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TO ALL RESIDENTS:

REGIONS BY LETTER

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A Circular has recently been issued to all Residents to appoint an Electoral Officer for each Province. The date on which the Regional Elections will be held is not yet known. Preparations must however be made for a Regional election to be held whenever the Regional Government may wish to dissolve the House. Action is now being taken in this Office to provide all the necessary material and equipment, draft the necessary regulations, and appoint the Polling Authority.

2. The equipment and the electoral machine will be ready from approximately the 1st of January onwards. I must however emphasize that no date for the elections has yet been fixed. Later a decision will be made on the election date and when this is known it will be communicated to as few people as possible until the dissolution actually takes place. I wish you to impress on all administrative officers that they are not under any circumstances at any time to express any views on when the election may take place. A leaky guess at the correct date may be interpreted as a gross breach of security and confidence.

Secretary to the Premier.

The Resident,
Sokoto Province,
Sokoto.

No.1No. CREO/24/1Regional Electoral Office,
Lugard Hall,

Kaduna, 17th September, '60

The Resident, Adamawa Province, Yola.
 The Resident, Bauchi Province, Bauchi.
 The Resident, Benue Province, Makurdi.
 The Resident, Bornu Province, Maiduguri.
 The Resident, Ilorin Province, Ilorin.
 The Resident, Kabba Province, Lokoja.
 The Resident, Kano Province, Kano.
 The Resident, Katsina Province, Katsina.
 The Resident, Niger Province, Minna.
 The Resident, Plateau Province, Jos.
 The Resident, Sokoto Province, Sokoto.
 The Resident, Zaria Province, Zaria.
 The Administrator, Kaduna Capital Territory, Kaduna.

Regional Elections for the Northern
House of Assembly.

The machinery for running elections to the Northern House of Assembly has now been set up in Kaduna, and for Political reasons it is desirable that this should not be too widely publicized at this stage. All the stationery and stores etc. required for the future elections have been ordered from the United Kingdom, and as the last consignment of these stores is not expected to reach Lagos before the middle of December, it is most unlikely that the present House of Assembly will be dissolved before early next year - However, in order that all the necessary preliminary arrangements can be made, you should detail now a suitable Administrative Officer as your Senior Provincial Electoral Officer with whom I can correspond and work. As far as possible this officer should be one who will be in your province for the next 7 months. Would you please let me have his name under secret cover?

2. At this stage he would be required to:-

- (a) make a thorough and complete check of all the ballot boxes in your province to ensure they are in working order, and arrange for the unservicable boxes to be repaired locally, and those that cannot be repaired locally should be returned to Kaduna, when the numbers are known, on orders from here.
- (b) ensure that a maximum of 2 copies of Federal Register of electors are available, as this register will be used for the Regional Elections.

3. The Northern Region Electoral Regulations are due to be published in the Northern Region Gazette before 1st October, and copies of the pamphlet, when printed in English and Hausa, will be forwarded to provinces as soon as possible.

4. The Regional Elections to the Northern House of Assembly will be run on the same system as that of the Federal Elections; a number of minor changes have been made in the Regulations to suit local conditions and customs.

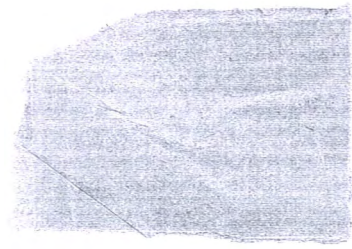
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5. Either I or my Deputy Mallam Kwande will be visiting you and to meet your Senior Electoral Officers sometime during the next month to put you into the picture and explain what additional preliminary arrangements should be made during the next 2 or 3 months.

(Sgt. W. J. SIDENAUD)
Chief Regional Electoral Officer,

Kaduna.

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- Divisional Officer, Sokoto;
- Divisional Officer, Gombe Division, Birnin Kebbi;
- Divisional Officer, Yungu Division, Yungu;
- Divisional Officer, Office, Sokoto.

REGIONAL ELECTIONS

1. I am directed to say that no administrative officer may speculate openly on the results of regional elections. This order is made because a lucky guess may later be interpreted as a gross breach of security and confidence.

2. It is noted that the "electoral machine" will be sold to go into action at any time when called upon from about 1st January, 1967.

3. All administrative officers must be warned orally please. Those P.O. Office of S.O. Sokoto can speak with A. Muhammadu B. Sani, P.O. Office, Sokoto.

PROVINCIAL	OFFICE
* 2nd Lt. R.D.	
OKOTO	

(Sgd) L. T. STEVENSON

Colonel,
Military Province.

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Chief Regional Electoral Officer,
Regional Electoral Office,
Lugard Hall,
Kaduna. (In duplicate)

Regional Elections for the Northern
House of Assembly

Provided the Secretary to the Premier sees no objection,
I propose that Mr. V.M. Walters, M.C. Divisional Officer,
shall be the Sokoto Senior Provincial Electoral Officer.
Mr. Walters will reside at Argungu until the 9th December for
the purpose of consolidating the Native Authority reforms there.
Afterwards he will live in Sokoto as a base.

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(Sgd) L. P. STEVENSON
Resident,
Sokoto Province.

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COPY TO:

V.M. Walters, Esq. M.C.,
(BY HAND)

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Provincial Electoral Office,
Sokoto,

20th October, 1960.

Copied to :-

- D.O. 1/e Sokoto Division
- D.O. Gusau
- D.O. 1/e Gwandu Division
- D.O. 1/e Argungu Division.

I do not propose to furnish you with copies of all future Circulars from the Chief Regional Electoral Officer, but will merely furnish relevant contacts.

2. Please find enclosed a Draft Schedule showing corrected Constituency Numbers, and probable Electoral Officers, Zone Commanders and Returning Officers. As no date has been fixed for the elections, you will realize that each succeeding month will bring its crop of alterations, and therefore it is not yet possible to gazette the Officers shown in the Schedules. However, Provincial Heads of Departments have been consulted, and have agreed to the nominations.

3. Please inform me if you consider Assistant Electoral Officers and Assistant Returning Officers are required in any Constituency, bearing in mind that these elections, by comparison with those held in 1959, will probably be run on a "shooting".

4. The appointment and recruitment of Polling Staffs is the responsibility of Electoral Officers and Zone Commanders, but you will probably be required to coordinate their efforts. In the Federal Elections, Senior Primary Schoolboys were used as polling officers, and it may not therefore be necessary to obtain assistance from outside. Please let me have your views on this, so that I may be able to stake a claim with C.R.E.O., if necessary, when we meet in mid-November.

5. With minor changes, polling stations will be the same as for the Federal Elections. However, before 10th November I should like to know

- (a) numbers of permanent buildings you propose to use
- (b) numbers of runfars.

I shall then be able to state firm requirements for bait and rope.

6. Transport will be extremely tight. I suggest you investigate outside sources such as N.R.D.C., Dorini Prono, firms and Missions. TAA must be exhorted to have all their transport on the "top line".

7. Please advise how many copies of the Federal Register of Electors are in your possession. Also submit a return of ballot box keys held, if any.

8. I intend to make an early visit to Argungu and Gwandu divisions to discuss staffing problems


Senior Provincial Electoral Officer.

Election CircularNo.1Ref: No.CREO/31/1

Regional Electoral Office,
Lugard Hall,
Kaduna, 7th October, 1960.

To:- All Senior Provincial Electoral Officers, Northern Region.

GENERAL

You will already have been informed of your Selection for appointment as Senior Provincial Electoral Officer for your Province for the forthcoming Regional Election - Your appointment and those of the Electoral Officers of Assistant Electoral Officers, and Returning and Assistant Returning Officers will be made by the Governor and gazette - Regulations 8 and 9, under Regulation 28 you have the power to appoint polling Officers.

2. I have been appointed Chief Regional Electoral Officer and you will receive all stationery, stores, instructions, and circulars etc., from me direct. My office is at Lugard Hall. Tel. 154/230.

All correspondence should be addressed to:-

Chief Regional Electoral Officer,
Regional Election Office,
Lugard Hall,
Kaduna.

Telegraphic address for this office and Provincial Electoral Offices will be:- VOTE.

