a prior visit to the project site would make subsequent discussion very meaningful because all members would then have a first hand knowledge as to the location and nature of the project and thereby be in a position to appreciate the extent of physical development which had taken place on the renovation.

5. After further consideration, it was finally resolved that if and when necessary, an inspection visit to the project site could be arranged later. With regard to the question of costs already incurred on the renovation and the physical development, it was noted that such information, if required, could readily be obtained, e.g. through invoices and/or bills submitted by the contractors. Having disposed of these preliminary issues, deliberations commenced on the substantive subject matter.

6. Presenting the Lagos State's views on the ownership of the Badagry Tourist Centre, the Chairman referred to the Working Papers already circulated and reiterated the main issues which the last Military Governor of Lagos State raised in paragraphs 2 & 3 of the letter Ref. No. LS/1/Vol.VIII/337 of 29th June 1978 and which was addressed to the then Military Governor of Oyo State, viz:

" . . . investigation carried out at this end have revealed that the agreement reached by the Working Party on the Tourist Centre in Badagry appears to have been based on a number of misrepresentations made by the officials of the former Western State,

at the various meetings of the Working Party held between 16th August 1968 and 6th April 1970 at which the property was discussed.

"Moreover, this agreement may need to be reviewed in the light of the provision of the Nigeria Tourist Board Decree No. 54 of 1976."

7. To buttress the above view-points about previous misrepresentation of facts, the Chairman disclosed that the Lagos State Government had since established the following:

- (i) that, based on the available Survey and Site Plans, the sites for the Tourist Centre at NIFINCO were separate and distinct from each other;
- (ii) that the area on which the Tourist Centre was built is within the G.R.A. which was and still remains a State land;
- (iii) that the Tourist Centre was, indeed, conceived and developed as a full-fledged project in its own right in the approved Development Plan 1962-1968 for the then Western Region.
- (iv) that, contrary to the misrepresentation made at the meetings of the Working Party that the Tourist Centre in Badagry was the only one of its type built by the former Western Region, a similar one was built at Uromi and that it was duly inherited by the former Mid-Western Region when it was created in 1963; and
- (v) that, consistent with the purpose for which it was conceived by the Western Regional Government, the Tourist Centre was reflected under the Ministry of Home Affairs and Information in the 1965-66 and 1967-68 Estimates, whereas NIFINCO was provided for as an Industrial Project under Head 705 of the 1967-68 Estimates.

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8. The chairman referred participants to paragraph 14 of the Report of the Working Party and stated that, that paragraph contained the rationale and criteria used for recommending the distribution of the assets and liabilities of the former Western State in the Colony Province. These were identified as:

- (a) Administrative needs;
- (b) Social needs;
- (c) Sovereignty of each State; and
- (d) Commercial/Industrial needs.

He maintained that, whereas the ownership of the Tourist Centre should have been determined on the basis of the first three of these criteria, its allocation to the former Western State was made as a result of the misrepresentation of the facts of the case by the representatives of the former Western State on the Working Party who, as contained in paragraph 25 of the Report, stated that the Centre was part of the NIFINCO complex and that it had indeed been "handed over" to the Company for use as staff quarters by its expatriate staff.

9. In conclusion, the Chairman submitted that members of the Lagos State team of the Working Party which, even at that time, persistently maintained that they had great doubts in their minds as to the veracity of the information given to them by their Western State Counterparts on the project, had agreed to the transferring of the Tourist Centre to the Old Western State solely because of the misrepresentation of facts made by the Western State team, especially the misleading information that the Tourist Centre was constructed as quarters for the expatriate staff of NIFINCO and secondly that the project had since been transferred to NIFINCO. Furthermore, the letter Ref. No. C.230/87 dated 17th November, 1977 from the Managing Director of Odu'a Investment Company Limited which maintained that the Centre was never transferred to NIFINCO had most significantly revealed the truth of the matter. Similarly, the Company's letter Ref. No. C.230/74 of 23rd September, 1977 had clarified the ownership and original conception of the Badagry Tourist Centre.

10. In his own comments, the SMG & Head of Service, Ogun State, drew the attention of members to the following extracts:

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(i) Minutes of the Meeting of the Working Party - 16/8/68

Para. 14 - Tourist Centre Badagry

"The Western State Officials stated that the quarters have been transferred to NIFINCO as residential quarters under a previous arrangement with the Company in which the Western State Government has over 70% interest. The Lagos State team wanted more information to confirm, for their records, that in fact, the quarters have been handed over to NIFINCO staff."

