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S.183/1

12th Feb., 1962.

The Permanent Secretary,
Ministry of Home Affairs,
Western Nigeria,
Ibadan.

Use of the Uromi Catering Rest House by
the 4th Battalion, Queen's Own Nigeria
Regiment

Further to our telephone conversation (Asabia/Adedeji) of even date, I am directed to confirm that the 4th Battalion, Queen's Own Nigeria Regiment will be holding exercises in Ishan Division during the period 19th February to 17th March, 1962. I am advised by the Commanding Officer, Colonel Jefferies, that the Battalion intends to use Uromi as its base and as such it would be a great help if we would agree to release two or three buildings in the Catering Rest House to the Military Authorities. The buildings are required for the Command Headquarters Post, Officers' Mess, etc.

2. The Honourable Premier has indicated support for the arrangement that the military exercises should be held in Ishan Division and as such it would be appreciated if you would be good enough to give the Military Authorities every possible assistance.

3. Colonel Jefferies or his deputy will approach you direct with a formal request.

(Sgd) (S. O. Asabia)
for Secretary to the Premier
and Executive Council.

Despatched
12/2/62
AAA

SECRET

16th Feb., 1962.

S.183/2

The Permanent Secretary,
Ministry of Local Government,
Western Nigeria,
Ibadan.

Military Exercises by the 4th Battation
Queen's Own Nigeria Regiment

I am directed to inform you that the 4th Battalion, Queen's Own Nigeria Regiment will be holding exercises in Ishan during the period 19th February to 17th March, 1962. The Battalion intends to use Ubiaja/Uromi as its base and to this end an application has been made to the Ministry of Home Affairs for the release of two or three buildings in the Catering Rest House for the temporary use of the Military Authorities.

The sole Administrator in Ishan Division, Mr. J. A. G. McCall already knows about this arrangement but he has suggested that a formal notification from your end would be desirable.

Despatched
17/2/62
VAA

(Sgd) (S. O. Asabia)
for Secretary to the Premier
and Executive Council.

IB 0034

BC TAPE 78 UBI AJA PRIORITY 69 14 K =



SECPREM IBADAN =

GEN1090 X VISIT OF ARMY ISHAN DIVISION X HAVE RECEIVED
FOLLOWING TELEPHONE MESSAGE FROM MILITARY IBADAN X QUOTE X
WESTERN NIGERIA GOVT APPROVES USE OF THE CATERING REST HOUSE
UROMI BY THE ARMY X UNQUOTE X ACCORDINGLY ARMY IS OCCUPYING
UROMI REST HOUSE TODAY FOR USE OFFICERS X IS PROVIDING ALL
NECESSARY EQUIPMENT FOOD ETC X ADDRESSED PERMHOME IBADAN COPIED

SECPREM IBADAN X =

MCCALL ADMINISTRATOR +

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Tel

No. S.183/4A
Ibadan, 16th February, 1962.

P 3
Copies to:-

The Permanent Secretary,
Ministry of Local Government,
Western Nigeria,
Ibadan.

The Permanent Secretary,
Ministry of Home Affairs,
Western Nigeria,
Ibadan.

For information.

(Sgd) (S. O. Asabia)
for Secretary to the Premier
and Executive Council.

Despatched
17/2/62
AA

SECRET



MINISTRY OF

HOME AFFAIRS

IBADAN · WESTERN NIGERIA

Your Ref. No. S.183/1.

All communications to be addressed
to the Permanent Secretary quoting

Our Ref. No. 69/43/63.

Date 17 February, 1962.

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

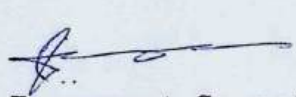


Use of the Uromi Catering Rest
House by the 4th Battalion, Queen's
Own Nigeria Regiment.

I am directed to refer to your above quoted letter of 12th February, 1962, and to say that there is no objection to the release of the Catering Rest House at Uromi to the 4th Battalion, Queen's Own Nigeria Regiment for use in connection with their four-week exercises in Ishan Division provided the following points are noted:

- (1) No staff would be available to serve the soldiers.
- (2) No soft furnishings will be provided and as there is no electric light at Uromi, the Army would have to meet their own lighting requirements.

2. I am to state, however, that this approval is given on the condition that the Commanding Officer understands that the Army would be responsible for any damage - beyond the normal wear and tear - done to the buildings equipment or furniture in the Catering Rest House.


for Permanent Secretary,
Ministry of Home Affairs.

JOI/AOK.

Asi

Pl advise OC 4th Bt. Qown, Ibadan as in P2 above. The Bt. has in fact moved into the Resthouse, but we want to place this on record.

WHS

21/2/62

SECRET

22nd February, 1962.

S.183/6.

The Officer Commanding 4th Battalion,
Queen's Own Nigeria Regiment,
I b a d a n.

Sir,

Use of the Uromi Catering Rest House:
by the 4th Battalion, Queen's Own
Nigeria Regiment

I am directed to advise you that approval in respect of the above subject was granted on the condition that you actually understand that the Army would be responsible for any damage - beyond the normal wear and tear - done to the buildings, equipment or furniture in the Catering Rest House.

2. You will please note this.

I am, Sir,
Your Obedient Servant,



(J.D.O. Sokoya)
for Secretary to the Premier
and Executive Council.

PREMIER'S OFFICE
DESPATCHED

22 FEB 1962
WESTERN REGION
NIGERIA

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22/2/62

P. A.

Letmauk Barracks,
Ibadan - Nigeria.

Ibadan: 22751 Ext 9

4QONR/P/1

6 Jun 63.

Secretary to Premier,
IBADAN.

Subj: FLAG MARCH

Here attached the programme of a flag march which a Company of this Battalion intends to make commencing 8 Jun 63 for your necessary information.

/ADE.

Chufambagho Lt -Col,
Commanding Officer 4th Battalion,
The Queen's Own Nigeria Regiment.
(K. MOHAMMED)

8
'A' Coy Office
Letmauk - Barracks
Ibadan - Nigeria

Ibadan: 22751 Ext 19

4QONR/A/G/1

5 Jun 63.

Distr Below

Subject:- FLAG MARCH - OP CONCORD

Gen

1. This OP is primarily designed to keep the army in the public eye. It starts on Sat 8 Jun 63 for a duration of a week.

Tps Taking Part

2. The fol will take part, all being under Lt. P.O. Afiegbe, OC march.

(a) 4QONR 'A' Coy
Bn Corps of Drums
Det 4QONR Sigs
Element Offrs Mess
Det. Regtl Police
Det Bn Boxers
Det PT Display Team

(b) Atts Med Det Mil Hosp, Lagos
FRS Base Wkshops
Det 2 Bde Sigs tp

Total all ranks - 3 Offrs and 230 men

Time Table

3.	Sat	8 Jun 63	1100 hrs	Enter OYO	1500 hrs	Demonstration.
	Sun	9 Jun 63	1400 hrs	Enter IFE	1700 hrs	Demonstration.
	Mon	10 Jun 63	1400 hrs	" Okiti Pupa	1630 "	Demonstration.
	Tue	11 Jun 63	1400 hrs	" Ijebu Ode	1630 "	Demonstration.
	Wed	12 Jun 63	1500 hrs	" Idiroko	1630 "	Demonstration.
	Thu	13 Jun 63	1200 hrs	" Meko	1600 "	Demonstration.

Programme

4. The programme for each evening in all the places to be visited will take the form as below:-

(a) March past Parade through the town.

.....(b)..... Guard of Honour to be inspected by the local chief.

Programme contd

(c) Displays:-

- (i) Signal
- (ii) Boxing
- (iii) P T

(d) Beating the Retreat

(e) Games - Football etc if possible.

There are towns like Iwo and Ondo on the way through which the tps will only march past and the programme above does not apply.

Adm

5. Rats - This will be brought Raw to OC Flag March under arrangement by QM Staff. CQMS 'A' Coy to liaise with Sgt Joseph of QM.

6. Tpt - The vehs as already detailed by the MTO will report at 'A' Coy area for loading at 0700 hrs on Fri 7 Jun 63.

7. POL - Sufficient fuel will be taken in jericans and Lcpl Julius N. will ensure that each landrover carries 10 jericans and each 3 ton veh carries also 15 jericans. Drivers will leave Bks with full tanks. Lcpl Julius will also take with him some F 95 and B 922 forms. Fitters should take spare batteries.

8. Dress :-

(a) Offrs - No 1 Dress and accessories
all No 2 dress
2 pairs of the Green Uniform.

(b) NORs - Ceremonial Dress
3 Shorts KD
2 Blouses KD
2 PT Shorts
2 Vests PT
3 Shirts KF
2 pairs boots
2 pairs hoesetop Green
2 pairs puttees
Cleaning and Washing Kit
3 Socks worsted
3 Brushes
Coal iron (if any)
2 Mess tins, Fork, Knife & Spoon.
Mosquito Net
Slouch Hat
Box Kit or Bag
Groundsheet

9. Tentage - QM will make avail 2 blankets and 6 x 10 lbs for collection and loading by Fri 7 Jun 63.

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ORDER of March

10. The convoy leaves bks at 0800 hrs Sat 8 Jun 63 in this order:- OC Flag March, SIC, Vehs carrying 4QONR pers, CSM veh, CQMS, Med Det, Det 2 Bde Sig tp and FRS Base wksp.

Briefing

11. All tps will assy near 'A' Coy Office for briefing on Fri 7 Jun 63 at 1700 hrs.

P. A. Fiegbe
Lieut,
OC Flag March 4th Battalion,
The Queen's Own Nigeria Regt.
(P. O. AFIEGBE).

/SAS/

Distr:- CO, SIC, ADJT,
OsC A B C HQ Adm Coys.
All Depts., Mr Salami.

U.S.

Pp 7-10 referred for inf only pls.

J. O. Nwobi
7/6/63.

S. A. B. (C. D.)

Seen f-y. but this should have been dealt with by R.S.O. Pl. bring papers to his notice.

a.a.o.
7/6/63

R.S.O.

You wd wish to see pp 7-10 f.c. please.

S. AS (C. D.)

Seen T. Y

J. O. Nwobi
7/6/63 8/6/63.

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Programme for the Celebration of the Centenary
of the Establishment of the First Unit of
the 4th Battalion Queen's Own Nigeria
Regiment

Saturday, 1st June: Military Parade and Match Past
at the Mapo Hall grounds

7.45 a.m. Hon. Ministers and other dignitaries
arrive

7.50 a.m. Sir Isaac Akinyele, the Olubadan of
Ibadan, President of the Ibadan City
Council arrives with his chiefs - met
by Officer Commanding 4th Battalion
Queen's Own Nigeria Regiment

8.00 a.m. Parade of the first unit of the 4th
Battalion of the Queen's Own Nigeria
Regiment

8.05-8.20 a.m. His Highness the Olubadan takes the
Salute and inspects the Parade

8.25 a.m. The Olubadan confers 'The Freedom
of the City of Ibadan' on the
4th Battalion

8.30 a.m. Key handed over by the Chairman of
Ibadan City Council to

(a) Hon. George Adesola, Minister
of Information and Local
Affairs and then to

(b) The President of Ibadan City
Council, His Highness the
Olubadan of Ibadan, Sir Isaac
Akinyele and then hands over
key to

(c) Officer Commanding the 4th
Battalion Queen's Own Nigeria
Regiment.

8.35 a.m. Parade marches off.

Military Display at the Race Course,
Ibadan, presided over by Chief the
Hon. S. L. Akintola, Premier of
Western Nigeria.

3.25 p.m. Hon. S. L. Akintola, Premier, Western
Nigeria, arrives and is met by the
Officer Commanding 4th Battalion
Queen's Own Nigeria Regiment.

3.30-5.30 p.m. Military Display

6.45-8.00 p.m. H.E. the Governor gives a Cocktail
Party on the grounds of Government
House.



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE
IBADAN · WESTERN NIGERIA

Your Ref. No.....
All communications should be
addressed to the Senior Assistant
Secretary quoting

Our Ref. No. 1/198.....

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Date 14th Oct., 1965.....

Chief T. O. Ejiwunmi, C.O.N., I.S.O.,
Secretary to the Premier
and Executive Council,
Premier's Office,
Ibadan.

My dear Chief,

Presentation of New Colours

You will remember, Sir, that the Officer Commanding the 4th Battalion of the Nigerian Army wrote to you on the 16th of September, 1965 a letter which you asked him to redirect to this Office. In the letter, the Army requested that Government should kindly meet the expenditure to be incurred then at the functions to be held in connection with the presentation of new army colours. As His Excellency the Governor would be deputising for His Excellency the President at the presentation of the colours and as His Excellency the President would have been Government's guest if he had been present, you advised that if His Excellency the Governor recommends the Army's request, it might be possible for Government to make the grant.

2. In this connection, may I say that I consulted the Secretary to the President to find out what obtains in Lagos when His Excellency the President presents new colours to the Army and I was informed that the cost of any Cocktails et cetera relating to such ceremonies are always met by the Federal Government.

3. The Army have now forwarded a claim for refund of expenses incurred by them. His Excellency therefore wishes me to say that he recommends the settlement of the claim from Government's fund. The Army have been asked to forward the relative bills supporting the claim to you. The claim is attached herewith.

Yours ever,

E. Akin-Williams
E. Akin-Williams,

Secretary to the Governor.