3. You will by now have received a copy of N.R. Gazette No.57: which contains:-

- (i) N.R. Legal Notice No.121 of 1960 - The Nigeria (Constitution) Order in Council, 1954 - The Elections (Northern House of Assembly) Regulations, 1960.
- (ii) N.R. Legal Notice No.122 of 1960 - The Nigeria (Constitution) Order in Council, 1954 - The Northern House of Assembly (Disputed Seats) Regulations, 1960.
- (iii) N.R. Legal Notice No.123 of 1960 - The Nigeria (Constitution) Order in Council, 1954 - PROCLAMATION - Establishment of Electoral Districts Proclamation, 1960. Bill entitled the Division of Constituencies (appointment of Competent Authority) Law.

4. You should read carefully the Explanatory Note to The Nigeria (Institution) Order in Council, 1954:

ProclamationEstablishment of Electoral Districts Proclamation 1960.

You will note the Constituencies numbers have all been changed, and in a number of the Constituencies certain districts have been changed to other Constituencies to make a more even balance in the population figures.

5. I attached a list of the Constituencies where the

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changes have been made. You will now have to alter the Constituency numbers on your Federal Register of Electors and make the necessary adjustments in the districts which have been changed between Constituencies.

6. You should also carefully read 'Objects and Reasons' foot-note to -

A Bill
For

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A law to provide for the Appointment of a Competent Authority for the purpose of Dividing Northern Nigeria into the Appropriate Number of Constituencies for the Election of Members to the House of Assembly.

which explains that a Delimitation Authority will be set up to increase the present number of seats from 167 to 170.

7. The Regional Electoral Regulations 1960 have largely been based on the Federal Electoral Regulations, comments submitted by Residents, and the new Western Region Electoral Regulations - I attached a copy of the more important changes.

8. I do not know when the present House of Assembly will be dissolved, this is a political decision and depends on many factors. However, I have been instructed to have the machinery for Regional Elections ready by 31st December, 1960 and therefore, you should have all your plans for a snap elections ready by that date - Stationery and stores etc., ordered in the U.K. are now beginning to arrive in Lagos, the last consignments are expected in early December, and it is hoped you will have received all your stores, stationery etc., before the end of the year.

9. Your immediate task therefore, is to prepare, shadow plans, on the following.

- (a) make the alterations to the Federal Register of Electors, where necessary;
- (b) prepare lists of the number of Polling Stations required and their sites;
- (c) prepare lists of names of Key personnel to be employed as Electoral and Assistant Electoral Officer, Returning and Assistant Returning, and Polling Staffs - Should you consider you will require outside assistance to complete your polling staff from educational establishments you should inform me as soon as possible so that I can make arrangements.
- (d) Transport requirements.
I have managed to borrow on loan from the Federal Electoral Commission 14 x 3 ton lorries - These vehicle in the first instance will be employed in ferrying Stores to Kaduna and Provinces, for distribution of Stores after which one will be despatched to each province for election duties.

10. Ballot Boxes

According to the ballot box returns from Provinces the situation is not so desperate as I had at first thought - I attached a copy of the returns for your confirmation that these figures are correct. You will note I have a reserve pool in Kaduna of 1960, a call on a further 1,776 in Lagos, and 5,000, arriving from the U.K. 600 Keys are arriving from the U.K. and I intend to issue them where necessary on the scale of 3 per Constituency.

11. Symbols

Transfer symbols for the main political parties have been ordered from the U.K. - These are far more satisfactory

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than the Federal Symbols and when once affixed remain on permanently - Symbols for Independent candidates will be printed locally and must be affixed with special Dismine Resin-based labelling adhesive which will be issued to you in due course.

12. Regulations and Instructions

You will receive sufficient copies of the following pamphlets as soon as they have been printed.

- (i) printed copy of N.R. (House of Assembly)
- ~~(ii)~~ Election Regulation in Hausa and English.
- (ii) Instructions to Electoral Officers
Instructions to Returning Officers
Instructions to Polling Officers (Hausa and English)
- Instructions to Polling Agents (Hausa and English).

13. Polling Stations

In the Regional Elections the Polling Stations may be an existing building, such as a school or Government or Local Government Office, or it may be a temporary structure made of Sticks and thatch on the same lines as used during the Federal Elections.

I am having a thatched Screen designed for use inside buildings as a polling compartment on the lines of the type used in the Western Region and a sample will be sent to you in due course. Will you let me know the numbers of standard Polling Booths made from Kaduna cloth that will be required in your province?

(Sgd) H. W. D. McDONALD

Chief Regional Electoral Officer,
Northern Region.

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REGIONAL ELECTORAL REGULATIONS: 1960

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The only matters, apart from minor matters of detail and arrangement, in which a departure has been made from the form of the Elections (House of Representatives) Regulations, 1958, are as follows:-

- (a) The power to appoint Polling Officer has been vested in Electoral Officers instead of the Governor. (Regulation 28)
- (b) Provision for the attachment to ballot boxes of the photographs of candidates has been excluded.
- (c) The amount to be deposited by candidates has been increased from £25 to £75. (Regulation 17).
- (d) The time prescribed for the Electoral Officer to give notice of the elections has been increased from 21 to 28 days before the date of election. (Regulation 14).
- (e) The time prescribed for the publication of the list of nominations has been increased from nine to twelve days (Regulation 19).
- (f) Provision has been made that so far as is practicable there shall be one polling station for every five hundred electors. (Regulation 27).
- (g) The expression 'leader' of a political party has been defined (in connection with the allocation of symbols to candidates sponsored by a party). (Regulation 30).
- (h) Provision has been made for the production by electors to polling officers of registration cards issued for the Federal election, or (if, as may well be the case those cards have been lost) of polling cards issued by a political party, showing the name of the candidate and his number on the Federal Register. (Regulations 37 and 91).
- (i) The right of a disabled elector to be accompanied by a friend or relative has been made subject to the discretion of the Presiding Officer at the polling booth (who will be in position to see whether or not the elector is in fact disabled).
- (j) Provision has been made that no candidate or counting agent shall record the serial number of any ballot paper which he sees during the counting of votes. (Regulation 61).
- (k) The Provision of food and drink has been excluded from the definition of the offence of treating. (Regulation 73).
- (l) Provision has been made that any candidate may withdraw his candidature. (Regulation 20).

Constit. No.	Constituency Name	Electoral Officer	Dept	Zone Commander	Returning Officer	Dept.
132	Argungu East	W. R. Sharp	Admin	W. R. Sharp	x F. S. Thompson	Vet.
133	Argungu West	C. L. Mearns	Audit		G. A. Olsen	MOW
134	Gwandu North	G.V.Summerhayes	ADMIN.	G.V.Summerhayes	x R.J. Osborne	N.R.D.C.
135	" East	I.I.Davies	M. O. W.		M. Musa Yola Kano	Vet.
136	" South	C.B.Porter	Agric.		J.M.Pocock	Educ.
137	" West				M. Mamman Ambuosa	N.R.D.C.
138	Yauri	J. Samci	Admin.		L. G. Harrison	M.O.W.
146	Isa	xM.Aliyu D/daji	S. N. A.	P.T. Davies	H. B. Bett	Prod. Insp.
147	K/Namoda	P.T. Davies	Admin.		G. R. G. Istrick	M.O.W.
148	Maradun	xD.R. Jee	Agric.		J. R. Dunstan	M.O.W.
149	Mosiki-Zurmi	AIL.Dalhatu Zurmi	Educ.		W. B. Grange	M.O.W.
151	Sabon-Brini	xM. Muh. Kassimu	Admin.		G. A. Rutherford	N.T.C.
150	Chafe-Gusau	M. Abdu Zaria	Vet	M. Shettima Ibrahim	J. Souter	M.O.W.
156	Sokoto-Southeast	Ismaila, Bornu	M.O.W.		P. Bridgewater	Educ.
157	" South	M. Shettima Ibrahim	Admin.		x A. B. Creaton	Educ.
154	" South Central	W.J. Harty	Agric.	G.A. Noon	J. H. Holt	Educ.
155	" West Central	P. Massie	Irrig.		x G. L. Dyer	Educ.
158	" Southwest	R.W. Drummond	Irrig.		CTS	Educ.
159	" West	G.A. Noon	Coop Audit		Lt. Col. W. G.	
139	Binji-Tangaza	K. Windsor	Agric.	G. C. Speers	x Whittenbury	Educ.
2	Gada	A. V. Fox	Forests		x J. Buchanan	M.O.W.
	Gwadabawa North	x F.L. Simpson	M.O.W.		W. H. Maharg	Educ.
	" South	G. C. Speers	Agric.		M. Usman Isa	Educ.
	Dange-Shuni-Dancadi	x A. R. Allen	Educ.	T. M. B. Sharp	x J.F. Boyce	Educ.
	Gandi-Goronyo	x M. Muh. Mayo	Educ.		B. Tomlison	Educ.
	Rabah-Wurno	x D.B. Roberts	Irrig.		x G. Davidson	Educ.
	Sokoto Central	I. Etonu	Vet.		CTS	Educ.
	" North Central	T. M. B. Sharp	Admin.		x J. A. Daly	Admin.
					x G. W. Keatinge	Educ.