(ii) Minutes of the Meeting of the Working Party - 24/1/69

Para. 3 - NIFINCO QUARTERS

"The Chairman read out a letter which he has received from the Ministry of Trade and Industry Ibadan about the matter, this disclosed that construction work on the Quarters was completed on the 4th of January 1967; that the Quarters were handed over to NIFINCO on the 15th of November 1967; and the expatriate staff of the Company moved into the Quarters in May, 1968. Cost of building the quarters was given as 45,000 Pounds. From the explanation given by the Western State team, it seemed that the idea of a Tourist Centre was an excuse to justify the siting of NIFINCO in such an unsuitable place as Badagry. The buildings were said to have been originally intended as part of the factory complex to serve as quarters for the expatriate staff, for whom the Company largely owned by the Government was obliged to provide suitable living accommodation. It was in the circumstances agreed that the property in the so-called Tourist Centre should remain in the Western State."

1. On the strength of the above-quoted extracts, Mr. Degun deposed that all the relevant facts demanded were actually made available before that Working Party reached an accord and a gentleman's agreement on the retention of the project by the Old Western State. He stated that the agreements on the property were reached ten years ago and maintained that, as each of the then two States was represented by a high-powered team, the agreement could not now be reviewed or changed. In his view, the Lagos State delegation on the Working Party must have been fully satisfied with the case presented to it. He was supported in these views by the SMG's of Oyo and Ondo States who added that the ten year old agreement should not be tinkered with, especially having regard to the imminence of a Civilian Administration.

12. Commenting on the last observation, the Chairman observed that the Lagos State delegation was obviously sceptical about the case as evidenced in the following extract:

Minutes of the Meeting of the Working Party - 6/4/70

Para. 16 - "The transfer of this property to the Lagos State was again raised by the Lagos State team, they reiterated the view that it was built for the social needs of the people in Badagry and as such it should be transferred to Lagos State, the successor Government . . ."

13. During subsequent deliberations, two divergent and, indeed parallel stand-points crystalised.

14. On the one hand, the Lagos State delegates at the present meeting maintained that the charge of misrepresentation against the old West had been proved and sustained. They concluded that since the recommendation of the Working Party on the Badagry Tourist Centre was based on a false premise and, ipso facto, amounted to a deviation from the agreed principle of transfer of assets, the need for a review was inescapable and compelling, photocopies of the Approved Estimates of the Western State for the Financial Years 1965/66 to 1967/68 were produced and circulated by the Lagos State team at the days meeting. The relevant provisions in these documents showed that the Badagry Tourist Centre was consistently itemised as a project under the State

Ministry of Home Affairs and Information, whereas NIFINCO was distinctly classified as an industrial project under the State Ministry of Trade & Industry. In addition, the Chairman recalled that, as Acting Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Home Affairs & Information in the then Western Region at the material time, he knew, as a fact, that the Tourist Centre was, by conception and design, a Catering Rest House.

15. On the other hand, the representatives of the Oyo, Ogun and Ondo States insisted that all the facts before the meeting were not inconsistent with the explanation given by the Old West to the Working Party. They reiterated that the intention of the Old West in itemising the Badagry Tourist Centre as a separate project was simply to avoid "overloading" the estimated cost and financial provision for NIFINCO. The preoccupation then was to make the Tourist Centre project politically acceptable even though it was conceived as part and parcel of the factory complex. With regard to an earlier observation about the Omnibus Survey Plan dated 1965, the individual project's site plan which the Lagos State team produced, the representatives of the other three States expressed some doubt about the authenticity of the documents. In any case, the representatives stressed that the two project sites were contiguous and that further, it was not at all unusual to locate and build staff quarters for a project on a separate site. When pressed to reconcile their present stand-point with the information contained in the letters by the Managing Director of the Odua Investment Company and whose references were mentioned earlier on in para. 9 above, Mr. Degun, on behalf of the other delegates, urged that the letters should be discountenanced. The position of both Odua's Company and the WEMABOD in the matter was clarified as merely that of an agent duly charged with the management and development of the property under consideration. It is the owners of the property and not the agents which would have the final say on the type and mode of development as well as on usage.