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PARTY EXPENSES - FOOD, DRINKS & CARDS

<u>SER No.</u>	<u>BRAND</u>	<u>QTY</u>	<u>COST</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
1.	Lime Juice	2 Bots @	3/-	£. 6S.=D
2.	Star Beer	100 Bots	22/8½	13 10 10
3.	Heinekens	7 Bots @	3/9½	1 6 6½
4.	Top Large	13 " @	2/8½	1 15 2½
5.	Seven Up	3 @	6d	= 1 6
6.	Schnapps	1 @	45/-	2 5 =
7.	Brandy	13 @	56/6	36 14 6
8.	Whisky	12 @	49/-	29 8 =
9.	Gin	7 @	44/3	15 9 9
10.	Mirinda	120 @	5½	2 15 =
11.	Sherry	4 @		4 12 6
12.	Dubonnet	4 @	21/-	4 4 =
13.	Pimms	1 @	47/3	2 7 3
14.	Rum	1 @	48/6	2 8 6
15.	Stout	26 @	2/-	2 12 =
16.	Soda Water	68 @	4d	1 2 8
17.	Martini	4 @	20/6	4 2 =
18.	Tonic Water	22 @	4½	= 8 3
19.	Ginger Ale	14½ @	4½	2 14 =
20.	Food (Cocktails, various small chops etc.)			25 8 6
21.	Cost of Invitation Cards			25 4 =
22.	Printing of Programmes			21 = =
23.	Official Photographs			12 18 =
TOTAL EXPENDITURE				£212 14 6

S.183/14

15th October, 1965

The Permanent Secretary
for Finance,
The Treasury,
I B A D A N

Presentation of New Colours

12-19
I forward herewith a letter from the Secretary to the Governor in which he is pointing out that the Governor has agreed to reimburse the Army for the expenses incurred by them during the presentation of new colours to the Army on behalf of His Excellency the President. I was approached by the Army that the Government should bear the expenses for the entertainment of the Army on the occasion but I advised that the Governor's Office should be approached and that if the vote of the Governor's Office for hospitality was inadequate to meet the purpose, the Secretary to the Governor should make a case to the Treasury and ask for necessary augmentation of the vote. As it has turned out, the Secretary to the Governor has forwarded the bill presented by the Army for the occasion and requested that the bill be met by the Government.

2. I will be grateful for your advice on how the matter should be settled, if necessary, it could be carried in the Premier's hospitality vote, but you may have a better suggestion than that.

3. Kindly treat as urgent.

W
(T.O. Ejiwunmi)
Secretary to the Premier
and Executive Council

See P. 16
See P. 25
15/10.

6.4. 25/10/65

15
H.E.O. (Mrs).

Could you find out for me from the Treasury
what action is being taken on my letter
overleaf.

W

T.O.B.

29/10.

S.P.E.C.

Mr. Akinyele, Ag. S.A.S. (Supply) of the
Treasury said that a reply to the
letter should be expected during
the coming week please.

I will recheck again on
Wednesday - 3/11/65, Sir.

W

29/10/65.

~~PRO H/A~~

Please recheck & report in due course.

W

1/11/65.

S.P.E.C.

Reply to p. 14 is at
p. 16 please. W 15/11/65



THE TREASURY
FINANCE DEPARTMENT

.....SUPPLY.....DIVISION
IBADAN · WESTERN NIGERIA

Your Ref. No. S.183/14
All communications on this matter
should be addressed to the Permanent
Secretary quoting

Our Ref. No. T.FD3/65/7.....

CONFIDENTIAL

Date. 15th November, 1965.

Secretary to the Premier
and Executive Council,
Premier's Office,
Ibadan.

Presentation of New Colours

I am directed to refer to your above-quoted letter of 15th October, 1965 and to say that the expenses incurred in connection with the Presentation of new colours to the Army should be a proper charge to a Federal vote. Apart from the obvious fact that the Army is a Federal subject, His Excellency, the Governor only presented the Colours on behalf of His Excellency, the President. There is also the additional danger of creating a precedent by accepting the bill on this occasion.

2. It is my view that neither the hospitality allocation made to your office nor the Governor's Entertainment allowance will be adequate enough to accommodate this bill without augmentation and the political undertone involved in accepting the bill under the Premier's personal hospitality allowance may not be as salutary as one may immediately conjecture.

M. Aliyale
for Permanent Secretary, Finance.



CONFIDENTIAL

Submitted
15/11
MD

See P. 20

8788

Overleaf. SPEC has further
discussed with me. We accept the
liability under our general
liability note.

22/11

SPEC

File is hereby returned pl. A further letter confirming above has already issued.

F. A. Zingales
for P.S.F.
23/11/65

Copy

18th November, 65

The Permanent Secretary
and Controller of Medical Services,
Ministry of Health,
(Establishments Division),
Western Nigeria,
I b a d a n.

Doctors H.E.C. Adefope and E.W.O. Thomas, Medical
Officers: Secondment Charges

I am directed to refer to your letter No. PP.753/425 of 11th November, 1965, and to say that we have given further thought to the issue raised, and do not consider that it is a proper subject to be dealt with by the Federal Ministry of Establishments, this being a military matter.

2. As you are aware, the Armed Forces are a national service, and the policy of the Federal Government is that all regions should be adequately represented in the selection of Armed Forces personnel. In this connection, it might be of interest to you to know that sometime ago, this Ministry drew the attention of the Premier's Office, Ibadan to the fact that not enough persons of Western Nigeria origin were turning up for enlistment into the other ranks of the Nigerian Army to fill the Western Region's quota in the Nigerian Army. As a result, a propaganda campaign was launched by the Premier's Office to step up enlistment of persons of Western Nigeria origin into the Nigerian Army.

3. The point which is being made above is that it would appear to be in the interest of every Region to ensure that it is adequately represented in the Armed Forces. In the light of this, it looks hardly proper that the Nigerian Army should be called upon to pay secondment charges for fulfilling a national policy. It is appreciated that these secondment charges might be appropriate to civilian secondments but not to the military ones as Armed Forces are not part of the Public Service and therefore not governed by Federal or Regional General Orders.

4. For reasons which have been given above, it would be appreciated if the secondment charges might be waived as a matter of principle. If we are to be saddled with ~~such~~ heavy charges the Ministry may find it difficult in the future to approve the secondment of personnel from the Western Nigeria Public Service to the Nigerian Armed Forces, with the possible consequence of a regional balance in the officer structure of the Nigerian Army not favourable to Western Nigeria. Finally, in reconsidering this matter, you may wish to note that the other Regions of the Federal Republic have not, in similar circumstances, sought to impose secondment charges on the Armed Forces.

(S. Kolo)
Permanent Secretary,
Ministry of Defence.

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No. Lc/5/IV/239A
Ministry of Defence,
Lagos.

18th November, 1965

Copy to:-

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

For information.



Submitted
22/11
PD

P.S. (K+O)

You may wish to look into the above matter, please

W2
25/11

S. Kolo
(S. Kolo)
Permanent Secretary,
Ministry of Defence.



THE TREASURY
FINANCE DEPARTMENT
IBADAN - WESTERN NIGERIA

23 NOV 1965

Your Ref. No. S.183/14

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

Our Ref. No. T.FD3/65/8

Date 23 November, '65

Secretary to the Premier
and Executive Council,
Premier's Office,
Ibadan.

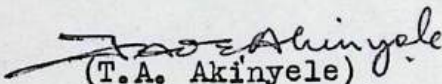
Presentation of New Colours

P. 16

I am directed to refer to my letter No. T.FD3/65/7 of 15th November, 1965 and to the subsequent discussion (Chief Ejiwunmi/Mr. Adebayo) on the matter and to confirm that this Ministry will accept liability for the expenses incurred in connection with the presentation of new colours to the army under Head 323, Sub-head 11 - Government Hospitality.

2. It will be appreciated if you will kindly request the Secretary to the Governor to forward all vouchers and supporting bills to this office for settlement.

See p. 25


(T.A. Akinyele)
for Permanent Secretary, Finance.

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S.183/21.

26th November, 1965.

The Officer Commanding 4th Battalion,
Queen's Own Nigeria Regiment,
Army Barracks,
IBADAN.

Sir,

Presentation of New Colours

Western Nigeria Government has now agreed to accept the bill for the Cocktails and other entertainments laid on in connection with the above ceremony. I am to ask you to forward to me the relevant bills supporting the claim which you sent to His Excellency the Governor's Office and which has now been redirected to my office and necessary arrangement will be made for the bills to be settled.

2. I am forwarding a copy of this letter to the Secretary to the Governor for his information, with reference to his letter No. 1/198 of the 14th October, 1965.

Yours faithfully,

See Pp. 22 & 23

(T.O. Ejiwunmi)
Secretary to the Premier
and Executive Council

27/11

No. S.183/21.
Ibadan, 26th November, 1965.

Copy to:-

The Secretary to the Governor,
Governor's Office,
IBADAN.

For information.

HEO. (Hes) from p.20
Pse K.i.U. & scrutinize bill
on arrival & settle as appropriate.

T.O.E. 26/11/65.

(T.O. Ejiwunmi)
Secretary to the Premier
and Executive Council

Con. Sec. B.U. on 12/12/65
27/11/65

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Letmauk - Barracks,
Ibadan - Nigeria.

Tele No:- Ibadan 22751/7

Ref No:- 4BNA/53/A

2 December 1965.

The Secretary to the Premier,
Premier's Office,
Ibadan.

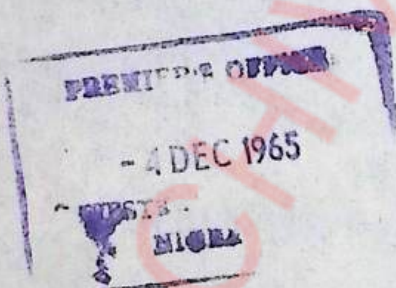
Sir,

Presentation of New Colours

P.21 I am to refer to your letter No S. 183/21 of 26th November, 1965, and to inform you that I note with pleasure the Western Nigeria Government acceptance of the bill incurred following the Cocktails and other entertainments laid on in connection with the above ceremony. I am, however, to state that it is not possible to forward relevant bills supporting the claim which, again, is attached here, as the bulk of the drinks and other entertainments expended at the Party were obtained from the existing stock held in the Officers' Mess. The vouchers for this stock, you will agree, cannot be presented to you for the support of the claim attached here, since only a small quantity of it was laid on for the Party.

In the light of the foregoing, it is deemed expedient in order to obviate difficulties that you authorise the waving of bills on this issue but where you insist, it is suggested that a certificate certifying that our claim is correct be submitted by me in lieu of bills.

It is hoped you will appreciate our difficulties and will act as suggested above.



Yours Faithfully,

Atanadi
Lt-Col,
Commanding Officer 4th Battalion,
Nigerian Army,
(A. LARGEMA) .

Copy to: The Secretary to the Governor.

Heo (Aks)

Your advice will be appreciated, pso.

*WY
0/10*

SER No	BRAND	QTY		COST	TOTAL		
					£	S	D
1.	Lime Juice	2 Bots	@	3/-		6	=
2.	Star Beer	100 "	@	2/8½	13	10	10
3.	Heinekens	7 "	@	3/9½	1	6	6½
4.	Top Large	13 "	@	2/8½	1	15	2½
5.	Seven Up	3	@	6d	=	1	6
6.	Schnapps	1	@	45/-	2	5	=
7.	Brandy	13	@	56/6	36:	14:	6
8.	Whisky	12	@	49/-	29:	8:	=
9.	Gin	7	@	44/3	15:	9:	9
10.	Mirinda	120	@	5½	2	15:	=
11.	Sherry	4	@		4:	12:	6
12.	Dubonnet	4	@	21/-	4:	4:	=
13.	Pimms	1	@	47/3	2:	7:	3
14.	Rum	1	@	48/6	2:	8:	6
15.	Stout	26	@	2/-	2:	12:	=
16.	Soda Water	68	@	4d	1:	2:	8
17.	Martini	4	@	20/6	4:	2:	=
18.	Tonic Water	22	@	4½d	=	8:	3
19.	Ginger Ale	144	@	4½d	2:	14:	=
20.	Food (Cocktails, various small chops etc)				25:	8:	6
21.	Cost of Invitation Cards				25:	4:	=
22.	Printing of Programmes				21:	=:	=
23.	Official Photographs				12:	18:	=
TOTAL EXPENDITURE					<u>£212: 14: 6d</u>		

SPEC,

Page 22 refers.

In the circumstances expressed in para.1 thereof there would appear to be no alternative than to accept an "Honour Certificate" issued by the Commanding Officer as suggested; but this will require the concurrence of the Permanent Secretary for Finance from whose vote the amount is to be paid.

2. I am of the opinion that while a Certificate may be substituted for bills in respect of items of drinks, we can ask for the actual bills in respect of items 21 to 23 which would appear not to have been taken out of existing stock. This office will put up a Payment Voucher duly supported with appropriate certificate for the signature of the Commanding Officer.

3. You may wish to forward your recommendation to the Treasury on these lines if you approve of them, please.

Sole B. Jamuyisan
E. O. (Accts.)
18/12/65

US

Kindly see the above matter through, from now on.

for
18/12/65

S.183/25

20th December, 1965.

The Permanent Secretary for Finance,
The Treasury,
Ibadan.

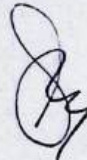
Presentation of New Colours

I am directed to refer to your letter No. T.FD3/65/8 of 23rd November, 1965, and to inform you that the Commanding Officer of the 4th Battalion of the Nigerian Army has written to say that he is unable to forward relevant bills supporting the claims for the drinks and other items consumed at the party as these were taken from the existing stock held in the Officers' Mess.

2. It is felt that all that can be done in the circumstances is to prepare a payment voucher with an Honour Certificate, duly signed by the Commanding Officer certifying that all the items contained in the claim sheet forwarded with my letter No. S.183/14 dated 15th October, 1965, were actually consumed at the party.