Resident for information

PROVINCIAL ELECTORAL OFFICE
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Provincial Electoral Office,
Sokoto.

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Instructions to Electoral Officers
Preliminary Arrangements - Regional (House of Assembly)
Elections 1961.

The Pyramid of officers who will conduct the Northern Region House of Assembly Elections in Sokoto Province are as follows :-

(a) Senior Provincial Electoral Officer - V. M. Walters Esq. M.C.

Responsible for liaison between Chief Regional Electoral Officer and the Senior Resident, Sokoto Province, and also for general advisory and supervisory duties. A gazetted appointment.

(b) Zone Commanders - Sokoto Province, for ease of electoral administration, has been sub-divided into seven zones, each supervised by an experienced officer who will be responsible for co-ordination between Electoral Officers within the Zone allocations of polling officers and distribution of stores and transport. The Zone Commander will not be gazetted as such, but will in each case be a gazetted electoral officer.

(c) Electoral Officers - One per constituency, recruited ^{from} the ranks of administrative, professional and technical officers with an intimate appreciation of local conditions and problems. The main burden of the elections is upon the shoulders of the electoral officer, who is responsible in law for the conduct of the elections in his constituency, and for overall supervision of the functions of Returning Officers and Polling Officers. Electoral Officers are gazetted appointments.

(d) Returning Officers - One per constituency, and gazetted appointments.

These officers are not required to have an intimate knowledge of local conditions, but must be extremely painstaking in the organisation of Counting Centres, and accurate in the performance of the actual count. A mishap at the Counting Centre could wreck an otherwise well-organised constituency. *election*

(e) Supervisory/Presiding Officers:

Principally responsible for training of Presiding and Polling.
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Officers. Supervisory ~~Assistant Electoral Officers~~ may themselves be used as Presiding Officers on Polling Day, when their main role, that of providing each polling station with confident and efficient polling staff, will be completed. ~~Assistant Electoral Officers are gazetted appointments.~~

- (f) Presiding Officers } Appointed by Electoral Officers to
- (g) Polling Officers }

conduct the poll at polling stations. It would be an advantage if Presiding and Polling Officers could be recruited locally, but this is not always possible in Sokoto Province, with 28 Constituencies, and a dearth of trained personnel, Schoolboys, from Senior Primary Schools and upwards, may be recruited as polling officers.

(h) Gatekeepers - Two per polling booth, chosen by Presiding Officers from reputable local persons.

(i) Counting Officers - Up to six per Constituency drawn from members of the Service and their wives, and from staffs of commercial firms. The number of Polling stations per Constituency will govern the numbers of counting officers required, but in general the fewer the Counting Officers, the easier the count.

Accuracy, not speed, is of paramount importance.

2. You will be gazetted as Regional Electoral Officer for Constituency No for the forthcoming Northern Region House of Assembly Elections. You will be responsible for

(a) supervision and co-ordination of the work of the Supervisory ~~Assistant Electoral Officers~~ *Presiding* appointed for your Constituency.

(b) The selection and training of polling stations staff

(c) selection of sites, and erection of polling booths thereon.

In this connection, suitable existing buildings may be adapted as polling booths.

(d) distribution of transport and stores.

(e) countersigning claims vouchers for your staff.

(f) dissemination of instructions issued from this office from time to time.

(g) all other matters pertaining to the successful conduct of the elections.

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3. You will receive a copy of "The Elections (Northern House of Assembly) Regulations, 1960, in due course, which clearly lays down the manner in which the elections shall be conducted. Study the Regulations carefully, and if in doubt on the interpretation of any Regulation, please consult your Zone Commander, or this Office. In addition, you will receive the following pamphlets:

- (a) Instruction to Electoral Officers
- (b) Instructions to Returning Officers
- (c) Instructions to Polling Officers
- (d) Instructions to Polling Agents

4. Your Zone Commander is I shall endeavour to pass instructions direct to all Electoral Officers, but on occasions it may be necessary, for ease of administration, to pass instructions through your Zone Commanders. You should consult him on all matters relating to recruitment of staff. As a general rule, however, I advise you to recruit those officers who carried out Federal Elections duties in your Constituency, and to re-employ them in similar capacities and in the same areas.

5. Your immediate task is to decide on the exact location and number of polling booths, and to inform your Zone Commanders of

- (a) the number of "Rumfa" type polling booths
- (b) the number of permanent buildings which you intend to utilise

6. At the same time, you must allocate the electors in each registration area to an appropriate polling station, having regard to the fact that approximately 500 electors can be comfortably handled by each polling station. Experience in the Federal Elections showed that wherever polling proceeded smoothly (as in most areas) this figure is conservative. As a general guide, I suggest the sites of polling stations from the Federal Elections should again be used, but in some cases you may consider the Federal Electoral site is at an inconvenient distance from a motor road. At the same time, hardship must not be inflicted on electors.

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7. When allocation of electors is completed, you will be issued with a copy of the Register of Electors for cutting up, into polling sections. This task will require infinite care; the penalties for any mistakes are only too obvious.

8. A Presiding officer must be appointed for each Polling Station. Officers with previous experience of elections should be selected whenever possible. A Presiding Officer should be competent to deal with the task of supervising a Polling Station *himself, and he must understand implicitly the duties imposed upon him* by the Electoral Regulations. District or Village Heads may not be employed as polling officers, nor may polling stations be sited in the immediate vicinity of District and Village Heads compounds. Again, when in doubt or in staffing difficulties, consult your Zone Commander.

9. Supervisory Assistant Electoral Officers, when employed on Election duties under your direction, will be entitled to travelling allowance at /- per day, and mileage allowance of pence per mile when not using official transport. Claims for payment will be checked and countersigned by you before submission to the Zone Commander for payment. Supervisory Assistant ~~Electoral~~ *Presiding* Officers will be required to assemble in Sokoto in due course for a period of instruction in their duties. They will thereafter undertake publicity and educational tours in constituencies, to explain voting procedures.

10. Special classes of instruction will be organised by you for polling staffs immediately prior to polling Day. These classes may cover three or four days, after which polling staffs will be issued with polling stores, and move direct to their polling stations.

11. It is imperative that polling staffs, whatever their private political views maintain strict neutrality and impartiality in their dealing with the electorate. They are, of course, entitled to Vote.

12. Publicity and Propaganda: Suitable posters and pamphlets will be issued to you. It is your duty to ensure that the widest publicity is given to them in your Constituency.

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13. Please inform me of the location of your Constituency headquarters, bearing in mind that it need not be located within the Constituency, Similarly, Counting Centres may be located in a convenient place, where good communications exist. Connection by telephone would be an advantage.

14 Transport.

(a) It will not be possible to provide transport on the same scale as for the Federal Elections. Full advantage must therefore be taken of local hire, such as donkey and horse transport.

(b) A separate transport schedule will be issued in due course, after consultation with the Transport Officer (J. Buchanan Esq.) and when Zone Commanders requirements are known.

(c) Dumps of petrol, oil, lubricants will be located at sites recommended by Zone Commanders.

(d) Claims for the use of private vehicles will be submitted through your Zone Commander at the approved Government rates.

15. Voting will take place from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., after which ballot boxes, and packaged documents must be despatched to Counting Centres with the least possible delay. At the Counting Centres the Returning Officer will control of the boxes as they arrive and the Counting Officers will proceed with the count under his direction. However, you as Electoral Officer have a statutory right to exercise supervision over the performance of the functions of the Returning Officer.


Senior Provincial Electoral Officer.

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PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE.

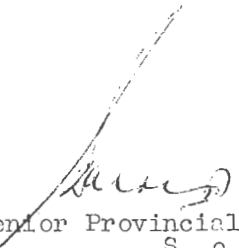
Announcement & Proclamation

Date of dissolution of N.R. House of Assembly and announcement of Polling Day.