16. At a stage, the S.M.G. & Head of Service, Ondo State advised the meeting to take due cognisance of the reality of the existing situation. On this note, he opined that the days discussion should not be in terms of, or centered around the issue of the rightful ownership

of the Badagry Tourist Centre since there was already an existing valid and binding agreement on that score. Mr. Iwajomo further remarked that the Lagos State Government itself did not raise any question about the right of ownership of the property until the WEMABOD started renovation work in 1977. It, therefore, appeared to him that the crucial issue for examination was to find out whether and how the existence of the Tourist Centre would, in any way, adversely affect the efforts of the Lagos State to promote tourism development within its territory. He further suggested that the meeting should be fully addressed, on the related issue of appropriateness or otherwise of one State Government undertaking a tourist project within another State, but stressed the need to avoid a State taking over the legitimate property of another situated within its jurisdiction.

17. The above suggestion generated some discussion with regard to the 'locus standi' of the Report of the Working Party. In the opinion of the Lagos State representatives, the documents only contained joint "recommendations" by Officials. As at present, there had not been formal ratification by any of the Governments concerned. In the circumstances, the documents cannot and should not be treated as final, sacrosanct and inviolable. On the contrary, where and when loopholes became apparent in respect of some specific recommendations, as in the present case, it would be most appropriate to initiate a renegotiation with a view to effecting necessary amendments. It was further contended that, even in cases of international agreements signed, sealed and delivered, there had been many instances of review in the light of new facts and/or prevailing circumstances.

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7/2/78

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ck, M. refer the above to the S.M.G.H.S who may wish to retain some extra copies of the minutes attached to b.c.

7/12

S.M.G. & H.S.

Pages 1 to 12 are hereby submitted for your rec. action reference minute "A" above plb.

ADD.  
C. R.  
7/17/78

ck

M. submit in w/f.

8/12

S.M.G. & H.S.

Reference your minute "C" above, I hereby submit pp. 640-651 overleaf in the main file as directed plb.

ADD. C. R. 8/12/78

653

SP/C.124/5/653.

8th December, 1978.

Mr. O. A. Coker,  
Secretary to the Military Government  
and Head of Service,  
Office of the Military Administrator,  
Lagos State,  
Ikaja.

Tourist Centre, Badagry

This is to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. LS/1/420 of 22nd November, 1978 and the five copies of the minutes of the meeting on the above-mentioned subject held on Friday, 6th October 1978.

2. The proposal for the Lagos State Government to participate in any project to be located at the Tourist Centre, Badagry was discussed at the meeting of Military Administrators for Ogun, Ondo and Oyo States held on Friday, 24th November, 1978. I hereby confirm that the proposal was acceptable to the three Military Administrators.

3. I shall be grateful if you will let me know the reaction of your Government as early as possible.



(M. S. Adigun)  
Secretary to the Military Government  
and Head of Service.

Ref. No. SP/C.124/5/653A

Office of the Military Administrator,  
Agodi,  
Ibadan.

8th December, 1978.

Copy to :-

Mr. C.S.O. Akande,  
Group Managing Director,  
Odu's Investment Company Limited,  
Cocoa House,  
Ibadan.

Mr. T. A. Iwajomo,  
Secretary to the Military Government  
and Head of Service,  
Akure,  
Ondo State.

Mr. A. A. K. Degun,  
Secretary to the Military Government  
and Head of Service,  
Office of the Military Administrator,  
Abeokuta,  
Ogun State.

see P. 658

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Overleaf for your information, please.



(M. S. Adigun)  
 Secretary to the Military Government  
 and Head of Service.

c/r M. S. Adigun 2 months

[Signature] 11/12 B.U. noted pls I.A.M. 11/12/78

SMG & HS

Above is humbly submitted  
 as b.u. for today pls.

[Signature]  
 12/2/78

Sec

Mr. ask for the pres. of p. 653. I  
 shall sign.

[Signature] 12/2  
 SMG & HS,

Letter asc for your signature, pls.

[Signature]  
 12/2

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SP/C.124/5/655.

12th February, 1979.

Mr. O. A. Coker,  
Secretary to the Military Government  
and Head of Service,  
Office of the Military Administrator,  
Lagos State,  
Ikeja.