3. It will be appreciated if you would let me know if you agree with the above arrangement.

Disp.
GSA.



(S. A. Thomas)
for Secretary to the Premier
and Executive Council.

BV 12/11/65

20/12/65

Re P. 26



**THE TREASURY
FINANCE DEPARTMENT
IBADAN · WESTERN NIGERIA**

Your Ref. No. S. 183/25

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

Our Ref. No. FD3/65/527

Date 22 December, 1965

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

Presentation of New Colours

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I am directed to refer to your above-
quoted letter of 20th December, 1965 and to
say that the Treasury has no objection to
your proposal contained in paragraph 2 of
your letter under reference.

O. A. Egbeyemi
O. A. Egbeyemi

for Permanent Secretary,
Ministry of Finance.

**PREMIER'S OFFICE
RECEIVED**

23 DEC 1965

**WESTERN REGION
NIGERIA**

Submitted
28/12/65

HEO (Mcs)

[Signature]

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F. J. A. reg. your minute at

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Mr. ~~Ortelami~~ ^{Ortelami}

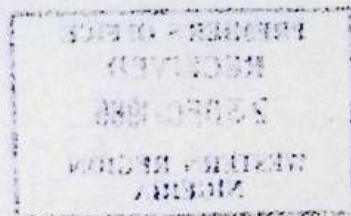
Pl. p.u. a V.r. to the
claim at p 23. For further
information see p.p. 22-26.

~~Ortelami~~
23/12/65.

H.E.O. A/US,

Ref. your min. above, action has been
taken on the bill as per draft at cover pl.

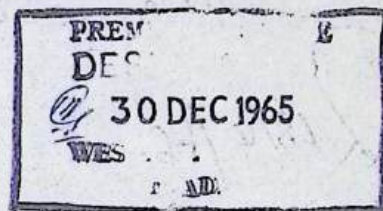
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S.183/28

30th December, 1965

The Commanding Officer 4th Battalion,
Queen's Own Nigeria Regiment,
Army Barracks,
Ibadan.



Sir,

Presentation of New Colours.

I am directed to refer to your letter No.4BNA/53/A of 2nd December, 1965, and to request you to sign the certificate at the back of the attached Payment Voucher Departmental No.PWR.1793/65-66 of 24th December, 1965 for £212: 14: 6d and return same to this office for further action please.

I am,

Yours faithfully,

[Signature]
for Secretary to the Premier
and Executive Council.

Secretary

B.C. on 12/1/66

[Signature] 30/12/65

[Signature] 17/1/66

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HEO. (a/c),

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2. May I put away this file
meanwhile please.

18/4/66.

W. A. ADESINA

C.R.

E.O. (Confidential Registry)

The payment Voucher had been
returned by the Military Officer in
Charge and a payment had already
been made.

2. Please put away file.

18/4/66.

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Ministry of Defence
Lagos

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FLAG MARCHES

1. From now on the Army will be conducting flag marches more frequently on the same lines as OP Vigilant 1.
2. It will be highly appreciated, therefore, if provincial establishments in the areas of operations are made aware of this intention .
3. No radio or newspaper announcement will be made.

[Signature]
Lieutenant Colonel,
General Staff.

Distribution:-

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OP VIGILANT II

Map: Nigeria 5th Edition Scale 1: 1,000,000.

1. Sit Reports still unconfirmed after Op Vigilant 1 have reached the Army Headquarters about the existence of subversive elements in the country. The reports said that in certain areas there is evidence of their activity, although, they have obviously taken enormous pains to cover their trail. The Army must, therefore, remain on the alert, to assist Civil Authority maintain law and order, raise local morale where it is on the decline or lacking, instill confidence in the people that the Army is capable of handling the current situation, discourage subversive elements who may still be in hiding, and generally ensure National Stability.
2. Mission The Nigerian Army will conduct flag marches throughout the Republic, locate and capture any arms, warfare camp and Subversive elements.
3. Execution
 - a. General Outline
 - (1) The Nigerian Army will conduct flag marches throughout the Republic on orders. Units concerned will therefore make definite preparations.
 - (2) Troops will make personal contact with the local people and officials including expatriates.
 - (3) Any information on Subversion or Subversive elements will be sifted, analysed, and acted upon logically.
 - (4) Troops will show good public relations in order to enhance the prestige of the Army in the eyes of the local population.
 - (5) Troops will be prepared to operate, dismounted as it is unlikely that all the roads will offer facilities for motor transport.
 - (6) Troops will impress upon the local authority the necessity for their presence in the area without jeopardising the Security of the whole Operations.
 - (7) Troops will maintain maximum liaison with the Police in their area of operation.
 - (8) Troops may put on PT display, drill shows etc.

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b. (1) 1 Bde

The fol troops will be involved in the operations in 1 Bde area.

(a) 1 Recce Sqn NARC

Two ptls (aslt) to flag march to JOS, BAUCHI, GOMBE, NUMAN, YOLA, MUBI, MADAGALI, BAMA, MAIDUGURI, DAMATURU, BIU, JIMETA, GOMBE, JOS, KAFANCHAN, KWOI, KACHIA and back to KADUNA.

(b) 3 Bn NA

One Coy 3 Bn NA and a Sec sappers to flag march to MOKWA, BIDA, PATEGI, BARO, ABUJA, KOTON-KARFI, NASSARAWA, KEFFI, GOMBE, AKWANGA, JOS, PAMBEGUA and back to KADUNA.

(c) 5 Bn NA

One Coy 5 Bn NA to flag march to GUMEL, HADEJIA, NGURU, GASHAU, DAMATURU, POTISKUM and back to KANO.

(d) 1 Fd Bty NAA

Two Platoon strength to flag march to ZARIA, GUSAU, SOKOTO, JEGA, YELWA, KONTAGORA, TEGINA, MINNA and back to KADUNA.

(e) 1 Fd Sqn

1 Fd Sqn to provide one sec sappers to support Coy 3 Bn NA.

(2) 2 Bde

The fol troops will be involved in the operations in 2 Bde Area:-

(a) 2 Recce Sqn NARC

Two ptls (aslt) and one sec sappers to flag march to KABBA, OKENE, LOKOJA, AYANGBA, IDAH, NSUKKA, UDI, ONITSHA, ASABA, AGBOR, UBIAJA, BENIN and back to ABEOKUTA.

(b) 1 Bn NA (now based at Ibadan)

One Coy to flag march to IFE, OSHOGBO, AJASA, ILORIN, IGBETITI, IGBOHIO, ISEYIN, OYO and back to IBADAN.

(c) 4 Bn NA (now based at Enugu)

One Coy to flag march to ABAKALIKI, and OGOJA provinces up to IKOM and back to ENUGU via NKALAGU, EHA-AMUFU, OBOLO and UDI.

(d) 4 Bn NA (now based at Enugu)

One Coy to flag march to UDI, AWKA, PORTHARCOURT, IKOT EKPENE, UYO, ORON and back to ENUGU via AROCHUKWU, UMUAHIA, AFIKPO and AGWU.

(e) 2 Bn NA

One Coy to flag march to IKORODU, IJEBU-ODE, ABEOKUTA, ILARO, IDIROKO, BADAGRY and back to IKEJA via OTTA and AGEGE.

(f) 2 Fd Bty NAA

One pl str to flag march to IJEBU-ODE, ORE, ONDO, ADO-EKITI, ILESHA, IFE, IBADAN and back to ABEOKUTA.

(g) 2 Fd Sqn NAE KADUNA

2 Fd Sqn NAE to provide one sec sappers to

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support 2 Recce Sqn ptls.

c. Coord Instrs

- (1) D day will be released in due course
- (2) No move before 31 Aug 66.
- (3) All troops to return to base on D+30.
- (4) All troops are to be informed of moves of other troops within Bde area.
- (5) Bdes will co-ordinate available tpt resources to assist units without organic unit tpt.
- (6) No radio or newspaper announcement will be made.

4. Admin and Log

- a. Stores - Normal Stores organic to units will be carried.
- b. Arms - Arms organic to unit or personal wpns as applicable will be carried.
- c. Ammo - First Line ammo will be carried and held centrally under strict control. Ammo will be issued on instr of Coy/Pl comds.
- d. Med - Normal complement of med sp will be allotted to units.
- e. Tpt - March will be conducted in unit tpt. AHQ ¹/_Q and BOD to arrange for a loan of 8 x 3 ton veh and 4 x $\frac{3}{4}$ ton LR to 1 and 2 Bdes. Tpt will be returned to Veh Park at the end of the operation.

5. Comd and Sigs

- a. Units will carry radio eqpt organic to estb and will maint normal comms with parent unit.
- b. Bdes will fwd sitreps covering unit activities in their area to AHQ, once daily.
- c. Troops may use police radio installations where necessary
- d. Tps will spend a min of 2 days at each loc.

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[Signature]

Lieutenant Colonel,
General Staff.

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CHIEF JUSTICE'S CHAMBERS
HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE,
WESTERN REGION,
IBADAN, NIGERIA.

26th August, 1966.

The Secretary to the Military Government,
Western Group of Provinces of Nigeria,
Ibadan.



With reference to our telephone conversation of yesterday about the disturbance at the Magistrate's Court, Ajegunle, I forward herewith -

- (1) A Report of the incident by the Magistrate concerned, Mr. M. A. Oyenubi, Senior Magistrate.
- (2) A Report of the incident by Mr. J. O. Ola, Clerical Officer attached to the Magistrate's Court, Ajegunle.
- (3) A Report of the incident by Mr. A. O. Olowu, Divisional Police Officer, Ikeja.

2. I shall be grateful if you will please lay before His Excellency these reports for His Excellency's information and any action you may wish to take in the matter.

John A. Kester
(JOHN A. KESTER)
ACTING CHIEF JUSTICE

CHIEF MAGISTRATE'S COURT
IKEJA, WESTERN NIGERIA

OUR REF. NO. MIK/0311/36.

24th August, 1966.

The Chief Registrar,
High Court of Justice,
Ibadan.

Report of Disorder at Magistrate
Court, Ajegunle on 24th August, 1966

When I sat in my Court at Ajegunle this morning, Mr. Adefala, Counsel for the accused, mentioned case No. MIK/1974c/66 and I asked the Prosecutor if his witnesses were ready. He said yes, and I stood the case down to run through the list just to see if any of the custody cases was ready. At the end, I found that three custody cases were ready and so I informed the counsel that his case could not go on as the Custody cases would take priority since his client is on bail. He agreed and suggested 23rd September, 1966, and so I adjourned the case to that date. This was about 10.30 a.m.

Immediately I announced the date one army man, a private, entered the Court and said he was a witness for the Prosecution in the case. I then explained to him that the case would not go on and told him the date of adjournment. He then started to shout to the top of his voice, "what kind of Court is this? You must finish this case today or else I will finish it myself today; and I will finish you also," pointing his finger at me as he spoke. At this stage I told him to leave my Court but he defied my order and started to shout threatening words to the fear of all those in the Court. When I found that he would neither keep quiet nor go out of the Court I ordered the Police to lock him up in the Court cell. He resisted the arrest, attacked the Policemen, and wounded some of them with his baton and the buckle of his belt. He was eventually overpowered and locked up. As he was going into the cell he said in his language, Tiv, that he had sent someone to bring more soldiers from the barracks to destroy the Court. The accused in that case a Tiv woman, then translated the words to her Counsel and warned him to leave the Court premises at once. As the counsel was about to drive away I hailed at him and entreated him to drive me to Ikeja as I had earlier sent my driver home in my own car. I left my Court Clerk in the Court with the Policemen.

Not very long after my arrival at Ikeja my Court Clerk joined me and said a group of soldiers had attacked - Grade 'B' Customary Court and dispersed all those present with bomb. In fact the soldiers had mistaken the Court for my Court, and when they realised their error they switched over to my Court. My Court Clerk ran to safety through the back street and so was unable to say what has actually happened to the Court after his departure.

My Court is situated in a remote area and has no telephone installation.

(Sgd.) M. A. OYENUBI
SENIOR MAGISTRATE

REPORT OF DISORDER AT MAGISTRATE COURT,
AJEGUNLE ON 24TH AUGUST, 1966

After the departure of His Worship, Mr. M. A. Oyenubi, Senior Magistrate, a Policeman, Court Orderly, went to the cell to collect one accused person who wanted to pay his fine. Immediately the Policeman opened the door, the soldier who was inside the cell pushed the door off the constable's hand and let all the accused persons off the cell.

The Soldier later paraded the court premises with atrocious countenance. He told me to go away or if I wanted to end my life I may stay. I took to my heels. On getting to Police Station at Ajegunle I awaited for the Court's messenger as well as His Worship, not to move near the Court in order to relate the whole matter to them. After some minutes the army men arrived in their van armed with guns and made way for customary court, Ajegunle. Immediately they alighted from their van the people around got frightened and to run helter skelter.

(Sgd.) J. O. OLA
CLERICAL OFFICER
ATTACHED TO MAGISTRATE'S COURT,
AJEGUNLE.

DISTURBANCE AT AJEGUNLE ON 24/8/66
POLICE REPORT

There has been a criminal case Charge No. MIK/1974c/66 pending in the Magistrate Court Ajegunle since 12/5/66. It is a case of Assault, 292 Law of Western Region, 1959, in which a Military Lance Corporal No. 501765 Iyorva Udo is the complainant and a woman Mannage-Tenti is the accused. This case has had to be adjourned twice Viz. 21/7/66 and 24/8/66 having been registered in the court since on 12/5/66 with Magistrate Adegoroye who was sitting at Ajegunle once weekly, on Fridays. The case was however transferred among other cases to a permanent resident Magistrate in Ajegunle Mr. M.A. Oyenubi.