- PD - 28 Electoral Officer publishes notice stating
 - (a) date of election
 - (b) date and time and places for receiving nominations.
- PD - 14 Electoral Officer receives nominations
- PD - 12 Electoral Officer publishes list of nominations in prescribed form.
- PD - 8 Electoral Officer accepts withdrawal of nominations and finally amends list of nominations.
- PD - 8 Electoral Officer to publish notice specifying numbers and sites of Polling Stations in each Registration Area, and allot electors and to the Polling Stations.
- PD - 8 Electoral Officer shall appoint Presiding Officers and Polling Officers for each polling station by notice.
- PD - 10 to PD - 5 Constituency Courses for Polling and Presiding Officer, instructed by Supervisory Presiding Officers.
- PD - 8 Electoral Officer receives notice of appointment of polling agents from candidates.
- PD - 6 Electoral Officer to publish in each registration area :-
 - (a) day and hours fixed for poll
 - (b) the full names (in alphabetical order) places of residence, and occupations of candidates remaining nominated, and the symbols allotted to them.
 - (c) situation of polling stations in each registration area.
- PD - 5 Issue of Stores to Polling staff
- PD - 4 Movement of stores and Polling staffs to Polling Stations begins.
- PD - 2) Final Inspection of polling booths
- PD - 1) Electoral officer receives lists of Counting Agents from candidates.
- PD - 1) POLLING DAY.
- PD - 10) Counting.
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2. It will be clearly understood that the above timetable is purely provisional, and merely indicates a sequence of events after the date of dissolution of the Northern Region House of Assembly is announced.

3. Preliminary arrangements will, however, begin at once. Electoral Officers will already have received instructions as to the tasks required of them immediately, which include revision of polling station areas, allocation of polling staffs, selection of Supervisory Presiding Officers and cutting up Registers of Electors. In addition, it is hoped that before 31st December '60, all election stores will have been received, and subdivided into constituency lots; courses will have been held for Supervisory Presiding Officers; a certain amount of publicity and propaganda carried out; Instructions to Returning Officers issued; and dumps of petrol, oil and lubricants established at suitable sites in each Zone.


Senior Provincial Electoral Officer,
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Provincial Electoral Office,
Sokoto, 19th November, 1960.

Chief Regional Electoral Officer,
Northern Region,
Lugard Hall,
Kaduna.

PROVINCIAL ESTIMATE FOR NORTHERN REGION
(HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY) ELECTIONS, 1961
SOKOTO PROVINCE

I append below a summary of provisional estimates for the Northern Region House of Assembly Elections in 1961. I must stress that these Estimates are purely provisional, as it will be quite impossible to accurately estimate requirements until the date of dissolution of the present Parliament is announced.

2. CREO's Circular No.2 of 4th November, 1960, has been accepted as a basis for calculation. At the same time, the need for economy has not been overlooked, and the Estimates are very conservatively framed. Briefly, foreseeable requirements are :-

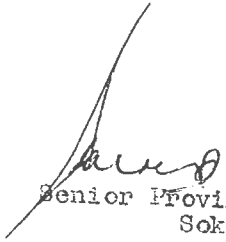
(a) Salaries and wages for Provincial Electoral Office Staff - £117 per month for 5 months	£ 590
(b) Honorarium for Electoral Staff	10,265
(c) Transport & Travelling - Electoral Staff	2,837
(d) Motor Vehicles - Running, Maintenance and Hire charges	4,741
(e) Polling Stations	2,862
(f) Timber for Ballot Box stands	720
(g) Sundries at £10 - per Constituency	280
(h) Office & General (Water Electricity etc)	<u>50</u>
	22,345
Add Contingencies 10%	<u>2214</u>
Total	<u>£ 24559</u>

3. Motor Vehicle Running Costs are based on the use of hire transport from HAA at the following rates :-

Lorries	@ 2/- per mile
Kitcars	@ 1/3 " "
Landrovers	@ 1/3 " "

This estimate will, therefore, be reduced proportionate to the number of Government vehicles supplied from Ministries, but in any case savings cannot amount to more than 20%. Eighty four vehicles will be required for the elections in the final phases, but it is unlikely that all these vehicles can be found in Sokoto Province. If necessary, a reduced scale of transport will have to be accepted, but shortage of transport can only cause unwelcome delay in the latter stages of preparation for Polling Day.


4. I have addressed you separately about the necessity for obtaining Ministries' clearance for the use of their transport in the Province. In the absence of specific instructions, some officers may be reluctant to give absolute priority to the use of their transport on election duties.


Senior Provincial Electoral Officer,
Sokoto Province.

No. P/PIE/7/7A.
Provincial Electoral Office,
Sokoto, 19th November, 1960.

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Sokoto Province,
Sokoto.

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Senior Provincial Electoral Officer,
Sokoto Province.

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No. R/ELE/7/11.
Provincial Electoral Office,
Sokoto, 22nd November, 1960.

The District Officer, Sokoto.
The District Officer, Gusau.
The District Officer, Gwandu.
The District Officer, Argungu.

Provisional Estimates for Regional Elections

I enclose herewith a copy of my provisional Estimates for the Regional Elections for your information only. As the date of the elections is as yet unknown, there will of necessity be considerable fluctuations in these Estimates, which can be accepted merely as a guide at the present time. Nevertheless, I have been advised by the Chief Regional Electoral Officer that the closest scrutiny will be made of all expenditures, which must be reduced to the absolute minimum. Will you please so advise your Zone Commanders and Electoral Officers.


Senior Provincial Electoral Officer,
Sokoto Province.

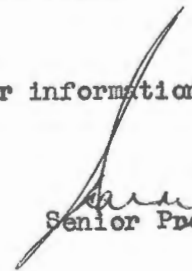
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No. P/ME/B/7.

Provincial Electoral Office,
Sokoto, 21st November, 1960.

Zone	1	Cond.	- P.T. Davies Esq.,
"	2	"	- H. Shettima Ibrahim
"	3	"	- G.A. Hoon, Esq.,
"	4	"	- G.C. Speers Esq.,
"	5	"	- T.M.B. Sharp Esq.,
"	6	"	- W.R. Sharp Esq.,
"	7	"	- G.V. Summerhayes Esq.,

C.R.E.O's Circular No. 2

I enclose herewith copies of the above Circular, with the following comments :-

(a) Although £5,000 has been allocated to Sokoto Province for Polling Stations and Polling Booths, my estimate for the Province is only £2862, made up as follows :-

477	Polling Stations @ £5. -	£ 2385
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<u>477</u>	- do - Nil	-----
<u>1431</u>		<u>£ 2862</u>

It is possible that C.R.E.O's allocation is intended to cover costs of incidental transport expenses, and for poles etc for waiting areas outside Polling Stations converted from permanent buildings. I suggest District Officers request their Native Authorities to assume full responsibility for erection of Polling Stations, and when I am notified of their concurrence, I shall make deposits in their Native Treasuries based on the above rates, and on the final figures of polling stations by type which you will furnish me. Native Authorities will themselves decide when it is most advantageous to purchase Zana Matting, but it may well be advisable to draw their attention to para 4(1) of C.R.E.O's Circular.

2. Paragraph 4 (1)(a)

I enclose sufficient copies of the sample sketch for each Electoral Officer. As I have not received either stationery or Duplicator, I regret I cannot supply more copies at the present time.

3. Paragraph 4 (11)

The waiting area may be enclosed either with rope or Zana. I recommend that ropes be used in Sokoto Province, and I have ordered by telegram 2,900 coils i.e. sufficient for two coils for each Polling Station.

4. Paragraph 4 (iv)

You should now be in a position to supply me with the figures requested in this sub-paragraph. Please do so before 2nd December, '60.

5. Paragraph 5

Very little reconnaissance should be required, as sites should be well established after the experience of Federal and Local Council elections. I have made no provision in Estimates for payment of Supervisory Presiding Officers engaged on this work, nor for employment of clerks in preparation of lists etcetera in Zone Offices. If you require clerical assistance, please forward your faired drafts to this office for typing or Duplication.

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6. Electoral Staff

As I have had no replies to para 4 of my endorsement R/ELE/1/7 dated 20th October '60, I assume you are satisfied with local recruitment.

7. Transport

(a) I am informed that one new long wheel base Landrover will be sent to Sokoto, but I am required to return the vehicle I am now using. I have also requested the immediate despatch of one lorry to this Province if you must have the use of a Landrover during the preliminary period, please hire from the appropriate Native Authority, and submit your bills to this office for payment.

(b) I have asked for eighty four vehicles for the final period of the Elections. I do not expect we shall get them.

(c) I have also requested C.R.E.O. to arrange for a Circular to Issue from all Ministries to the Provinces concerning the use of Ministry transport.