Tourist Centre, Badagry

With reference to my letter No.SP/C.124/5/653 of 8th December,  
1978, I should be glad to know the present position.



(M. S. Adigun)  
Secretary to the Military Government  
and Head of Service.

<sup>"A"</sup>  
Blm 1 month - c.e. 12/3/79

↓ 12/2/79

<sup>"B"</sup>  
CR: B.U. noted pls  
I.A.C. 12/2/79

<sup>"C"</sup>  
S.M.G. & H.S.

Above B.U. is hereby humbly  
submitted for today pls.

ADD.  
C: R.  
12/3/79

c/r

Blm again 1 month - c.e. 12/4/79

↓ 12/3

Noted, pls.

Blm  
12/3/79

see p. 658



Government  
of Oyo State of Nigeria

SP/S.363

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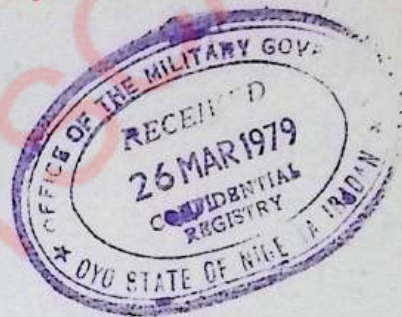
Our Ref. LL.13/13

Date...22nd March, 1979.

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Liaison Office of Oyo State, 45 Oduduwa Crescent, Ikeja

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



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

Landed Property Apportioned to the Oyo  
State Government in Lagos

About three weeks ago you indicated to me that as a result of the meeting of the Secretaries to the Military Governments of Oyo, Ondo, Ogun and Lagos States certain landed property in Lagos has now been apportioned to the Government of Oyo State.

I should be grateful to be given the details of the properties concerned with a view to ascertaining the present position about them.

(P. O. Ishola)  
Ag. Permanent Secretary.

PS (40)

PSOYA

File M- 23/3

CR  
PAS (M) 26/3  
Sec (M) 26/3

M. process; per in file  
23/3

P.T.O.

157 657

P.A.S. (GxA)

Overleaf is hereby submitted for your nec. action pls.

AOO

C: R  
27/3/79

"A"

ck,

is not the appropriate. Please why not work on the for showing of sector of the firm

*[Signature]*

28/3

"B"

P.A.S. (GxA)

Reference your minute "A" above, pp. 956-957 above are hereby submitted for your nec. action as it appears the file under refers seems to be appropriate because the overleaf letter is not all that specific. 2. A real research was done before achieving this target pls.

AOO C: R 29/3/79

SP/C.124/5

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# LAGOS STATE GOVERNMENT

When replying, please quote reference and date of this letter

Telegram: LAGMILGOV, IKEJA  
P.M.B. 12638 Lagos  
P.M.B. 1530 Ikeja  
Telephone:



Office of the Secretary  
to the Military Government  
The Secretariat  
Oba Akinjobi Street  
Ikeja  
Lagos State, Nigeria

**SECRET**

Ref. No. LS/1/VIII/465

22nd March, 1979.

Mr. M. S. Adigun,  
Secretary to the Military Government  
and Head of Service,  
Office of the Military Administrator,  
Oyo State, IBADAN.



Dear Mr. Adigun,

## TOURIST CENTRE, BADAGRY

I refer to your letter No. SP/C.124/5/653 of 8th December, 1978 and the last reminder No. SP/C.124/5/655 of 12th February, 1979 on the issue of the Tourist Centre, Badagry.

Ref. PP. 653

ref. PP. 655

2. The State's Executive Council has recently considered the matter but has rejected the proposal for a joint development of the Badagry Tourist Centre with the Ogun, Ondo and Oyo States. The Council has further directed that negotiations on any proved compensation should be undertaken and it is suggested that we discuss the matter from this perspective at your earliest convenience.

3. I am sending copies of this letter to our colleagues in Ogun and Ondo States for their information and necessary action.

Yours sincerely,

(O. A. Coker)

Secretary to the Military Government  
and Head of Service.

See p 661-662

S.M.G.H.S.

Above is hereby humbly submitted for your nec. action ps.