2. When the case was called in court this morning, the Magistrate further adjourned it till 23/9/66 as there were many custody cases on the court list and all of them could not possibly be dealt with. L/Cpl. Iyorva Udo was not happy at this adjournment. He told the Magistrate in a rather rude temper pointing his finger at the Magistrate that he was fed up with series of adjournments and that the Magistrate had better heard the case or cancel it once and for all. The Magistrate tried to make L/Cpl. Iyorva Udo realise that his demeanour could be regarded as contemptuous of the court, but L/Cpl. Udo would not cease his tirade of objections and jesticulations. The Magistrate ordered Nigeria Police Cpl. No. 2526 George Oyebadejo, the prosecutor to arrest him and lock him up in the court cell.

3. L/Cpl. Iyorva Udo resisted the arrest of the Cpl. George Oyebadejo because, according to him, he could not have himself being locked up in civil cell in his Army Uniform. There was a fight on the lawn by the Magistrate court between both the prosecutor Cpl. George Oyebadejo and the Army L/Cpl. 501765 Iyorva Udo. Both NCOs used their belts freely on each other and they both received open wounds. L/Cpl. Iyorva Udo has a swollen fore-head being more pronounced on the left, a small cut on his left cheek co-inciding with a tribal mark and a rather big wound on the left side of the skull. He bled profusely as could be seen from his uniform. The injuries sustained by Cpl. George Oyebadejo cannot be assessed yet as the Cpl. George is in hiding in an unknown place following incidents sequel to the court tragedy. L/Cpl. Iyorva Udo was eventually subdued by other policemen on duty at the court premises and he was locked up in the court cell together with

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twenty-nine prisoners, some of whom were already convicted. Following the threat of this Military NCO as he was being led into the cell that a Military re-inforcement would be arriving to his aid, the Magistrate, the lawyers, the policemen and the public all deserted the court premises leaving Pc. 20668 Clement Uguomore, the court Orderly and court Registrar behind. PC. Clement Uguomore opened the court cell to let out convicted prisoners whose relatives were about to pay the court fine imposed on them. Just then, Iyorva Udo held on the cell door and pulled it open from the grip of Pc. Uguomore who took to his heels and ran into the bush. All the twenty-nine prisoners in the cell including the Military L/Cpl. simply walked out of the cell.

4. Iyorva Udo, at this time very much enraged went into the court premises but felt disappointed that it was virtually deserted. He took with him the police baton and the peak-cap of PC. Clement Uguomore which were left behind, and he sat by the court premises bleeding painfully over the incidents.

5. A team of about ten soldiers led by Sgt. Martel soon drove in up in an Army lorry at the Customary Courts premises Ajegunle from the Army Barracks Apapa, armed with sub-machine guns. They scared every body away including the president of Grade 'B' Customary Court, Mr. K. Viebinen, the President of Grade 'C1' Customary Court and Mr. C. B. Ejuone, President of Grade 'C2' Customary Court. When they realised that they were in the wrong court premises, they soon moved to the Magistrate Court near by and found it completely deserted except L/Cpl. Iyorva Udo whom they took away with them in their lorry. They headed for the Nigeria Police Station/Barracks at Ajegunle, quickly alighted from the lorry, loaded their guns and took positions around the barracks. They were soon joined by an addition of some six more soldiers in a Military Land Rover and they all proceeded to search the Police Station and Barracks, breaking through a few doors and windows in their search for Magistrate Oyenubi. Cpl. G. Oyebadejo and any other constables who were on court duties this morning. L/Cpl. Iyorva Udo was with the team at the barracks during this search. Two police constables, Pcs. 20655 Penda Okonodo and Pc. 2218 Joseph Onaga were caught by the soldiers, severely beaten up and taken into their lorry amidst the cheers and jubilations of the public who have gathered around in large number jeering at the Police. Some three Military officers later drove up in private cars, acknowledged the salutes of the soldiers but neither took part in the operation nor attempted to stop it. One of them however, at the close of the search in the barracks

asked Sgt. No. 6022 David Okoli, the NCO in charge morning duty at the Police Station to inform his officers to bring forward Cpl. G. Oyebadejo and all other constables who took part in the Magistrate court episode to the Military Police post at Apapa today as the Military might invade the Barracks by night or tomorrow morning. He however, asked that Pcs. 20655 Penda Okonedo and Pc. 2218 Joseph Onaga be released from the Army lorry since they were not identified as having been present at the Magistrate's court in the morning.

6. When interviewed by 1845 hrs. today by the Provincial Police officer Ikeja Province Mr. K. O. Tinubu Ag. CSP and Mr. O. A. Olowu (DSP) at Ajegunle L/Cpl. 301765 Iyorva Udo of the Nigeria Army still felt terribly embittered about the incident. He talked little and would not make any statement till he sees the Supreme Commander tomorrow morning. He claimed that it was Cpl. G. Oyebadejo who slapped him first before he counter attacked him with his belt. He also claimed that the defence counsel for the accused woman in his case whom he described as bespectacled and robust was the one who hit him on the head with a police baton and caused him wound. He also said that it was another counsel with a moustache who held his both hands at the back when he was being led into the cell. He swore that these counsels, the Magistrate, Cpl. G. Oyebadejo whom he knows very well and any of the constables who were present in court this morning would definitely die if he saw any of them again. When the PPO. Mr. K. O. Tinubu tried to appeal to him to leave the matter in the hands of the Supreme Commander and the Police Authority, he reluctantly said that only if those concerned are locked up in the Military Police cell and he sees them there would he be prepared to consider anything short of killing them. He regretted he never had a knife with him in the court this morning, and that he had not recovered completely from the fracture of his right hand since 29/4/66 - the subject matter of the court case whose adjournment sparked off the incident - otherwise twenty men would not have succeeded in taking him in the cell alive.

7. It is so apparent that L/Cpl. Iyorva Udo is familiar with the Ajegunle Police and he moves freely with the Police in the barracks. He has reported a few cases of Indian Hemp and other offences to the Police previously. In spite of today's encounter, he still thinks kindly of some of his personal friends in the Nigeria Police at Ajegunle. I am personally of the opinion that Army L/Cpl. Iyorva Udo believe that it was wrong for him being a soldier to be locked up in

the court cell in uniform and he possibly could not have realised that a high standard of behaviour was expected of him in a civilian court. He probably got infatuated with the present administrative set up of the country.

8. I have not seen Cpl. G. Oyebadejo to obtain his own version of the incidents though, having seen the injuries sustained by Cpl. Iyorva Udo I am convinced that if only the barest minimum force to effect his arrest and detention were used, he would not have had to sustain so much injuries before an NCO and as many as eight constables could succeed.

9. I do not agree with the claim that L/Cpl. Udo forced all the other detainees out of the court cell as alleged by some policemen who were in fact not around to have seen this happen. Udo forced his way out of the cell all right and the other detainees simply walked out of the cell when there wasn't any policeman to hold them back; they all having fled away along before the Military re-inforcement arrived at the scene.

10. I will suggest as an interim measure that all the Nigeria Police NCOs and constables directly involved in this encounter be transferred away from Ajegunle as a matter of urgency pending a final settlement of the issue by both the Police and the Military Authorities.

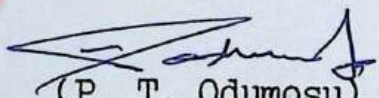
11. Both the Magistrate and the Customary Courts in Ajegunle have closed down abruptly following this incident and it will be necessary to re-assure the Presidents of the customary courts of safety before they sit again and as for Magistrate Oyenubi, I think it will be advisable to arrange a relief for him.

(SGD.) O. A. OLOWU (DSP)
DIVISIONAL POLICE OFFICER
IKEJA
24/8/66

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Y.E.,

will recall that I made a verbal report to Y.E. two days ago on a complaint made to me by telephone by the Ag. Chief Justice on some disturbances which certain soldiers were reported to have caused at Ajegunle near Apapa. Pp.25 - 30 contain the reports made by the Magistrate, his Clerk and the senior Police Officer concerned with this case.

2. The soldier who was the central figure in the matter is L/Cpl. No. 501765 Iyorva Udo as revealed in the report of the Divisional Police Officer, Ikeja at pp.27 - 30. Y.E. may wish to take particular note of para.5 of the Divisional Police Officer Ikeja's report, relating to the attack made by a team of soldiers from the Army Barracks, Apapa on the Courts at Ajegunle. 'X' in para.5 of that report relating to the attitude of some three Military Officers is a little disturbing. Y.E. will, no doubt, wish to have this matter taken up at the appropriate level with a view to necessary disciplinary action being taken against all the Army personnel concerned. In this connection, Y.E. will wish to take particular note of paras. 10 and 11 of the Divisional Police Officer's report.


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

27/8/1966.

~~Smg~~ Smg

The entire report must
go to Log for a
definitive action by the
Supreme HQ and the
IGP. 27/8/66

SP/S.219/32

29 August, 1966.

Secretary to the National
Military Government,
Cabinet Office,
Lagos.

Disturbances caused by Military Personnel

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I am directed by His Excellency the Military Governor, Western Group of Provinces to forward the following reports received from the Acting Chief Justice, Western Group of Provinces in connection with some disturbances caused by Military personnel at the Magistrate Court, Ajegunle on the 24th August, 1966:-

- (1) Report by Mr. M. A. Oyenubi, Senior Magistrate in charge of Magistrate Court, Ajegunle;
- (2) Report by Mr. J. O. Ola, Clerical Officer attached to Magistrate Court; and
- (3) Report by Mr. A. O. Oluwu, Divisional Police Officer, Ikeja.

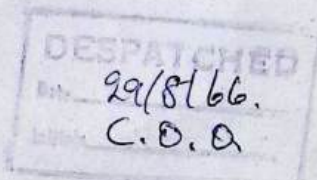
2. His Excellency considers the situation disclosed in these reports on the action of certain Military personnel (particularly the attitude of Army Commissioned Officers reported in paragraph 5 of the report of the Divisional Police Officer) as giving cause for concern. He has therefore asked that the papers be laid before His Excellency the Head of the National Military Government and Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces with a view to appropriate action being taken against those concerned.

Despatched

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29/8/66

[Signature]

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



SPS/219/33

29 August, 1966.

The Acting Chief Justice,
Western Group of Provinces,
Ibadan.

Disturbances caused by Military Personnel

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I am directed by His Excellency the Military Governor to refer to your letter No. CRC.197 of 26th August, 1966, and to express His Excellency's regret at the situation revealed in the reports attached to your letter. His Excellency has directed that necessary action be taken to bring the situation to the notice of the Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces with a view to necessary disciplinary action being taken against those concerned.


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

P. A.

P. 34

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TELEPHONE NOS. 21425 AND 24416/45

HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE



CHIEF REGISTRAR
IBADAN · WESTERN NIGERIA

Your Ref. No. SPS/219/33
Further communications on this
subject should be addressed to the
Chief Registrar quoting

Our Ref. No. CRC.197/515A.



Date 6th September, 1966.

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

Disturbances caused by Military
Personnel

In a letter from the Commissioner of Police,
Western Region, on the above-mentioned subject-
matter addressed to the Inspector-General of Police
and endorsed to me, it was advised that the Magistrate
concerned "be transferred from that area for some
time".

2. The Honourable the Acting Chief Justice is
not opposed to this suggestion, but His Lordship would
like to be informed if in view of the action referred
to in your letter No. SPS/219/33 of 29/8/66, it is now
safe to post any Magistrate to Apapa Ajegunle.

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see B. 36

CHIEF REGISTRAR.

J. Odumade

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Y. E.

discussed X in para. 2 of
the letter overleaf with the
Supreme commander this
morning. I shall be glad if
Y. E. will indicate the nature
of the Supreme commander's
answer to the question.

~~Edmund~~ for
SMG 7/9/66

SMG

The mission has gone down now and
new troops are not in the area. It is
therefore wise to send another magistrate
to the area.

~~Asst. Colonel~~
8/9/66

W.S. pls. reply to p. 34 accord-
-ingly. ~~Ad~~ 8/9

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8 September, 1966.

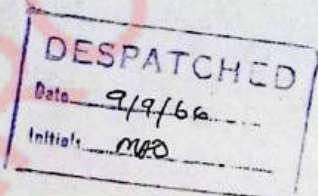
The Chief Registrar,
High Court of Justice,
Ibadan.

Disturbances Caused by Military
Personnel

I am directed to refer to your letter No. CRC.197/515 and to inform you that tension has now gone down in Ajegunle area. It has been confirmed that there are no more troops in that area and it is advised that another Magistrate may now be safely sent to the Court there to carry out his normal duties.

2. I am to assure you that the Magistrate and other court officials in Ajegunle are from now on safe from any molestation by Army personnel.