8. Ballot Boxes

(a) I have asked for an extra 600 ballot boxes, which will bring the numbers held in Sokoto Province to 5,000 or approximately 5.5 per Polling Station. This figure should cover Provincial requirements.

(b) Wooden planks will be sawn or supplied by contractors from Sokoto. A Tender Notice has already issued.

9. Remunerations

Part B

(a) I have assumed that Supervisory Presiding Officers will work ten days only, on training courses, for preliminary arrangements and on Polling Day. I have also restricted their number to two per Constituency. They may, of course, be used as Presiding Officers on Polling Day, but will nevertheless attract the rate applicable to Supervisory Presiding Officers.

(b) Presiding and Polling Officers will be used for six days only on training and final preparations. I envisage a four day training course, which should be ample following the experience of the Federal Elections.

(c) Personal transport and travelling claims at the approved rates will be paid from this Office, after scrutiny by Zone Comds/Electoral Officers.

10. For the information of Electoral Officers, I enclose copies of Federal Election Results in Sokoto Province to give an indication of voting trends at that time.

11. Despite the most rigorous pruning, I cannot reduce my Provisional Estimates for the Regional Elections in Sokoto Province below £24,500. Copies of these Estimates are available at each District Office.

Senior Provincial Electoral Officer,
Sokoto Province.

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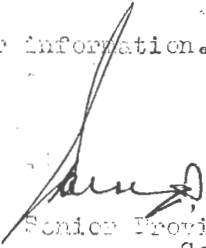
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Sokoto, 21st November, 1960.

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 National Intelligence Agency,
 United States Department of State,
 Washington, D.C.
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4th November, 1960

To: All Senior Provincial Electoral Officers.

The purpose of this letter is to clarify certain aspects of the election process which you will be required to administer in the coming weeks. It is necessary that all Provincial Electoral Officers should be fully conversant with the following points.

1. THE PROCESS. With reference to the election process, it is noted that you should be aware of the fact that the Provincial Electoral Officers are required to conduct the election process in accordance with the provisions of the Electoral Act, 1954, and the Regulations made thereunder. It is noted that you should be aware of the fact that the Provincial Electoral Officers are required to conduct the election process in accordance with the provisions of the Electoral Act, 1954, and the Regulations made thereunder. It is noted that you should be aware of the fact that the Provincial Electoral Officers are required to conduct the election process in accordance with the provisions of the Electoral Act, 1954, and the Regulations made thereunder.

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and preparing the Register of Electors, etc., carpenters and or blacksmith to repair and check ballot boxes, and Storemen and Messengers etc. You may employ Expatriate ladies.

6. ELECTORAL STAFF. Orders will be issued to all Ministries and Native Authorities instructing them that all personnel required for Election duties must be made available as soon as the present House of Assembly is dissolved. Your present instructions are to merely note the numbers, and if possible, names of personnel required for Election purposes.

7. TRANSPORT

- (i) Owing to the very poor state of the Federal Electoral Commission vehicles, it is most unlikely that you will receive your vehicles before the end of November, but as they arrive, they will be sent out to Provinces. 10 new long wheel based Land Rovers with a strong roof rack have been ordered and will be despatched to the larger provinces at the end of the month. Owing to the financial stringency, I am unable to provide more than one Land Rover and one lorry for each province during the preliminary period, should you require additional vehicles during this period, you must make your own arrangements;
- (ii) I require as soon as possible the number of vehicles you will require for the actual elections? These vehicles will be provided from within your province or from a central pool, and, in general, will not be available until 10 days before the elections. The Federal Government and all Ministries in the Northern Region will be ordered to make available all vehicles for the election period, and you will receive detailed instructions in due course.

8. STORES BUILDINGS. Returns for Federal Stores buildings have only been received from the following four Provinces:-

Kano	£7,200
Sokoto	£2,600
Ilorin	£1,000
Bauchi	£1,000

I have made a request to the Federal Electoral Commission for £30,000 for the whole region to cover the cost of buildings in each Province, but it is unlikely that we will receive this sum for sometime. For the time being you must make temporary arrangements for offices and store space.

9. DRIVERS. A certain number of drivers have been interviewed here for selection, but should you wish to enlist your own will you please inform me accordingly? I will then inform you when they should report here to collect your vehicles. All drivers will be employed on a temporary basis, and may be dismissed and

replaced by you as and when necessary.

10. OFFICE EQUIPMENT. Each Province will be provided with a Typewriter and Gestetner from here, and they will be delivered to you as soon as possible.

11. BALLOT BOXES.

- (i) Please confirm as soon as possible the number of ballot boxes you require from the Central pool to complete your numbers?
- (ii) 3 Keys per constituency will be despatched to you as soon as possible.
- (iii) Wooden planks and nails should be purchased locally.

12. The Crown Agents have informed me the last consignment of stores from the U.K. will arrive at Apapa on 17th December, 1960. These stores will be rushed to Kaduna on special lorries, for sorting, and therefore it is unlikely that you will receive your final stores until just before the end of the year.

13. There will be a conference for all Senior Provincial Electoral Officers in Kaduna on the 9th December. Further details regarding this conference will be issued later.

REMUNERATIONS

The rates payable in respect of each post are set out below:-

<u>A. PAYMENTS TO SENIOR OFFICERS</u>	
(a) Senior Electoral Officers	£20
(b) Electoral Officers	£15
(c) Assistant Electoral Officers	£10
(d) Returning Officers	£ 5. 5. -
(e) Assistant Returning Officers	£ 3. 3. -
 <u>B. PAYMENTS TO JUNIOR ELECTORAL OFFICERS</u>	
(a) Supervisory Presiding Officers	£3 for the election day and 10/- per day of training
(b) Presiding Officers	£2 for the election day and 5/- per day of training
(c) Polling Officers	15/- for the election day and 5/- per day of training
(d) Presiding Officers Orderlies	7/6 for the election day and 2/6 per day of training
(e) Counting Clerks	7/6 per six hours actually worked.

If Supervisory Presiding Officers are used for the preparing and sitting of Polling Stations during the preliminary period they

should be paid at the rate of 10/- per day. They should be employed for a minimum number of days.

C. PERSONAL TRANSPORT

The principles to be observed are that an officer must use the cheapest form of transport consistent with the carrying out his duties, and that no officer should be unreasonably out of pocket for expenses incurred in the course of his duties. The following rates may be claimed by Electoral Officers, Assistant Electoral Officers, Returning Officers, Assistant Returning Officers and Supervisory Presiding Officers (if they are Senior Officers):-

- (a) Government and N.A. Officers drawing basic allowances - Authorised mileage rates only.
- (b) Officers not drawing basic but who use their own cars - occasional mileage at 6d per mile.
- (c) Officers without cars may hire private transport where absolutely necessary but the maximum rate may not exceed 1/- per mile.

All other Electoral Staff may draw transport rates as follows:-

2d per mile, flat.

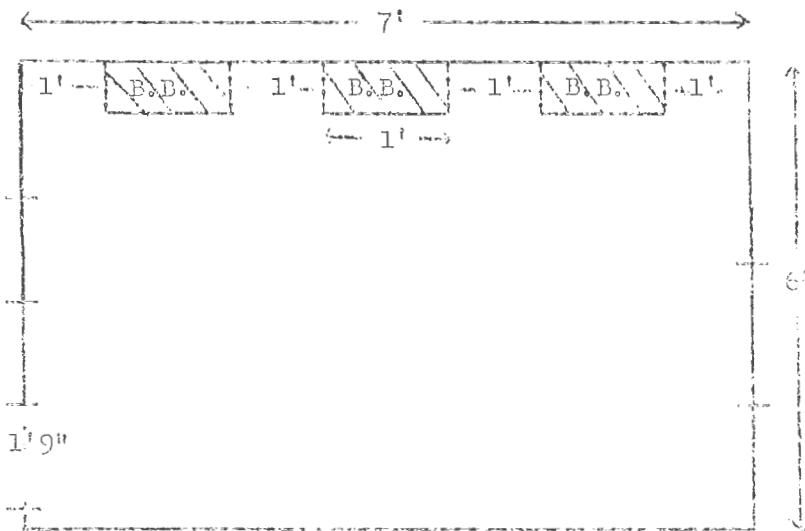
TRAVELLING ALLOWANCE

- (a) Senior Government Officers and Non-Government Officers and N.A. Officials at the rates laid down for Government officials according to their salary scales.
- (b) Junior Government and Non-Government Officials 2/- per night when away from their homes.