C. R. 29/3/79

M.A.  
Via S.M.G. & H.S. h 9/4  
P.S.O.M.A. E 6/4

(1)

It was on p.621 that the M.A. last saw this file where you were briefed on the outcome of the meeting of the Secretaries to the Military Governments of Lagos, Oyo, Ondo and Ogun States. This was over the Badagry Tourist Centre which was previously used as quarters for the expatriate staff of the Nigerian Fibre Company (NIFINCO) Limited. The compromise reached at the October, 1978 meeting was that Lagos State should be invited to participate in any commercial project which the Odu'a Investments Co. Limited might decide to have at the Tourist Centre, Badagry.

2. The Secretary to the Lagos State Military Government has now taken the proposal home and the reaction of his State's Executive Council is what we have at p.658, rejecting outright, the proposal, and insisting on compulsory acquisition of the land in question.

3. As the next stage may be the involvement of the Supreme Headquarters in this subject, the draft letter to the Chief of Staff, Supreme Headquarters, placed at back cover, is for your consideration, please. Copies of the letter, when approved, will be forwarded to Ondo and Ogun States for their information.

*Chun Olatunji*  
(C. O. Olatunji)  
Secretary (G. & A)

6<sup>th</sup> April, 1979.

SMA & HS (2)

*I strongly believe the ltr will not go far. I prefer direct negotiation with the Lagos State Govt over this issue.*  
*11.4.79*

SP/C.124/3/Vol.III/661.

12th April, 1979.

Mr. A. A. K. Ogun,  
Secretary to the Military Government  
and Head of Service,  
Office of the Military Administrator,  
Abeokuta,  
Ogun State.

Mr. T. A. Iwajomo,  
Secretary to the Military Government  
and Head of Service,  
Office of the Military Administrator,  
Akure,  
Ondo State.

TOURIST CENTRE, BADAGRY

I attach hereto for your information a photostat copy of a letter No. L/2/VIII/465 of 22nd March, 1979 from the Secretary to the Military Government and Head of Service, Lagos State on the above-mentioned subject.

2. When I discussed the letter informally with you during the last meeting of the S.M.C./N.C.S. the decision was that a formal protest should be lodged with the Chief of Staff, Supreme Headquarters. The reaction of my Military Administrator to this line of action was however negative, his contention being that nothing might come out of it. This is because the Lagos State Government has already indicated its willingness to pay compensation for the investment of the three 'O' States at the Tourist Centre, Badagry. My Military Administrator's contention was further re-inforced by the discussion he had with the Military Administrator of Lagos State during a recent Seminar for Military Officers held here last month at Ibadan.
3. In the circumstance, it will be appreciated if you will please bring this matter to the notice of your respective Military Administrators so that the Odu'a Investment Company Limited could be mandated to negotiate in collaboration with the WESABOD Estates Limited on behalf of the three 'O' States with the Lagos State Government on the proposed compensation for the Tourist Centre, Badagry. In order to ensure a worthwhile and meaningful negotiation time factor is of prime importance. This will have to be impressed on Odu'a Investment Company Limited as soon as your Military Administrators' reactions are known.
4. Your prompt reply will be highly appreciated.



(N. S. Adigun),  
Secretary to the Military Government  
and Head of Service.

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Ref. No. SP/C.124/5/Vol.III/661A

Office of the Military Administrator,  
Agodi, Ibadan.

12th April, 1979.

Copy to:-

Mr. C. S. O. Akande,  
Group Managing Director,  
Odu'a Investment Co. Ltd.,  
Cocoa House,  
Ibadan.

Above for your information, please.

(M. S. Adigun),  
Secretary to the Military Government  
and Head of Service.

CR sec (se) 16/4/79.  
in ps (p)  
Btu (encl)



17/4/79

CR. Please note  
the b.w. above.

~~see (se)~~  
17/4

noted pls.

AGG  
C. R.  
17/4/79

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see P-663

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# Odu'a Investment Company Limited

Tel. 413658, 462440, 462813 - 462815 Cable & Telegrams: ODINCO IBADAN. Telex No. 31225 NG.

Our Ref: C.40/270



Cocoa House,  
(Floors 20-22),  
P. M. B. 5435,  
Ibadan.

Your Ref:

.....17th April,.....19.79.

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



TOURIST CENTRE, BADAGRY

I thank you for your letter No. SP/C.124/5/Vol.III/661A of 12th April, 1979. The Board of this Company met on Thursday, 12th April and I reported to members the decision of the Lagos State Government and the reaction of your Military Administrator. Members were not happy at all about both and I have been directed to plead that your Military Administrator should please change his stance.