[Signature]
(J. M. Akinola)
for Secretary to the Military
Government



S E C R E T

[Signature]
2/9/66

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AR.1450/W/T x FOLLOWING DATED 20.9.66 FROM
 POLICE SHAGAMU x QUOTE x AR.1450/WGB/VOL.2/17 x
 ON 20.9.66 AT ABOUT 0300 HOURS TWO ARMED
 MEN IN ARMY UNIFORM AND THREE MEN IN CIVILIAN
 DRESS WENT TO THE HOUSE OF FRANCIS EZEANATA
 MANAGER AND PROPRIETOR OF STARLIGHT HOTEL AT
 SABO OFFIN SHAGAMU x THEY TOLD EZEANATA THAT
 THEY WERE LOOKING FOR REVOLVERS x AFTER
 SEARCHING THE HOUSE NO REVOLVER WAS RECOVERED x
 AT GUN POINT THEY REMOVED £44 CASH AND FOUR
 PACKETS OF BENSON AND HEDGES CIGARETTES VALUED
 AT ABOUT £1 x IN THE SAME HOUSE DAVID ELE-
 WEKE WAS HELD AT GUN POINT AND THE SUM OF
 £19:19:9D WAS TAKEN FROM HIM x THEY ALSO
 WENT TO THE HOUSE OF JACOB SOLAJA AT SABO
 AND ORDERED HIM TO OPEN HIS ROOM FOR SEARCHING x
 WHEN HE REFUSED HE WAS MERCILESSLY LASHED
 WITH HORSE WHIP x NOTHING WAS REMOVED FROM
 HIS HOUSE x THUG DRAGGED HIM OUT OF THE
 HOUSE UNDER PRETEXT THEY WERE TAKING HIM AWAY x
 HE WAS LATER LEFT AFTER A CONSIDERABLE DISTANCE
 FROM HIS HOUSE WAS BEEN COVERED x TWO OF
 THE SUSPECTED CIVILIANS HAVE BEEN INVITED TO
 STATION FOR QUESTIONING x COMPOL WILL AGREE
 WITH ME THAT SITUATION IS ALARMING x SUGGEST
 YOU TAKE UP MATTER AT HIGHER QUARTERS x
 SHAGAMU IS NOW A FERTILE GROUNDS FOR SOLDIERS
 TO RAID x INFORMATION HAS IT THAT SOLDIERS
 CAME FROM IKEJA x THEY COULD STILL COME FOR
 SIMILAR EXERCISE IF NO IMMEDIATE ACTION IS
 TAKEN x I WAIT FOR COMPOL'S DIRECTION x
 UNQUOTE x FOR INFORMATION x

CP

WEST

' MOST IMMEDIATE '

Copy to :-

His Excellency the Military Governor,
 Western Nigeria,
 Ibadan.

The Commanding Officer,
 3rd Battalion,
 Ibadan.

For information.

CBOC/CO.



Western Nigeria Development Corporation

(A STATUTORY ORGANISATION OF THE WESTERN NIGERIA GOVERNMENT)

OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN

PRIVATE MAIL BAG 5085

IBADAN, NIGERIA

21 September, 1966.

Telephone: IBADAN 22811

Telegrams, Cables: WESCOP, IBADAN

OUR REF:

C/M.64/5

YOUR REF:

SECRET

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



Incident at the West African Portland Cement Factory, Ewekoro.

I enclose for His Excellency's information a copy
of the report covering the incident at Ewekoro Cement
Works on the 14th of September which I reported over
the telephone.

W.P. Daniel-Kalio
W.P. Daniel-Kalio,
Chairman.

SECRET

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14th September 66

DEPUTY MANAGER

WORKS MANAGER

PACKING PLANT INCIDENT September 14th, 1966.

I was called from the Senior Housing Site, at approximately 5.45 p.m. on Wednesday September 14th, to go to the Works where there was trouble in which the Army were involved.

Accompanied by the Assistant Manager, Mr. D.A. Adeyemo I went to the Works and was met by Mr. L. Bollington on the main road outside the factory, he told me that the Army had ordered the gates to be closed and nobody was allowed to enter or leave by the main gate. This was indeed so and the gates were opened to allow me in.

When I entered the factory I found a crowd engaged in a big 'palaver' by the weighbridge. I immediately went to the Staff Sgt. Major in charge of the soldiers (approximately 7-8 in number and all carrying automatic rifles) and asked what the trouble was, the story according to several witnesses was that a lorry driver's assistant (Hausa) had been pushed from the packing stage, onto the road, by the Foreman on duty on the Packing Plant, Emmanuel Affonne, (Ibo) and that the driver had promptly disconnected his trailer and left the Works to go to Abeokuta to bring the Army (obviously he decided that the Army would be predominantly Hausa and therefore sympathetic towards them). The lorry driver's assistant was injured and treated at the Works Dispensary. Also present among the crowd was a Police Officer who had been called in from Ifo and I was able to persuade the Army S.S.M. that the case was one for the local Police and not a military matter, this he accepted and prepared to depart with the assurance that the local police would be given every assistance. At this stage two of the soldiers decided to attack Mr. O. Somoye, the Packing Plant Supervisor, accusing him of being an Ibo (in fact he is Yoruba) and struck him with sticks and hurled abuse. The S.S.M. intervened but only with the greatest difficulty and ordered one of the Sergeants, who was the chief offender, back into the Landrover, this man attempted to use his gun and was forcibly disarmed by two other soldiers one of whom had the presence of mind to grab the magazine. The soldiers then departed to Abeokuta much to the obvious relief of the S.S.M. Incidentally remarks were made, by the one particularly dissident soldier, that Nigeria was for Africans the inference being that the Expatriates had no right to be here.

When the Army had left the inevitable crowd were dispersed and the Policeman escorted the injured man to Abeokuta, the Supervisor was instructed to pack cement as quickly as possible to

get the Northern Drivers away without doing to eliminate further trouble.

The Packing Plant Foreman, E. Affonne, had taken to bush at the commencement of the trouble in fear of his life and I have not the slightest doubt that he would have lost it had he been found by either the Northern Drivers or the soldiers. I left the Factory at 6.15 p.m. when all was quiet and returned to the Senior Housing Site.

At approximately 8.45 p.m. Affonne arrived at Mr. Miles' bungalow asking help and as Mr. Miles is due to leave Nigeria in a day or two he brought him round to me.

I questioned Affonne and his version of the story is as follows:-

At approximately 4.30 p.m. of the 15th the Lorry Driver's Assistant roaming round the Packing Plant which is against the rules, the man was leaning on the edge of a conveyor which was moving. Affonne told him to move because it was a dangerous position to be in and also that he should not be in that section of the plant. Affonne speaks a little Hausa and used that language to the boy who responded with a flood of Hausa which Affonne did not understand. When Affonne told him that he did not understand the boy said that he would not take instructions from an Ibo but would have done so from a Yoruba. A scuffle ensued and Affonne admits that he became heated and pushed the other man who fell from the platform to the road where he sustained his injuries. A crowd of drivers moved to attack Affonne who picked up a cutlass, thought better of it, and fled into the bush.

After hearing Affonne's story I called Mr. Adeyemo who heard it again, I then suggested that Mr. Adeyemo should take Affonne to the Police Station at Ifo to make his statement. I considered that this was definitely an African matter and decided that it would be extremely unwise for an Expatriate to become involved, particularly in view of the tense political situation obtaining at the present time. Mr. Adeyemo agreed with this point of view and left for Ifo Police Station at 9.30 p.m. and returned at 10.40 p.m. to report that Affonne had made his statement to the Police, had not been detained, but was to report there again on the morning of the 15th.

Mr. Adeyemo has read this statement and agrees with the contents.

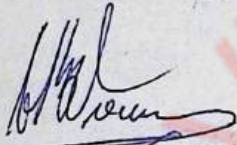
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COMPOL 'A' IBADAN DTO: 221325/9
NIGPOL 'B' LAGOS

AB.7080/W/86 x FOLLOWING SIGNAL DTO: 220845/9
RECEIVED FROM SUPOL IKEJA x QUOTE x AR.2300/
WD/107 x REPORT OF SERIOUS MATTERS x LT.
M.D. JEGA 'M' OF 6 BATTALION NIGERIA ARMY
IKEJA REPORTED AT AGEGE POLICE STATION THAT
ON 21.9.66 AT ABOUT 1300 HOURS HE IN COM-
PANY OF OTHER SOLDIERS VISITED PEOPLES
PARADISE HOTEL AGEGE WITH A VIEW TO CHECK
AN INFORMATION ABOUT CERTAIN MEETING BEING
HELD THERE x THAT ON ARRIVAL THERE ONE
JOHN - BULL THE OWNER OF THE HOTEL FIRED TWO
SHOTS AT ONE OF THEIR OFFICERS AND THEY
FIRED IN RETURN AND KILLED HIM x NO. 7303
SGT BUSARI BELLO AND 3 OTHER CONSTABLES
VISITED THE SCENE SAW TWO DEAD BODIES x
CORPSE SENT TO MORTUARY IKEJA FOR POST-MORTEM
EXAMINATION x DETAIL REPORT FOLLOWS x UNQUOTE x
FOR INFORMATION x


CP. WEST

' MOST IMMEDIATE '

Copy to :-

His Excellency the Military Governor,
Western Nigeria,
Ibadan.

The O/C.,
3rd Battalion,
Army Barracks,
Ibadan.

For information.



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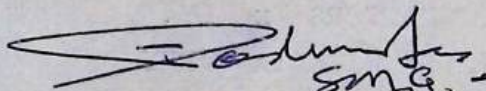
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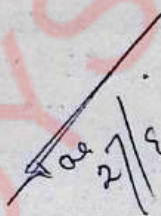
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Y.E.

overleaf f-i. please.

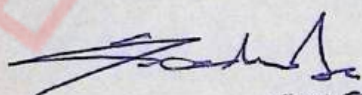

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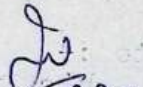
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c/R SMG. 27/9

Seen - P.A.


R.S.O. 27/9



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SECRET

24 September, 1966.

His Excellency
Lt.-Col. D.A. Ejoor,
Military Governor for Midwestern Nigeria,
Benin.

Your Excellency,

May I first of all say a big thank you for your letter reference S.381/69 of 21st September, which I must say is both reassuring and timely.

Not received!!
24/10.

2. Reassuring in that since the January event coupled with the July one I have been with that personal satisfaction that come what may National crisis, an Army Officer worth his salt has never allowed his judgement to be beclouded by sentiments and rumours. Timely in that just the very day you initialed your letter the Military Governor West and I were speaking to the Supreme Commander on the same subject.

3. The only force - besides that of God - that is holding this country together today and which has so far prevented an anarchy is the Military and that is why we have a Military Government. But the most superficial observer and us Army Personnel in particular know how easily this same binding force can split the nation into shreds and to the disappointment of the world as a whole and the blood of fellow officers and soldiers that have been shed if the question of the Army is not examined into every detail NOW. There is no doubt about it, for this country to survive, this Army MUST remain ONE; and I personally feel that it is only us the Army personnel who know our problems and it is us who must get together NOW to examine and amend the disrupted situation where possible.

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4. I will not flag the issue any further than this because as I have already said your letter is a reassurance that we have all been thinking alike and I am sure that your proposal is welcomed by all.

Yours very sincerely,

M. O. Johnson
Major M. O. Johnson,
Administrator of Lagos.

Copy to:-

His Excellency
Lt.-Col. Y. Gowon,
Head of the Federal Military Government
Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces.

His Excellency
Lt.-Col. C. Odumegwu Ojukwu,
Military Governor for Eastern Nigeria,
Enugu.

His Excellency
Lt.-Col. H. Katsina,
Military Governor for Northern Nigeria,
Kaduna.

His Excellency
Colonel R.A. Adebayo,
Military Governor for Western Nigeria,
Ibadan.

Submitted

[Signature]

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HE. has seen. P.A.

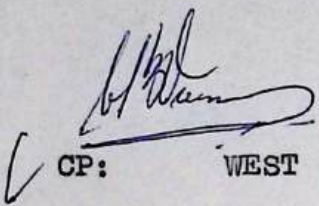
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FROM COMPOL 'A' IBADAN
TO NIGPOL 'B' (OPS) LAGOS

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AB.7080/W/90 x FOLLOWING SIGNAL DTO.221100/9
RECEIVED FROM SUPOL IKEJA x QUOTE x
AR.0810/WD/163 x AT ABOUT 2330 HRS. ON 21/9/66
SOME ARMED SOLDIERS IN ARMY LANDROVER WENT TO
NO. 21 IJU ROAD AGEGE AND FORCED THE DOOR
OPEN x THEY CALLED OUT AND SHOT DEAD THREE
IBO TENANTS OF THE HOUSE x THE CORPSES HAVE
BEEN REMOVED TO THE PUBLIC MORTUARY IKEJA FOR
AUTOPSY x CORONER'S INQUEST IS BEING ARRANVED x
NOBODY CAN IDENTIFY THE SOLDIERS AND THE CASE
WILL BE REFERRED TO THE C.O. 6TH BATTALION
FOR FURTHER ENQUIRY x THE REGISTRATION NUMBER
OF THE ARMY LANDROVER IS UNKNOWN x UNQUOTE x
FOR INFORMATION x


CP: WEST

MOST IMMEDIATE

Copy to:-

His Excellency the Military Governor, ✓
Western Nigeria,
Ibadan.

The O/C.,
3rd Battalion,
Army Barracks,
Ibadan.



For information.

CBOO/AO.

28/9

Telegraphic Address :
COMPOL, IBADAN

Telephone : ~~21417X~~ 24131
In reply please quote

Ref. No. AR.2300/WB/125



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REGIONAL POLICE HEADQUARTERS,
WESTERN NIGERIA,
IBADAN

26th September, 19 66

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

Police Report on the Murder
of Yekini Akangbe.

PP. 48-51
1. I am directed to forward herewith copy of
letter AR.0810/X/W/Vol.5/168 of 13/9/66 by the
Assistant Commissioner of Police, C.I.D., Ibadan.

2. I am directed to say that the Commissioner
of Police is getting very much concerned about the
atrocities now being perpetrated by the Army.

3. I am to request that something should
please be done about it.

R 27/9/66
d.
(P.A. (ALLI-IDOWU) AG. A. CP.
for COMMISSIONER OF POLICE,
WESTERN NIGERIA.