(Sgd) H. W. D. McDONALD
Chief Regional Electoral Officer,
Northern Region.

A PLAN OF ZANA OR
TABARMI MAT SCREEN
BIRD VIEW

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There will be 12 pieces of planks or poles, all
told and the distance between the poles should be
2ft., except at the entrance where the extra 2 poles
should be fixed to allow only 1'9" at the entrance.

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PREMIER'S OFFICE,
NORTHERN REGION,
KADUNA.

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23rd NOVEMBER, 1960.

TO:

ALL PERMANENT SECRETARIES AND
RESIDENTS:

NORTHERN REGION ELECTIONS

I am directed to say that in view of the fact that the present House of Assembly may be dissolved at any time before the 1st October, 1961, and the fact that the Chief Regional Electoral Officer has been instructed to have the Electoral Machinery ready for any date from 1st January, 1961 onwards, the time has now come for detailed arrangements to be made for the provision of staff and transport which will have to be deployed for the elections whenever they are held.

2. The Senior Provincial Electoral Officers in all Provinces are now making plans regarding the number and siting of polling stations, the staff to man them and the transport required.

3. When the present House is dissolved a date will be fixed for the holding of the election which will not be less than 28 days after the date on which the announcement of dissolution was made, and it is during this period that the staff and transport previously earmarked must be deployed in the 170 constituencies in the Northern Region.

4. In general the Regional Elections will be conducted on the same lines as the Federal Elections, but in order to acquaint you with the magnitude and complexity of the task which confronts us I am setting out in broad terms what the Region is committed to providing and deploying in personnel, stores and transport:-

(i) Personnel

170 Electoral Officers
170 Returning Officers
170 Assistant Returning Officers
1,020 Counting Officers
3,000 Supervisory Presiding Officers
18,400 Polling Officers
18,400 Polling Marshalls

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- (ii) Equipment and Stores
 - 9,200 Polling Stations
 - 37,000 Ballot Boxes

- (iii) Transport
 - 340 Lorries of 3 ton capacity or better
 - 520 Land Rovers, Picks ups or Kit Cars.

5. About 4 million Ballot Papers, a vast quantity of forms posters and envelopes will have to be distributed throughout the 9,000 odd polling stations under strict security precautions, and in addition adequate arrangements will have to be made to preserve peace.

6. I am to say that except for certain priority tasks approved by me, all Regional staff will have to be made available for election duties if they are so required by Residents and Senior Provincial Electoral Officers; all other activities of Government will have to take second place to the election arrangements.

7. Ministries co-operated very well during the Federal Elections and wrote to their Provincial representatives and Heads of Departments instructing them to give every assistance to Residents in each Province to provide them with personnel and transport, and I would ask, therefore, that you again issue similar instructions asking them to co-operate with the Senior Provincial Electoral Officers in each Province between now and the 31st December, 1960, and during the election period after the dissolution of the House of Assembly.

8. There will be two periods as explained above. The preparatory and planning period between now and the 31st December, 1960 when staff is earmarked for particular Electoral duties. This will interfere very little with normal Government business. The second period, the dates of which are not known, will be the actual period of the elections when staff which have been earmarked will have to concentrate on election duties and nothing else.

9. Certain Senior and Junior Staff personnel may be required now to carry out the duties of Electoral Officers and Supervisory Presiding Officers which involve the planning, siting of polling stations, and the organizing of the polling staffs etc., and this should not seriously affect their normal work.

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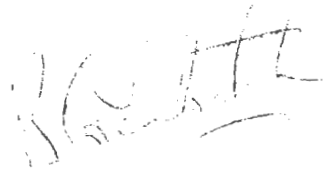
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10. All officials employed in Polling and Returning Staff duties will receive remuneration for their services, and mileage and travelling allowances according to their salary scales.

11. The Chief Regional Electoral Officer will be writing to each Permanent Secretary separately with special regard to the use of personnel in schools and institutes, and the transport which can be made available in Provinces.

12. I am to emphasise that these arrangements are being made in order that the Electoral Machinery will be available when required. No date has been decided upon for the election.



SECRETARY TO THE PREMIER.

*Mr Walter Do should see
when he next visits office please*

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1st December, 1960.

To: All Residents.

Regional Elections.

With reference to my circular CREO/34/1 of 7th October, para 3:-
I have been instructed that the Provincial Elections must now be ready by the end of February, 1961.

2. In view of this decision your Senior Provincial Electoral Officer should carry out the following action, only if he has not already done so.

- (a) Make the necessary alterations to the Federal Register. ✓
- (b) Prepare lists of the number of Polling Stations and their sites. ✓
- (c) Forward to me the names of all Electoral and Assistant Electoral Officers, Returning and Assistant Returning Officers already earmarked. (I realize there will be many changes before the election) ✓
- (d) Prepare lists of names of personnel to be employed as Polling Staff and inform me of the numbers required ex province from educational establishments etc. ✓
- (e) Transport. - by categories. ✓
The number of vehicles required for the actual election period. ✓

3. All Regional Election lorries now with provinces should be returned to Kaduna by 31st December for the collection of stores.

4. The last consignment of stores from the U.K. should arrive in Kaduna by the end of this year and I hope to be able to get your consignment to you by the 15th January at the latest.

5. When your S.P.E.O. has received his stores and has completed the tasks required to be carried out in the preparatory phase, he should close down his office and return all Regional Electoral transport to Kaduna where they will be laid up until required.

6. I hope I shall receive early information of when the election may take place, and if I do I shall inform you immediately. If I do not, you realize your S.P.E.O. only has the 28 days as laid down in the instructions to put his machinery into action.

H.W.D.McDonald.
Chief Regional Electoral Of

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Chief Regional Electoral Officer,
Lugard Hall Offices,
KADUNA.

Regional Elections

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The arrangements outlined in your Secret letter No. CREO/24/39 of 1st December, 1960 are in an advanced stage as far as this Province is concerned. Mr. Walters, M.C., Senior Provincial Electoral Officer leaves Sokoto today for a Judicial Course at Zaria. He will also be seeing you in Kaduna before he returns to Sokoto on the 14th December, 1960. On his return I propose to post him to my Provincial Office on the clear understanding that his electoral duties come first. In other words he will not be 'chairborne', but mobile when needed. He will also be in a position to go full speed ahead on Regional Election work whenever this is required of him.

(Sgd) L. T. STEVENSON

Resident,
Sokoto Province.

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COPY TO:-

S.0712/145A
Sokoto. 3rd December 1960.

Senior Provincial Electoral Officer,
Sokoto.

For information.

(Sgd) L. T. STEVENSON

Resident,
Sokoto Province.

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PREMIER'S OFFICE,
NORTHERN REGION,
KADUNA.

1st DECEMBER, 1960.

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- The Resident, Adamawa Province, Yola.
- The Resident, Bauchi Province, Bauchi.
- The Resident, Bende Province, Makurdi.
- The Resident, Ilorin Province, Ilorin.
- The Resident, Kibba Province, Lokoja.
- The Resident, Niger Province, Minna.
- The Resident, Plateau Province, Jos.
- The Resident, Sokoto Province, Sokoto.

Senior Provincial Electoral Officers.

I am directed to inform you that the Hon. Premier has observed that a Northern Administrative Officer has not been appointed to be the Senior Provincial Electoral Officer in your Province. He wishes, wherever possible that Northern Officers should be trained in this most important task. I should be grateful if you would now reconsider your administrative dispositions so that, unless it is clearly impossible or unsuitable, a Northern officer may undertake the duty.

2. Please let us have a return by 15th December showing your Senior Electoral Officer or, if it is not possible, let us have the reasons which preclude your selection of a Northern Officer.

3. The deadline for the submission of your territory work to the 1st Division has been extended to 28th February, 1961.

[Signature]
Secretary to the Premier.

Ho. P. 52/S.18/14A.
Kaduna, 1st December, 1960.

Cc: -

The Resident, Kano Province, Kano.

You have no N. speaking Northern officers.

- The Resident, Benue Province, Maiduguri.
- The Resident, Katsina Province, Katsina.
- The Resident, Zaria Province, Zaria.

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For information.

[Signature]
Secretary to the Premier.

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The Resident's Office,

Sokoto.

7th December, 1960.

The Secretary to the Premier.
Premier's Office.
Zaduna.