2. It is the view of our Board that the Lagos State Government should not be allowed to get away with this matter lightly since it may be the beginning of that Government acquiring other assets of the former Western State in Lagos State. The Board feels strongly that the matter should be referred to the Federal Government for adjudication.

3. A copy of this letter is being sent to each of your counterparts of Ondo and Ogun States.

*See P. 661*  
  
(C. S. O. Akande)  
Group Managing Director

S.M.G. & H.S.

Above is hereby humbly submitted for your rec. action pls.

ADD.  
C: R.  
19/4/79

*see [unclear] 19/4/79*  
*[unclear]*

M. K.T.V for replies to [unclear] 661-2 from Ogun & Ondo [unclear]

**DIRECTORS:** Prof. Ayo Ogunshye (Chairman) C. S. O. Akande (Group Managing Director)  
Chief Kola Daisi, Prof. S. O. Biobaku, M. A. Adesiyun, J. K. Akingbade,  
V. A. Oduntan E. A. Jonah F. O. Mogaji, Dr. A. B. Babajide.

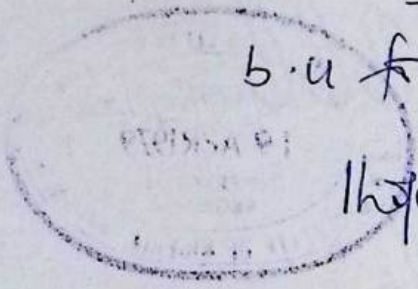
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SING & HS

I humbly submit p. 662 as  
b.u for today pls.



11/10/1979  
17/5/79

C.R.

Bm. 24/5/79 for the mtg of Sing's  
of 'O' State

17/5

Above B.U. has been noted pls.

ADD  
C. R.  
17/5/79

SING & HS

Minute 'B' above humbly subtd  
as b.u for today pls.

11/10/1979  
for ch  
24/5/79

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OFFICE OF THE MILITARY GOVERNOR ADMINISTRATOR  
AKURE · ONDO STATE OF NIGERIA

Your Ref. No.....  
All communications should be  
addressed to the Secretary to the  
Military Government and Head of  
Service  
Our Ref. No. SC.42/162

Date 30/5 May, 1979.....

Mr. M. S. Adigun,  
Secretary to the Military Government  
and Head of Service,  
Office of the Military Administrator,  
Ibadan,  
Oyo State



TOURIST CENTRE, BADAGRY

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter Ref. No. SP/C.124/5/Vol.III/661 dated 12th April, 1979, in connection with the above-mentioned subject.

2. The matter has been brought to the notice of the Military Administrator of Ondo State who is of the view that a formal protest should be lodged with the Chief of Staff, Supreme Headquarters, Lagos. It is suggested that the Military Administrator of Oyo State should kindly write to the Chief of Staff, Supreme Headquarters, on behalf of the three 'O' States.

3. A copy of this letter is being endorsed to Mr. A. A. K. Degun, Secretary to the Military Government and Head of Service, Ogun State, Abeokuta, and Mr. C. S. O. Akande, Group Managing Director, Odu'a Investment Co., Ltd., Ibadan, for their information.

*T. A. Iwajomo*

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

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SMG & HS

Above humbly

Subtd f. n-a ple.

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31/5/79

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na PS(P) of  
pl. ble for a

Similar letter from Sule  
Ogun State. You don't  
need to open a new Vol  
yet. Pl. advise C/R.

3/5

Sec.(G&A),

Via

P.S.(P),

*14/6/79*

At the meeting of the Military Administrators of the three 'O' States held yesterday, it was agreed that the letter at b.c., which has been put up since April this year, should now be forwarded to Lagos. The first and the last pages of the letter will require re-typing to reflect the change in the date and the rank of the Military Administrator.

2. I shall be grateful if you will cause action to be taken as appropriate, and pass the file up to enable the Military Administrator sign the letter thereafter.

*U b*  
(E.O.A. Taiwo),  
Ag. Sec.(SC),  
*14* June, 1979.

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# LAGOS AIRPORT HOTEL LIMITED

P. O. Box 895, Lagos, Nigeria.  
Tel: 24075-77, 22181-85, Lagos.  
Telegrams "Bestotel".

(a member of the Odu'a Group of Companies)

Managed by:  
Nigeria Hotels Limited

Our Ref: CS/AH/2

12th June, 1979.