Copy to:-

The I.G.P.,
'A' Dept.,
FHQ.,
Lagos.

The O/C.,
3rd Battalion,
Nigerian Army,
Ibadan.

For information. A copy of letter
AR.0810/X/W/Vol.5/168 of 13/9/66 referred
to above is attached.

PAA/PI

The C.P.,
'A' Dept.,
Ibadan.

Murder of Yekini Akangbe (m).

On the 6th of September, 1966, one Tijani Aremu of Alekuso Street, Ibadan, reported at the Central Police Station that his son Yekini Akangbe, male, aged about 40 years was taken away by a soldier named Goji Zenkwua and another - both of the 4th Battalion, Nigerian Army, Ibadan. The complainant further alleged that Yekini Akangbe was already killed and buried near the Battalion's Barracks. On 31/8/66, a complaint of missing person was lodged at the Central Police Station.

2. Sequel to the complaint of the 6th, I ordered that Exhumation Order be obtained for post mortem examination. I discussed the incident with the D.C., Mr. J. Adeola, who arranged for two soldiers to be present during post mortem as protective, in view of the nearness of the grave to the Battalion's Barracks. Except for the rail lines that run through the grave and the barracks, the distance between is about sixty yards only. Dr. M. Burtenshaw, MA; MD; MRCS; etc., of Adeoyo Hospital, performed the autopsy and the body was identified by Tijani Aremu (deceased's father). The photo-stat copies of the Pathologist report are herewith attached, (A most cruel treatment indeed!)

3. The event leading to the kidnapping of the deceased runs simply as follows:-

The deceased was a motor mechanic. He was known to specialise in motorcycle repairs. His assailant, Goji Zenkwua gave a Suzuki motorcycle registration No.WAG,491 to the deceased about a year ago for repairs. Goji Zenkwua did not turn up since then to claim his vehicle until the 29th August, at about 1600 hours when he called at the deceased's workshop. An agreement could not be reached except that Goji Zenkwua invited the deceased to accompany him in a taxi to his barracks which the deceased agreed to. As he (deceased) entered the car he ordered his apprentice, Latifu Adeshina to push the motorcycle to catch him up at the Battalion's Barracks. This was the last seen or heard alive of the deceased!

4. In the meantime, Latifu Adeshina arrived with the Suzuki motorcycle at the Military Quarter Guard when he was accosted by Goji Zenkwua and his friend. Latifu Adeshina was assaulted and the motorcycle was taken off him. At that time his master (the deceased) was not seen. He returned home to give his experience.

5. The suspects in this murder are members of the 4th Battalion which has moved to base at Kaduna. It is my wish to recommend, that at the military level, enquiry is made as to the existence of a soldier in the name of Goji Zenkwua. If this is confirmed, I wish to know his very close associates, particularly within the last week, in the Western Region. Finally, to remit the suspects to this C.I.D. here for an identification parade.

(Sgd.) G.A. AGBAJE,
AG.A.C. 'D' DEPT.(C.I.D.)
IBADAN.

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REGIONAL C.I.D.,
THE NIGERIA POLICE,
IBADAN.

6th September, 1966

Through The Insp.I/C.,
Homicide Section,

To: The Officer In-Charge,
'D' Department, (C.I.D.)
Ibadan.

Police Report-Re Murder of Yekini Akangbe(m)

This is a case of missing person referred from Central Police Station, Ibadan through wireless message No.AB.7080/WBA/12 of 30/8/66.

FACTS: The deceased Yekini Akangbe was a mechanic who accepted to repair a suzuki M/cycle No.WAG.491 for a soldier by name Goji Zenkwua of the 4th Battalion Ibadan when the deceased was at Adamasingba Ibadan about a year ago. Later the deceased transferred his workshop to Oke-Bola opposite St. James Church, Ibadan. On 26/8/66, the soldier went to the deceased workshop and brought him to the Central Police Station, Ibadan and lodged a complaint against the deceased and an entry of business transaction was made in the Crime Diary entry No.795 of 26/8/66 refers. The desk Sgt. advised the deceased to repair the motor cycle and deliver it to the complainant(the soldier). Both of them went away.

On 29/8/66 at about 1530 hrs. this soldier and his friend whose name is yet unknown came in plain dress to the deceased workshop and took away the deceased in a taxi cab to the Army Barracks and the deceased instructed his apprentice Latifu Adeoshum to roll the motorcycle to meet them up at Army Barracks. As a result of this instruction, the apprentice rolled the motorcycle and followed them. On getting to the entrance to the Barracks one of the two soldiers got the motor-cycle from him and order him to go away without allowing him to see his master.

On 31/8/66, the deceased father Tijani Aremu came to Central Police Station and reported a case of missing person when the deceased did not come back to the house. And entry of missing person was made in Crime diary No.997 of 31/8/66, and the case was initially handled by Divisional Investigation Branch Ibadan. On seeing the circumstances surrounding the case the Officer in-Charge referred it to the Regional C.I.D. Ibadan for further investigation.

ACTION:- On the receipt of this case, Det.Francis Oghene and I left for the deceased's workshop to collect information from his apprentice and his neighbours. Later we received an information that someone was killed and dumped behind the Army Barracks, and was later burried by the rail side near the Army Barracks. On the strength of this information the A.S.P. Mr. J.A. Olorunmodimu was informed and instructed us to prepare necessary forms to be served on Dr. for exhumation and autopsy. These forms were served on the Doctor and we went to the burial place, but on seeing the condition of the Army Barracks, we were unable to exhume the body and came back to inform ASP. Mr. Olorunmodimu, who contacted their area Commander for an assistance.

On 5/9/66, the ASP. Mr. Olorunmodimu and a team of detectives left with Doctor for the burial place. On getting there, the area Commander gave us two soldiers to stand by use before the exhumation. The body was exhumed and identified by the deceased's father, and the body was examined by the Doctor at the spot, and was buried back.

The medical report is still awaited.

...P.T.o.

OPINION. With the facts available there is evidence to prove a case of murder against the suspect. I would suggest that arrangement should be made to bring down the suspects Goji Zenkwua and the now transferred to the Northern Region.

Above for your information and further direction.

(Sgd.) Det.Cōns.8853 Stephen Taiwo
6/9/6

Ref.No.AR.0810/X/W/Vol.4/166A
'D' Dept.(C.I.D.) Ibadan: 10/9/66

The Commr.of Police,
'A' Department,
Ibadan.

Overleaf for your information,
please.

(Sgd.) G.A. AGBAJE,
Ag.A.C.'D' Dept.(C.I.D.),

REPORT OF MEDICAL PRACTITIONER

Examination of corpse. 3.9.1966., 12.50

1. Date and hour of receipt of corpse at mortuary. greatly decomposed.
2. Condition of corpse on arrival. _____

Mortuary and Magist.

3. Mode in which packed. 3.9.1966, 12.50 P.M.
4. Date and hour of holding examination. Yekini ARANGHE.
5. Name of deceased (if known). Pt. Jant ARANGHE.
6. By whom identified. 23 years.
7. Approximate age. Male
8. Sex. _____
9. Height, colour of hair, eyes, peculiar clothing and any other marks or means of identity

3.9.1966.

10. Probable date of death. _____
11. Medical Report: There was a deep penetrating wound in the front of the neck just above the sternum (breastbone). This could have been caused either by cold steel -- dagger, knife, bayonet -- or by a bullet. But, if it been caused by a bullet, one would not have expected the wound to be so well placed -- just above the sternum -- and one would have expected an exit wound in the back. Also, I found no bullet. I think the wound was caused by a blade of some kind; it penetrated the great vessels in the root of the neck.

bleeding from the great vessels in

In my opinion, the cause of death is my opinion to be caused probably by a sharp pointed instrument driven in above the breast bone.

September 6th, 66.

(Signed) H. B. Butler, M.D., F.R.C.S., D.P.H., M.C.Path.

Qualifications

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SM G.

From p.t.⁴⁶ and particularly pp⁴⁷⁻⁵¹ 2-6
submitted please.

27/9/66
CR.

Y. E.

From p.t.⁴⁶ submitted f. i.

~~27/9/66~~
smg. 27/9/66.

Thank you
30/9

CR.

The ~~two~~ telegram left loosely
before p. 46 in this file should be properly
enclosed, the 'T' file merged with the
main file and the latter p. a.

~~27/9/66~~
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COMPOL 'A' IBADAN
NIGPOL 'B'(OPS.) LAGOS

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MOST IMMEDIATE

Copy to:-

His Excellency the Military Governor, ✓
Western Nigeria,
Ibadan.

The C.O.,
3rd Battalion,
Army Barracks,
Ibadan.

For information.

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BY DIP BAG.

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
KADUNA,
NORTHERN NIGERIA.

SECRET.

28th September, 1966.

Ref. No. SEC. 365/70



Copy to:-

H.E. Lt. Col. Yakubu Gowon,
Head of the Federal Military Government and
the Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces,
State House,
Lagos.

H.E. Lt. Col. C. Odumegwu Ojukwu,
Military Governor for Eastern Nigeria,
Enugu.

H.E. Colonel R. A. Adebayo,
Military Governor for Western Nigeria,
Ibadan.

H.E. Major M. O. Johnson,
Administrator for the Federal Territory,
Cabinet Office,
LAGOS.

For information.

Hon a Native.
Military Governor for Northern
Nigeria.

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SECRET.

28th September, 1966

Ref. No. SEC. 365/66

Your Excellency,

Thank you for your letter No. S. 331/66 dated 21st September, 1966, addressed to the Head of the Federal Military Government and the Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces and sent to the Regional Military Governors. While in general I welcome and support the points you raised, I would submit that the problems confronting us are not of the affairs of the Army alone important though this aspect is; the general atmosphere in the country is of the greatest importance.

As far as I know all in authority here are doing all in our power to calm down the population in the present rather uncertain situation. Our efforts are however often frustrated by exaggerated, flamboyant and often false reports in some information media. Such reports have the effect of generating hatred all round, encouraging lawlessness in areas previously in a state of peace and generally raising emotions, thus nullifying the calming influence of responsible citizens and authorities. Apparently this type of propaganda is put out to score points or to gain the sympathy of those not properly acquainted with our present situation. I consider that the position of the country at this time is most inappropriate for this kind of approach to a serious human problem and unless it can be abandoned any kind of decision or agreement aimed at restoring peace will be quickly ridiculed and become a waste of effort. You will agree with me that this kind of attitude is inconsistent with a desire for peace and restoration of understanding.

TO GOWON REPEATED GOVERNORS NORTH, WEST, MIDWEST X

WHILE I APPRECIATE THE PURPORT OF YOUR SIGNAL RECEIVED
SEPTEMBER 8TH, WOULD LIKE TO EMPHASIZE AGAIN THE NEED
TO TAKE FIRST THINGS FIRST. ISSUES OF THE ETHNIC
GROUPS SECONDANT TO NEED OF ENSURING PEACE AND
RESTORING CONFIDENCE AMONG NICEAN COMMUNITIES. ARMY
AS THE UNIFYING FORCE NOW VIRTUALLY DISINTEGRATED AND
IN FEAR AND CONFUSION WITHIN ITSELF. THE POSITION AND
FUTURE OF THIS IMPORTANT ARM AND AGENT OF STATE SHOULD
PRECEDE ALL ELSE. NO QUESTION BUT THAT THE REGIONS GO
RESPECTIVELY TOGETHER IN THIS CRISIS. WISE CONSIDER THE
CONTINUED ASSOCIATION OF DIFFERENT REGIONS IN CONTEXT OF
NIGERIA AS A WHOLE AS AGREED AT THE LAS T MEETING
REPRESENTATIVE OF PROVINCIAL GOVERNORS HELD AUGUST 9TH.
QUESTIONS OF MINORITIES WHICH YOU DESCRIBE AS ETHNIC
GROUPS NEVER BEEN THE BASIS OF CONSULTATIONS AND IF
CONSIDERED NECESSARY TO TREAT, SHOULD LATER AFTER
FURTHER CONSULTATIONS.

MILITARY GOVERNOR
ENUGU

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2/9 September, 66

His Excellency
Lt.-Col. Yakubu Gowon,
Head of the Federal Military Government
and Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces,
State House,
Lagos.

His Excellency
Lt.-Col. C. Odumogwu Ojukwu,
Military Governor for Eastern Nigeria,
Government House,
Enugu.

His Excellency
Colonel R. A. Adebayo,
Military Governor for Western Nigeria,
Government House,
Ibadan.

His Excellency
Lt.-Col. Hassan Kastina,
Military Governor for Northern Nigeria,
Government House,
Kaduna.

His Excellency
Major M.O. Johnson,
Administrator for the Federal Territory,
Lagos.

Your Excellencies,

I wish to crave your indulgence and to ask you to reflect once more on the present situation in the Nigerian Army. In doing so, I would like to think that, despite the strains and stresses evoked by recent bloody incidents within the Army and the resultant national crisis, our beloved country, Nigeria, has come to stay and is therefore indestructible. The maintenance of this country as one political and economic entity can only be the true and rewarding price for the blood already shed.

SECRET

2. It is recognized that, in their immediate and frantic reaction to the recent events, some Nigerians are advocating ideas implying the instant or eventual break up of the country. It is needless for me to say that you all know very well that, if such ideas were indeed accepted and implemented, the country would at once be plunged into chaos accompanied no doubt by perpetual bloodshed. The urgent question appears to me to be whether we should deliberately cut out losses now, in the enduring interest of the nation, or whether we should embark on a system that will mean that Nigeria will be permanently divided into a number of new countries perpetually involved in a veritable war of nerves, or, as others would put it, a cold war, which could degenerate into incessant open combat. I am sure that, on sober reflection, none of us would wish to be associated with the latter course.