Senior Provincial Electoral Officer

With reference to your secret letter No. PM.52/S.18/14 of 1st December, which reached me on the 5th December. I chose Mr. V. M. Walters, M.C., District Officer, after careful thought, as he was the best qualified officer available for this important assignment of Sokoto Senior Provincial Electoral Officer. He has served for over 5 years in this Province and has experience of the people and communications in all four Emirates. In fact he has done very well and I gained the impression, during the recent Residents Meeting in the State House, that arrangements for the Election may be further advanced here than in any other Province.

2. The Northern Officers serving in this Province are as follows:-

M. Muhammadu M. Kasimu, Executive Officer acting as Administrative Officer, undertaking the exacting special duty of Native Courts. I did not wish to interrupt his important work and in any event he is due for leave in February 1961.

H. Shettima A. Urahin and Mr. J. M. Samci who are unconfirmed administrative officers of barely three months service. Both these officers are shaping well, but I suggest it would not be fair, either to them, or to Northern Nigeria, that so inexperienced an officer should be posted for so great a duty.

3. All three of these Northern Officers will play their part in the forthcoming Regional Elections and they will, I hope, be fitted for posting as Senior Provincial Electoral Officers when the Regional Elections, following the ones in question, are held. They are each Electoral Officers for the Sabon Birni, Sokoto South and Yauri constituencies respectively in the present elections.

(signed) T. M. B. Sharp

for Resident
Sokoto Province
(Resident's draft)

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Delimitation Authority,
Northern Region,
c/o Premier's Office,
Kaduna.

19th December, 1960.

The General Secretary,
N.P.C. Headquarters,
Kaduna.

The General Secretary,
N.E.P.U. Headquarters,
Kano.

The General Secretary,
U.M.B.C. Headquarters,
Jos.

Sir,

Under Northern Regional Law No. 25/1960, entitled The Division of Constituencies (appointment of Competent Authority) a Delimitation Authority has been set up. Its purpose is to divide the Region into 170 constituencies in place of the present 167. As it would manifestly not be in the public interest to make any general alteration in the boundaries of the present Federal Constituencies, the Authority proposes to confine itself to the creation of three new constituencies, each out of one, or more existing contiguous constituencies. Such alterations would be carried out in the spirit of the principles laid down by the Federal Delimitation Commission of 1958: of these the major considerations were the desirability of adhering as closely as possible to the average figure of 98,622 persons per constituency and also to existing Administrative boundaries.

You are, therefore, invited to let me have by the 25th January, 1961, the views of your party (and of its allies) on the siting of the three new additional constituencies. To facilitate consideration you are requested to couch your replies in the briefest form commensurate with a reasonable exposition of the reasons prompting the proposals.

E. Taylor

Secretary.

Copy to:-
All Residents.

The Authority asks that you consult any local opinion on this matter that you consider necessary: your reply should reach me not later than 25th January, 1961.

2. Members of the Authority are prepared to visit Provinces if you feel it is essential for them to do so.

E. Taylor
Secretary.

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The Resident's Office.

Sokoto.

23rd December, 1960.

The Secretary,
Delimitation Authority
Northern Region,
Premier's Office,
Kaduna.

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to your letter of
the 19th December, 1960 (copied to me) on the subject
of the delimitation of constituencies and to say that
I had already made inquiries in this regard and came
to the conclusion that the constituencies recommended
by the Federal Constituency Delimitation Committee in
their 1958 report appear to be quite acceptable for
Northern Region Elections in so far as interested
persons in this Province are concerned.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,

(sgd) L. T. Stevenson

Resident,
Sokoto Province

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24th January,

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

Senior Provincial Electoral Officer: Sokoto
Province

With reference to my secret letter No. S.0712/147 of 7th December, 1960, I confirm your oral direction given at Sokoto on 23rd January, 1961 that Mallam Shettima Alhaji Ibrahim, Acting Assistant District Officer, will immediately begin to take over the duties of Sokoto Senior Provincial Electoral Officer from Mr. V.M. Walters, M.C., District Officer.

2. You added that you would not post Mr. Walters away from Sokoto for a period of at least about three months, as Mr. R.J. Purdy, O.B.E., Senior Resident, will benefit from Walters' wide experience of this Province, as his assistant in the Provincial Office for his first months.

(Sgd) L. T. STEVENSON

Resident,
Sokoto Province.

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S.0712/154A
Sokoto. 24th January, 1961.

COPY TO:-

Divisional Officer,
Sokoto.

For information and early action in so far as releasing Mallam Shettima is concerned.

(Sgd) L. T. STEVENSON
Resident,
Sokoto Province.

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S.0712/154B
Sokoto. 24th January, 1961.

V.M. Walters, Esq., M.C.,
District Officer, Sokoto.

The Secretary to the Premier made it quite clear to Mr. Purdy and myself that the Premier had had to make this alteration through pressure from his Ministers; it would have been the Honourable Premier's personal wish that you should continue to do this important work.

(Sgd) L. T. STEVENSON

Resident,
Sokoto Province.

Purdy 24/1/61
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DRAFT PLAN FOR SOKOTO PROVINCE

POLICE ARRANGEMENTS - NORTHERN HOUSE

OF ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS

1. There are 28 constituencies in this Province, numbered from 132-159. They are in seven zones as under:-

<u>Zone Number</u>	<u>Constituency Number</u>	<u>Counting Centre</u>
1	146	Shinkafe
	147	Kaura Namoda
	148	Maradun
	149	Dauran
	151	Sabon Birni
2	140	Gusau
	156	Bungudu
	157	Anka
3	154	Sokoto
	155	Sokoto
	158	Gummi
	159	Dogondaji
4	139	Tangaza
	142	Gada
	144	Illela
	145	Gwadabawa
5	141	Sokoto
	143	Sokoto
	150	Wurno
	152	Sokoto
	153	Sokoto
6	132	Argungu
	133	Argungu
7	134	Birnin Kebbi
	135	Jega
	136	Bunza
	137	Dakingari
	138	Yelwa

2. Considered potential security risks at election time are as under:-

Zone 1	Station 147	Kaura Namoda
" 2	" 140	Gusau
" 7	" 135	Jega

3. Forces Available

At the moment the undermentioned forces are available:-

(a) Sokoto N.A. Police	397 men	1 officer
Gwandu N.A. Police	118 "	1 officer
Argungu N.A. Police	47 "	-
Yauri N.A. Police	45 "	-
Nigeria Police	41 "	2 officers
Special Constabulary	39 "	1 officer

(b) Three half units of the Nigeria Police will be requested from HQ to arrive in the Province at least two days before the election to be placed at Gusau, Kaura Namoda and Birnin Kebbi respectively, and the Special Constabulary will be augmented to the provincial allocation of 100 by the appointment of 60 temporary Special Constables.

4. Control

(a) The P.P.O. Sokoto Province will be in overall command for the elections and with the co-operation and coordination of N.A.P. Forces in the Province will establish control in the various Districts as under:-

Sokoto District: Wakilin Yan Doka,
Sokoto N.A. Police

Gusau District: A.S.P. N.P.F. if available,
otherwise Deputy Wakilin
Yan Doka, Sokoto N.A. Police

Kaura Namoda District: A.S.P. N.P.F. if
available, otherwise Inspector
N.A.P.

Argungu District: Inspector, N.P.F.

Gwandu District: A.S.P. N.P.F. if available,
otherwise Chief of Police,
Gwandu N.A. Police

Yauri: Sergeant N.P.F.

- (b) Posts & Telegraphs will be requested to instal a telephone in the Magistrate's Court, Sokoto, which will be used as the control room and will also be requested to give priority to all calls for this number during the election period.
- (c) The control room will be used by the P.P.O. and the Senior Electoral Officer for the Province. All communications dealing with election matters will be directed to the control room.
- (d) The following communications will be in use:-
 - (i) To Gwandu by telephone
 - (ii) To Argungu by telephone
 - (iii) To Sokoto by telephone and N.A.P. Walkie-Talkie
 - (iv) To Gusau by telephone
 - (v) To Kaura Namoda by telephoneTelephones at Gwandu, Argungu, Gusau and Kaura Namoda will be manned by police personnel during the election.

5. Internal Security

- (a) Fully-equipped half riot units of police will be stationed as follows:-

Sokoto:- One half riot unit N.P.F.

Gusau:- One half riot unit N.P.F. if available, otherwise one half unit N.A.P.

Kaura Namoda: One half riot unit N.P.F. if available, otherwise one half unit N.A.P.

Argungu:- One half unit N.A.P.

Birnin Kebbi: One half unit N.P.F.