Secretary to the Military Government,  
Government of Oyo State of Nigeria,  
IBADAN.

Dear Sir,

ODU'A MOTEL, BADAGRY


At the last meeting of the Directors of this Company, held on the 11th of June, 1979, it was decided that a Board delegation should, subject to your convenience, visit you on Thursday, 14th June, 1979 at 10.00 a.m. to discuss the problems the Company is encountering in respect of the above Motel.

It is the wish of the Board of this Company that the delegation should seek your urgent assistance on this very pressing matter. We shall therefore be grateful if you will be able to give an audience to this delegation of which the undersigned is a member, on the above-named date and time.

If the above date and time is suitable or otherwise for you to see this said delegation, please indicate as appropriate on the copy of this letter and return same through bearer.

Once more, we thank you for your usual cooperation.

Yours faithfully,

  
A. A. BABALOLA  
Chairman

Directors: A.A. Babalola (Chairman), Chief A. Akomolafe,  
F.O. Mogaji, E.A. Akinlade, J.A. Owoseni,  
A.O. Badejo.

Sec (SC)

15/6  
I have seen the delegation. You will  
letter to Oyo State requesting for permission to

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SP/C.124/5/668.

15th June, 1979.

Mr. O. Coker,  
Secretary to the Military  
Government and Head of Service,  
Lagos State,  
Ikeja.

Badagry Tourist Centre: Permission  
for Removal of Furniture

Reports reaching me lately, indicate that the items of furniture in Badagry Tourist Centre have been deteriorating fast. Unless remedial measures are taken urgently, they may soon waste away completely. I am therefore appealing to you to permit the Management of Lagos Airport Hotel Limited to remove all the articles of furniture there.

2. The whole question of the Badagry Tourist Centre came up for discussion at a recent meeting of the Military Administrators of Oyo, Ondo and Ogun States and the content of your letter Ref. No. LS/I/VIII/465 of 22nd March, 1979 was discussed at the meeting.

3. I shall let you know the outcome of their deliberation on it in due course. Meanwhile, I count on your co-operation for the request in paragraph 1 above.



(M. S. Adigun)  
Secretary to the Military  
Government and Head of Service.

sm & atts,

The letter as he was  
now been found as  
amended. I shall be  
grateful if you will please  
sign & initial the  
file copy on p. 668

AS Sec (SC)  
15/6/79

Sec (C10A)

This file is now  
returned ~~with~~ thanks.  
You may now wish to  
pursue p. 666.

AS Sec (SC)  
15/6/79

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Military Administrator

Via

S.M.G & H.S.

P.S.O.M.A., *KZ 18/6*

(1)

Kindly refer to the minutes on page 660 in respect of the protest to be lodged to Dodan Barracks against the action of the Lagos State Government which is insisting on compulsorily taking over the Tourist Centre at Badagry, property of the former Western State. Following a development at the last meeting of the Military Administrators of the three 'O' States, the letter has been re-prepared and is placed at back cover for consideration, please.

*C. O. Olatunji*  
(C. O. Olatunji)  
Secretary (G & A)

*18* June, 1979.

(2)

2. Whilst reading back this file I noticed your minute (2) at the foot of p.660 in which you disagreed with the idea of a letter of protest being forwarded to the Chief of Staff, Supreme Headquarters. However, it seems that in view of subsequent development on this matter, there is nothing much that could be done other than allowing a letter of protest to issue. In the circumstances, may I respectfully request you to consider the letter at b.c. and sign it if you have no objection to it, please.

*Teju Alakija*  
(Teju Alakija, Mrs.),  
Ag. S.M.G. & H.S.,  
19/6/79.


*No objection*  
*20.6.79*

P. 5-097-A

Please see my minute (2) at P. 670 and arrange for the letter abt to be despatched to Lagos by hand. A highly responsible person should take it to Lagos. A copy should be placed in the file.

Teju Alaiye  
Ag. Secy S.H.S.  
20/6/79.

CR  
We spoke. The letter should be taken to Lagos (Liaison office first) from where it must reach Dodan Barracks, all TODAY,

to.  
  
Tunde  
P.SOMA  
2/6

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