3. We should, I think, frankly admit to ourselves that the bedrock of the current crisis in the country is the situation in the Nigerian Army. I am convinced, as I hope Your Excellencies are, that the problem of the Army must be solved before any concrete and worthwhile administrative or constitutional reforms are undertaken. The reason is obvious. It is that the Nigerian Army today exists only in name and that it can hardly boast of cohesive operational ability. In the Army's present mood and disposition, therefore, any Federal Government will be hard put to it to administer the country effectively.

4. In the circumstances, I humbly suggest that, as a matter of great urgency, a carefully selected panel of eminent civilians and Army personnel should be appointed to critically examine the position in the Army and to submit recommendations for its early and effective re-organization. I earnestly commend this proposal to Your Excellencies and I trust that you will find it acceptable. I am

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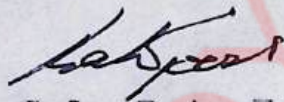
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fortified in this belief because I am confident that none of us has taken up fixed positions in the present situation from which he is unable to withdraw. Such a contingency would indeed be calamitous and I venture to dismiss it as unthinkable.

5. I shall be most grateful for early replies to this letter.

Yours very sincerely,



(Lt.-Col. D.A. Ejoor)
Military Governor
for Midwestern Nigeria.

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Pp 58 - 60 sub'ded pl.

2. May I, in this connection, respectfully invite attention to pp. 44-45 & pp 54-56.

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CABINET OFFICE LAGOS = 1.23 P.M. 6TH OCTOBER, 1966 (TNO)

PASS TO MILITARY GOVERNOR IBADAN =

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* EMG/S.105 YOUR TEL FSH/17 O 132 QUOTE EMERGENCY OPERATIONS UNQUOTE =
OF 5TH OCTOBER ONLY ADDS INSULT TO INJURY STOP AS YOU ARE AWARE =
OUR ONLY HOPE NOW SALVAGING SITUATION LIES IN CONTINUED CORDIALITY =
IN PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP STOP IF YOU WISH RESTJINT THEN STOP =
KILLINGS AND DISARM UNRULY SOLDIERS STOP REPEATED ALL MILITARY =
GOVERNORS STOP X +++++

LT. COLONEL OJUKWU +++++

HE has seen. File away.
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UNIVERSITY COLLEGE HOSPITAL
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FEDERAL MINISTRY OF HEALTH.

House Governor: COLONEL J. B. ROBERTSON
O.B.E., F.C.C.S.



Tel: Ibadan 23011

Telegram : Teachos, Ibadan

P. M. B. 5116, Ibadan

3rd October, 1966.

Mr. P. T. Odumosu,
Secretary to Military Governor,
Western Region,
Ibadan.

Dear Mr. Odumosu,

63-4 I am forwarding herewith a letter addressed to the Military Governor from which it appears you had already had a copy.

2. I do not know what can be done regarding the matter raised except that if Mr. Ogbuah's car is on a list by mistake, if the list can be corrected and he can be told that this has been done, it should go a long way towards allaying his anxiety.

Yours Sincerely,

House Governor.

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S. I. OGBUAH,

Tel: Ibadan 23011

Telegram: Teachos Ibadan

P. M. B. 5116, Ibadan

29th September, 1966.

The Military Governor,
Western Region,
Ibadan,

Thro' The House Governor,
University College Hospital,
Ibadan.

2/10/66

Sir,

I write to report that on Wednesday 28th September, 1966 at about 10.30 a.m. I arrived into Ibadan from Benin at a check point near the Green Spring Hotel. I was thoroughly searched by the Army and the Police on duty and after that I was signalled to move away.

As I was about entering my car, a soldier shouted from about 10 to 15 yards away that I should stop and not enter the car. There and then I explained to the Soldier that I had been thoroughly searched and been waved to go away. He shouted and said "I do not care, I have my orders that this car is a dangerous car". I demanded to know why this car is a "dangerous car", he shouted me down and went on to speak in Hausa, abusing me in the vilest language and went on to abuse my own tribe. I then spoke to him in Hausa and told him to calm down that it had not reached to that point, rather he should tell me what crime I had committed. He said I am not to be told, that he has his orders to detain me. This he did and detained me for about 1½ hours on the highway.

Later, he instructed one of the Soldiers to telephone to the Commanding Officer in the Barracks for further orders as to the disposal of myself and the car. This was done, and they had their instructions that an armed escort should bring me to the Army Barracks. After about another 45 minutes delay, a soldier with a gun pushed me into my car and ordered me to open up the back door for him, this I did and he had his gun pointed to my head while I drove to the Army Barracks. At the Army Barracks, I met Captain Bugaji who took me to the Commanding Officer, Lt. Col. Akahan. It was here I gave my name, the number of my car and my mission, and Captain Bugaji said it was a mistake. Thereupon I asked him to explain how the number of my car and my name got into their list of "wanted and dangerous cars". This explanation was not forth-coming. I thereupon told the Commanding Officer that I now

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believe that my life is not safe and that in the circumstance, I shall let this be known to the responsible authorities. I did ask Lt. Col. Akahan what he would do to remedy the situation and there was no assurance forth-coming. As there was no assurance forth-coming, I deemed it wise to inform you in particular, Sir, and also to inform all the others under-mentioned by sending copies of this letter to everyone of them.

Yours faithfully,



S. I. Ogbuah.

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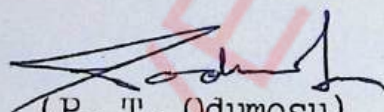
- (1) The Secretary to Military Governor,
The State House,
Enugu.
- (2) The Chairman,
Board of Management,
University College Hospital,
Ibadan.
- (3) The Commissioner of Police,
Western Provinces,
Ibadan.
- (4) P. T. Odumosu, Esq.,
Secretary, Military Governor,
Western Region,
Ibadan.
- (5) L. O. Ogbuah, Esq.,
Permanent Secretary,
Ministry of Local Government,
Enugu.

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p 1-3 resub'd pl.

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Y.E.,

I shall be grateful if Y.E. will see the letter addressed to you by Mr. Ogbuah of the U.C.H. at pp.2 and 3. I mentioned this matter verbally to Y.E. a few days ago.

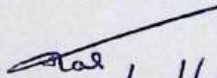
2. I know Mr. Ogbuah personally, - he is a very pleasant person, who gets on well with most people. I have, in a telephone conversation, informed him of some of the things Y.E. has done to ensure the security of persons - particularly Ibos - dealt with at the Army/Police Check-points on our major roads, as well as Y.E.'s other efforts to ensure the safety of all persons in Western Nigeria. He seems satisfied and reassured. If Y.E. agrees, I shall reply to the House Governor's letter at p.1 forwarding Mr. Ogbuah's letter and saying that, I believe, that after my discussion with Mr. Ogbuah, he is now not entertaining any anxiety about his personal safety.


(P. T. Odumosu)
S.M.G.
7/10/66.

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Agreed

Well done and thanks for your efforts


7/10/66

SP/S.219/T/5

8th October, 1966.

Mr. S. I. Ogbuah,
University College Hospital,
Ibadan.

Dear Mr. Ogbuah,

Your letter of the 29th September, 1966 has been placed before His Excellency the Military Governor who has read the contents with much interest. I have in my subsequent telephone conversation with you explained to you some of the things His Excellency has done to remove some of the causes of the anxiety to which you gave expression in your letter. His Excellency has asked me to further assure you of his determination to ensure the safety of the person and property of every citizen living in Western Nigeria, irrespective of their colour, creed or ethnic origin.

2. I trust that you will find the explanation which I have already made to you in our telephone conversation and His Excellency's assurance satisfactory.

Yours sincerely,

P. TAIWO ODUMOSU

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

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SP/S.219/T/6

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8 October, 1966.

The House Governor,
University College Hospital,
Ibadan.

Dear Colonel Robertson,

Thank you for your letter of the 3rd October, 1966 forwarding copy of a petition addressed to His Excellency the Military Governor of Western Nigeria, by Mr. S. I. Ogbuah of your hospital. I attach herewith original and one copy of a letter which I have addressed to Mr. Ogbuah on His Excellency's direction. I shall be grateful if you will arrange to have the original letter delivered to Mr. Ogbuah.

Yours sincerely,


(P. T. Odumosu)

Secretary to the Military Government.

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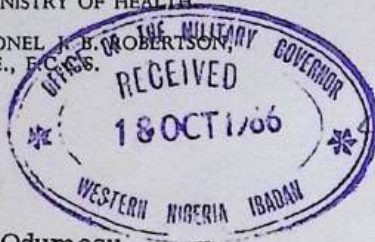
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Tel: Ibadan 23011

Telegram: Teachos Ibadan

P. M. B. 5116, Ibadan



17th October, 1966.

Mr. P. T. Odumosu,
Secretary to the Military Government,
and Head of Service,
Military Governor's Office,
Secretariat,
Ibadan.

Dear Mr. Odumosu,

PP 69-70
I enclose a copy of a report which I have received from one of the Student Medical Laboratory Technologists in this Hospital (Mr. S.M.O. Nlemadim).

2. I realise you must be getting a lot of these but as there is a vehicle number given i.e. NA. 611, I think it might be possible for this to be traced and the incident investigated.

3. Best wishes.

Yours Sincerely,

House Governor.

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Pls. copy pp. 69/70 to C.O. 3rd Bn.

N.A. f. n.a. and inform H.G. matter is being investigated.

[Handwritten signature] 22 x

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Department of Bacteriology,
University College Hospital,
Ibadan.

12th October, 1966.

The House Governor,
University College Hospital,
Ibadan.

Sir,

I wish to bring to your knowledge the embarrassment which certain persons in plain clothes including one of them in NIGERIAN ARMY uniform, who ofcourse was carrying a short, perforated cylindrical gun, caused me on the 11th October, 1966 when I called in at the IFE LOJU CLUB between 8.05 to 8.09 p.m.

OCCURENCE:

I met a familiar lady who was in company of a fair complexioned man in red polo shirt in the premises of the club.

Customarily, we greeted each other. When I further expressed the hope that she was doing well, the man with her intervened, querrying what I was saying. I explained that we were merely exchanging greetings, and ofcourse we greeted in Ibo language.

Suprisingly, he rebuked me and felt that I should not have spoken my language, IBO. And that if I wished to say anything I should have spoken in either "YORUBA, HAUSA OR BENIN" which everyone would understand.

I was embarrassed further when he called on three other colleagues of his. One of them was in NIGERIAN ARMY uniform, as described in the first paragraph, another had with him about 2ft long hand "stick" but which I suspected might be a knife in a leather sheath and the third fellow had nothing.

The particular man I encountered then explained to his colleagues what was happening in Hausa. The fellow having the hand "stick" ordered me to move into an ARMY van No. NA611 which was positioned in from of EASY LIFE CLUB. This order was supported by the man whom I encountered while others stood by. However, I did not move and meanwhile the lady concerned started pleading before them to leave me. After few moments of urge by the man who wanted me to go into their van, with repeated pleading by the lady, the man I encountered first requested that I should be left.

Graciously, he appeared understanding and declared that I was an innocent fellow, that only God and Allah knew what has been happening in this country today. He then asked me to go and before I made away, I thanked him.

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I thought of reporting the event to the Nigerian Police. The awful experience coupled with the weight of the event on my nerves, gave me no courage to expedite any action then. I had to return home.

This is an account of my encounter with the persons mentioned in this letter.

Thanks Sir,

I remain,
Yours obediently,

Sam. M. O. Nlemadin

Sam. M. O. Nlemadin.
(Student Medical Laboratory Technologist)

SMG

I now submit formally pp. 68-70 pl.

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SP/S.219/71

24th October, 1966.

The Commanding Officer,
3rd Battalion,
The Nigerian Army,
Ibadan.

--- I am directed to forward herewith for information and necessary action a copy of a letter sent to me by the House Governor, University College Hospital, Ibadan.



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

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Akande Brothers & Co.

SOLICITORS
OF THE SUPREME COURT OF NIGERIA

M. A. AKANDE
BARRISTER-AT-LAW
OF INNER TEMPLE, LONDON

L. O. A. AKANDE
BARRISTER-AT-LAW
OF MIDDLE TEMPLE, LONDON

Office:

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Oke-Ado,
P. O. Box 3186
Ibadan, Nigeria.

Our Ref... MAA/DTO.

Phone.....

...22nd. September, 1966.

Your Ref.....



His Excellency,
The Military Governor,
Military Governor's Office,
I b a d a n.

Sir,

We are acting for Mr. Folarin Oyelakin the proprietor of
Lagelu Hotel, Lagos Road, Ibadan.

We have instructions to forward this humble petitions'
to you.

Since the 15th of January 1966 while the Members of Nigeria
Armed Forces had taken over, our clients Hotel had been in use
by the Army who are on blockade duty. Our clients never intended
putting up this claim ab-initio thinking that the members of the
Armed Forces will only use for few days.

We are to inform you that the whole of the ground-floor flat
of the Hotel are being made use by the Officers. The first ground
floor-room was locked up since January because the Transmission
Radios, Machine Guns and other equipments were kept therein; and
all the furniture in the other sitting room are also being made
use. The Hotel has turned to be an Army canteen without any prior
notice of acquisition to be so used.

We have to bring to the notice of His Excellency The Military
Governor that since this take over, all our clients customers have
deserted them because the civilians can't come near the guns, and
this Hotel being our clients only means of livelihood have lost
the sum of £300 (Three Hundred pounds) per month. Our clients
realise at least the sum of £10 (Ten pounds) per day from this Hotel,
and since it has been occupied by the Armed Forces no customer has
turned up.

We wish His Excellency to consider this claim sympathetically
and indemnify our clients in the sum of £2,500 (Two Thousand Five
Hundred pounds) as we don't intend to resort to other extra legal
means which we know can't be effective.

Hoping His Excellency will give favourable consideration
to this our petition.

Yours Obediently,

Akande

AKANDE BROTHERS & CO.
Solicitors

c.c. Commanding Officer,
Third Battalion,
Nigerian Armed Forces,
Eleiyele - Ibadan.

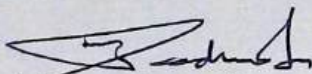
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S.G.,

and advise on
I shall be glad if you will examine ²¹¹the letter at p. 72
in which Messrs. Akande Brothers & Co., Solicitors, are claiming
the sum of £2,500 on behalf of the proprietor of Lagelu Hotel,
Lagos Road, Ibadan.


(P. T. Odumosu)

S.M.G.,

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L.D. (Dr. Ag - da)

Please advise.

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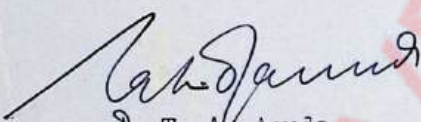
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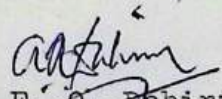
I refer to your minute at page ⁷³2 and the letter at page ⁷²4 of this file written by Akande Brothers & Co., Solicitors, on 22nd September, 1966, on behalf of Mr. Folarin Oyelakin, the proprietor of Lagelu Hotel. I notice that the claimant is making a claim on account of part of his Hotel having been occupied by some Army personnel since 15th January, 1966. If the allegations contained in the claim are found to be true then he has established a good case for some compensation to be paid to him. The amount of course will depend upon thorough investigation to be carried out by the appropriate authorities. But, and this is the crucial point in the whole issue, the subject matter of the present claim is not within the competence of the Regional Government, as everything relating to the Military Force is exclusively under the jurisdiction of the Federal Government. It is perhaps unnecessary for me to add that this aspect of the Constitution has not been altered in any way. However, I think that His Excellency can, acting on behalf of the Military Authorities, order a thorough investigation of the allegations contained in the claim with a view to forwarding the petition of the claimant together with His Excellency's recommendations to the appropriate Military Authorities in Lagos.


D. T. A. Aguda,
Legal Draftsman,
for Solicitor-General,
15th November, 1966.



S.M.G.,

Further to our telephone conversation in respect of the above minute I suggest the petitioner should be advised simply to direct his petition to the Federal Military Government as the authority that is responsible under the Constitution for the Armed Forces.

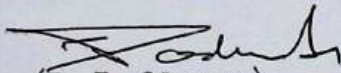

(A. F. O. Babiri),
Ag. Principal Legal Draftsman,
for Solicitor-General.

21st November, 1966.

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Ag. S.G.,

Overleaf. I discussed this matter with Dr. Ajayi who informed me that on the receipt of pp 72/73 he took the view that the petitioner had no case and that was why he had not had the matter dealt with earlier. I suggest you consult him (Dr. Ajayi) before tendering final advice in this matter.



(P. T. Odumosu)

S.M.G.

26 November, 1966

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S.M.G.,

Please refer to your minute at page 75.

2. I have discussed this matter with the Solicitor-General who informed me that when he expressed the view to you that the petitioner had no case he was thinking of different sets of facts.

3. In the circumstances alleged by the petitioner we need to find out first under whose orders the members of the armed forces acted when they moved into the premises of the petitioner. If they were acting under Federal orders then the Federal Government will eventually be the one to which the petition should be addressed, whereas if they acted under the orders of the Western Nigeria Military Governor then the Western Nigeria Government will be the authority which will consider the petition. In order therefore, to ascertain, as a matter of fact, to which Government the petition should be directed, this aspect of the matter will have to be established. Also instructions should be given to the Police in case the Army was acting under the orders of the West Military Governor to investigate the details of the allegation, that is, to what extent the building of the petitioner is occupied by the members of the armed forces i.e. how many rooms are occupied and for how long and the extent of the income of the petitioner per day before the Army moved into his premises. All these, when established, will help to determine the amount of compensation (ex gratia) the Government responsible may wish to pay to the petitioner.

4. Now to examine the law relating to the circumstances as stated by the petitioner. The purport of his allegation was that the Army moved into his premises where he carries on the business of a hotelier and they occupied and are still occupying part of his premises without his consent. This, therefore, is a case of the Army taking compulsory possession of part of the premises of the petitioner. By section 31(1) of the Federal Constitution "No property, movable or immovable, shall be taken possession of compulsorily and no right or interest in any such

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property shall be acquired compulsorily in any part of Nigeria except by or under the provision of a law....." So the compulsory taking possession of part of the petitioner's premises by the Army since it cannot be justified under any law is therefore ultra vires them and in law would have amounted to the tort (wrong) of trespass. It is a rule of law, however, that the Crown can do no wrong. This rule of law has been preserved under the Constitution by section 156 of the Federal Constitution and it enures for the benefit of the Government. So it is obvious then that no Government can be liable for the acts of the members of the forces alleged by the petitioner; and he the petitioner, cannot bring an action for damages against whichever Government authorised the wrong by virtue of the said rule of law. This being the case what the Government responsible for the action of the members of the forces may do is, out of mercy, to grant an ex gratia payment to the petitioner in reparation. The petitioner however has the right to sue the soldiers who committed the tort personally.

5. I may say in conclusion that although the Federal Government has responsibility for the armed forces and in the ordinary course of things should be responsible for the acts of their members done in the course of their duty it is possible that when members of such forces are stationed in a Region for the Government of that Region to direct them to do certain things which if they turn out to be illegal will not be the responsibility of the Federal Government but that of the Regional Government that employed them illegally. So as stated earlier on, the first thing that has to be established is under whose instructions were the Army acting when they took possession of the petitioner's premises? If they were acting under the instructions of the Federal Government then that Government will have to consider granting an (ex gratia) compensation to the petitioner, whereas if the Government of Western Nigeria gave the instructions then it would be the Western Nigeria Government that will have to consider the granting of ex gratia

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payment. If on the other hand, no particular Government gave the soldiers instructions to occupy the petitioner's premises and they merely occupied the said premises on their own, then the Federal Government will be responsible in the sense I have already shown i.e. granting an ex gratia payment or the soldiers themselves would be sued. As soon as the investigations suggested are carried out, I trust, you will inform us so that we can advise what further course of action to be taken.

A. F. O. Dabiri
(A. F. O. Dabiri),
Ag. P.L.D.,
for Solicitor-General,

31st December, 1966.



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Pls. write to both C.O. 3 Bn and Comm. of Police, Ibadan asking whether it is true that the army used the Lagelu hotel, and if so, on whose orders. I think you shd. also send an interim reply to p.72.

[Signature]
smg 14/1

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January, 1967.

17th.

The Commanding Officer,
3rd Battalion,
Nigerian Army,
Ibadan.

The Commissioner of Police,
Western Nigeria,
Ibadan.

The use of Lagelu Hotel by Army Personnel

I am directed to inform you that a petition has been received from Messrs. Akande Brothers & Co., Solicitors, on behalf of Mr. Folarin Oyelakin, the Proprietor of Lagelu Hotel, Ibadan, in which a claim is being made for compensation on account of part of the hotel having been occupied and in use by some Army Personnel since the 15th of January, 1966.

2. I am to ask if you could let me know as early as possible whether it is true that the Army used the Lagelu Hotel and, if so, on whose orders the hotel was being used.


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

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17th January, 1967.

Akande Brothers & Co.,
Solicitors of the Supreme Court of Nigeria,
SW8/109 Lagos Bye Pass,
Oke-Ado,
P. O. Box 3186,
Ibadan.

Dear Sir,

P. 72 I am directed to refer to your petition
No. MAA/DTO of 22nd September, 1966 and to say that
the matter is being looked into and a further
communication will be addressed to you in due course.

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(J. O. Afolabi),

for Secretary to the Military Government.

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Ref. No. 4001/S.3650/4

Department of Director of
Public Prosecutions,
Ibadan.

5th December, 1966

Copy to:-

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

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Overleaf for your information please.

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C. A. Johnson

Ag. Director of Public Prosecutions.

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5th December, 1966

The Permanent Secretary,
Ministry of Defence,
Lagos.

MURDER - Police Vs. Ambrose Okpere & 1 other-soldier

I am directed by His Excellency, the Acting Military Governor of Western Region, Ibadan, Col. R. A. Adebayo, to refer to you this case file for an offence of murder against the above named military personnel. I have already seen to it that the necessary police action has been completed.

I am directed to request that you take in hand necessary arrangement for a court martial trial of the accused persons. I would be grateful if an early action is taken for the trial to commence.

There is also another case file for an offence of murder involving about three other military personnel of the 4th Battalion on which police action is yet to be completed. I am taking necessary steps to see that preliminary actions are completed early on this also, with a view to forwarding it to you for similar action as in this one.

I look forward to hearing from you soon.

G. A. Johnson
Ag. Director of Public Prosecutions

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Mr. N. Okwara,
P.O. Box 61,
Owerri.

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Date ...7/12/66.....

His Excellency,
The Head of the Federal Military Government,
Office of the Head of
Federal Military Government,
Lagos.

Your Excellency,

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OUR DETAINED SOLDIERS.

Greetings to you and your regional colleagues. I pray that God may give you strength to achieve your goal of national reconstruction. Anyway, a ruler must not listen to gossips, rather he should exercise restraint and continue his work of peace keeping operation.

As head of Government, I pray that God may give you courage to attach much importance to public opinion, and I believe that your work of redeeming this nation from the croak of national disaster must be carried out with all honest and genuine intentions.

We have heard and seen that all former politicians who were detained after the January coup have been released from detention. This is good anyway, but what about those Nigerian soldiers who carried out the January coup? Are they still alive? And if they are alive, why not you also order their immediate release from detention in the interest of peace and harmony of Nigeria. If these soldiers still in detention are not released, believe me, their families will not agree to a peaceful settlement.

As we want peace and amicable settlement, I pray your Excellency to order the immediate release of the detained soldiers who were involved during the January coup, so that their families could believe and agree that Nigeria wants amicable settlement. I now look forward to seeing you and your regional colleagues in action - releasing the detained soldiers who were involved in the January coup. These soldiers are mostly detained in Jos, Kaduna and Benin prisons.

This letter serves as a conversation between father and son, hence I did not rush to the press for publication. In the interest of peace and Unity of Nigeria, I am appealing to you to use your good offices and see that those soldiers who took part in the January coup are sent back to their home regions that is Northern soldiers detained outside North should be sent back to the North, Eastern soldiers detained outside East should be sent back to the East, West back to the West and MidWest back to Midwest.

Long live the Republic of Nigeria.

Yours faithfully,
N. Okwara.

Copies to the following:-
Military Governor, East.
Military Governor, West.
Military Governor, North.
Military Governor, Midwest.

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3rd Bn Nigerian Army,
Letmauk Barracks,
Ibadan - Nigeria.

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Tele: Ibadan 22751

19 Jan 67.

Secretary to the Military Governor, *Cmfr.*
Office of the Military Governor,
Ibadan. Western Nigeria.



The Use of Lagelu Hotel by Army Personnel

Ref your letter SP/S. 219/79 of 17 Jan 67.

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1. Mr. Folarin Oyelakin the Proprietor of Lagelu Hotel came and had a personal interview with me early October 1966 putting his complaints about the use of the hotel in question above. I made it clear to him that this unit came to Ibadan during the last week of August and took over duties from 4th Battalion Nigerian Army during the first week of September 1966. Whatever happened before this time this unit had nothing to do with it and could be in no position to explain.
 2. When we took over duties from 4th Battalion Nigerian Army keeping a road block about two hundred yards from Lagelu Hotel on Lagos road which was one of the duties, at that time Mr. Folarin Oyelakin the Proprietor permitted our men at the road block to make use of a garage attached to the hotel to keep their stores and equipment - this was done at his own free will.
 3. On the 10th November 1966 the road block was withdrawn from the Ibadan - Lagos road and was not mounted again until on 23 of December 1966 and withdrawn again on 8 Jan 67. During all the periods when we had our men at this road block they were there working all the time with police personnel.
 4. It is most surprising to note that in spite of all the explanations I made, Mr. Folarin Oyelakin comes up to claim charges from the Government because some Army personnel occupied his hotel while there is nothing to prove that they could occupy the hotel and which could enable a claim from the government.

J. O. Ayo-Ariyo
Major,
Commanding Officer,
(J. O. AYO-ARIYO).

Copy to:

Commissioner of Police,
Western Nigeria,
Ibadan.

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REGIONAL POLICE HEADQUARTERS,
WESTERN NIGERIA,
IBADAN

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24th January, 1967

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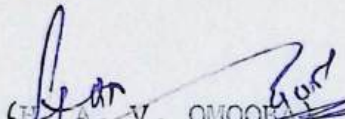


The Secretary to the Military Governor,
Office of the Military Governor,
Ibadan.

The use of Lagelu Hotel by Army Personnel

I am directed to refer to your letter No. SP/S.219/79 of 17th January, 1967 and to say that the Police has no knowledge of any army personnel living in Lagelu Hotel.

B.D.
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(M. A. V. OMOOLA)
Ag. Assistant Commissioner,
for Commissioner of Police,
Western Nigeria.

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