- (b) Units will not under any circumstances move or be dispersed for other purposes without prior permission from P.P.O. Control.
- (c) At the discretion of the P.P.O. units may be used for normal patrols, escorts, guards, etc. Personnel will therefore carry normal dress in addition to riot kit. Unit commanders will ensure that police do not appear in public in riot dress unless dealing with an actual disturbance.

6. Counting Centre Guards

There is a total of 28 counting centres throughout the Province. One N.C.O. and 12 men will be posted to each counting centre. Prior to counting the duty of these men will be to form two-man patrols in the vicinity of polling booths near the counting centres. They will further escort Regional transport on collection of polling boxes and ensure security during the actual counting.

7. Patrols will be finalised when it is known what resources are available. Their job will be to operate at suspected trouble spots and ensure non-interference with free voting.

8. Escorts for Polling Boxes

It will be quite impossible to provide police escorts for all polling boxes. Electoral officers in charge of constituencies who consider they have a special problem should consult the P.P.O.

9. Special Constabulary

- (a) Special constables will take over all police charge offices in Sokoto and Gusau. They will be responsible for mounting static guards at Treasuries and other vulnerable points. They will carry out foot and bicycle patrols in the interests of the prevention of crime.
- (b) At all other police stations throughout the Province a skeleton staff of an N.C.O. and a station writer only will be available to deal with complaints. All specialist staff, clerks, "I" Branch, court prosecutors, etc., report for duty in uniform and be detailed with the remainder of the uniformed personnel.

10. Electoral Officers

Each constituency electoral officer will have an N.C.O. attached to him for liaison purposes in carrying out his requests.

11. Disposition of Police Personnel

This will be arranged nearer the election date and when and if it is known that requested reinforcements of Nigeria Police are available.

12. Lectures

All personnel will receive regular lectures on The Election (Northern House of Assembly) Regulations, 1960, between now and the election with special attention being paid to chapters 48, 51-57 and 71-87.

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C I R C U L A R

Ho.PM.52/S.18/62

PREMIER'S OFFICE,
NORTHERN NIGERIA,
KADUNA.

27th March, 1961.

TO:

All Permanent Secretaries,
All Residents,
Secretary to the Executive Council,
Clerk to Regional Legislature,
Secretary, Public Service Commission,
Chief Regional Electoral Officer,
Director of Audit.

REGIONAL ELECTIONS.

I am directed to inform you that with effect from the receipt of this circular the requirements of the Regional Electoral Organisation will take precedence over all other Government activities.

Any request for staff, equipment or transport made by the Chief Regional Electoral Officer or by Senior Provincial Electoral Officers should be met. Any difficulties must be referred to me personally.

2. I am further to say that no Regional Government official who has been detailed for work in connection with the elections may be posted away from his present post without my personal permission.

Secretary to the Premier.

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No. S.0712/S.1/18

1-47 Copy to:

Sokoto, 30th March, 1961.

Divisional Officer,
Sokoto Division.

Divisional Officer,
Gwandu Division.

For information. I have informed every departmental officer in the Province concerned about this.

(sgd) R. J. Pundz

Senior Resident
Sokoto Province

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C I R C U L A R

No. PM. 52/S. 18/63
PREMIER'S OFFICE,
NORTHERN NIGERIA,
KADUNA.

27th March, 1961.

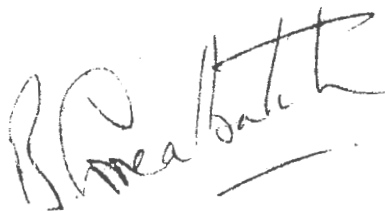
TO:

ALL RESIDENTS:

REGIONAL ELECTIONS

I am directed to inform you that Senior Provincial Electoral Officers have complained that in some Provinces they have not sufficient clerical staff to carry out their duties. Immediate action should be taken to supply the necessary clerical staff. With effect from the receipt of this circular all other activities of Government will take second place to the requirements of the elections.

2. I am further to say that it is essential that Senior Provincial Electoral Officers have telephones both in their houses and in their offices. Immediate action must be taken to provide these telephones. If telephones cannot be installed then offices and houses must be moved.



Secretary to the Premier.

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No. S.0712/S.1/50

The Resident's Office,
Sokoto.
30th March, 1961.

- Provincial Agricultural Officer
- Provincial Audit Officer
- Provincial Education Officer
- Provincial Forest Officer
- Provincial Engineer
- Provincial Veterinary Officer
- Assistant Registrar of Co-operatives, Sokoto
- Medical Officer i/c General Hospital, Sokoto

REGIONAL ELECTIONS

From now until the Regional Elections have been held no Regional Government official who has been detailed for work in connexion with the Elections may be posted away from his present post without the personal permission of the Secretary to the Premier. If it is vital that someone has to go on leave or be posted elsewhere, will you please first consult with me.

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2. With effect from the receipt of this letter all other activities of Government will take second place to the requirements of the Elections. Therefore, if the Senior Provincial Electoral Officer or Zone Commanders or Electoral Officers in charge of constituencies give you orders or orders to members of your staff, such orders are to take precedence over your Government departmental activities.

(Signature) K. V. ...

Senior Resident
Sokoto Province

Recd 1/4/61

April, 61.

Divisional Officer,
Sokoto Division,
Sokoto.

Divisional Officer,
Gwandu Division,
Dinnin Kebbi

Regional Election 1961

I enclose herewith a copy of
"Regional Election Arrangements,
Sokoto Province. Operational Orders"
issued by the Deputy Superintendent
of Police i/c Sokoto Province, for
your information.

Senior Resident
Sokoto Province

ADSP. 14/11/61

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PM 52/S.18/83.
The Premier's Office,
Northern Region,
Kaduna. 10th April, 1961.

Regional Elections : Additional Supervisory
Staff.


I am directed to inform you that Ministries in Regional Headquarters will be required to release officers who will proceed to the Provinces from about 24th April in order to assist generally in the conduct of elections.

2. Wherever possible these officers will use their own transport and should be able to take touring loads. Mileage allowance will be payable at Class C rates (or occasional allowance at 8d per mile in the case of any who do not draw basic allowance). Travelling allowance will be paid at standard rates and in addition a special remuneration of 10/- per day will be payable. All claims will be submitted to the Chief Regional Electoral Officer, Kaduna, on return from this duty.

3. The first requirement is for Ministries to select officers for this duty (bearing in mind that all work other than the provision of essential services is subordinate to the requirements of the elections) and to send their names direct to the Chief Regional Electoral Officer (copy to this office) by 15th April. Chief Regional Electoral Officer will issue necessary papers and instructions and allocate officers to Provinces. There is no objection to preferences being stated when putting in names as there is advantage in officers going to Provinces they know.

4. Attached at Appendix A is a list of Ministries showing the numbers of officers to be selected. Some requisitions have already been made for duty in the Kaduna Capital Territory and these are additional to the requirements listed in Appendix A.

5. Most urgent action is required on this Circular.


Secretary to the Premier.

Seen by S/Resident
on 14/4/61



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Distribution.

Action. Clerk to the Regional Legislature
 Secretary, Public Service Commission.

Permanent Secretaries	Agriculture
"	" Animal Health and Forestry
"	" Education
"	" Finance
"	" Health
"	" Internal Affairs
"	" Land and Survey
"	" Local Government
"	" Social Welfare and Co-operatives
"	" Trade and Industry
"	" Works

Chief Regional Electoral Officer
 Senior Assistant Secretary (Gen) Premier's Office.

Information.

SOK TO Private Secretary to H.E. the Governor.
 All Residents (except N, Cameroons)
 Perm. Sec. Ministry of Information
 Administrator Kaduna Capital Territory.
 Hon. Attorney General
 Chief Registrar, High Court
 Registrar, Shari'a Court of Appeal
 Commissioner of Police, N.R.
 Director of Audit.

Appendix A.

1.	<u>Premier's Office</u>	
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	For other Provinces	3
2.	Legislature	3
3.	Public Service Commission	2
4.	Agriculture	4
5.	Animal Health and Forestry	4
6.	Education	6
7.	Finance	4
8.	Health	3 (NON-MEDICAL)
9.	Internal Affairs	1
10.	Land and Survey	5
11.	Local Government	1
12.	Social Welfare and Co-operatives	3
13.	Trade and Industry	3
14.	Works	4

Kaura Namoda,
On Tour.

28th April, 1961.

M. Haruna Tela,
Kaura Namoda.

Sir,

Polling Officers

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 26th April, 1961, referring to your objections to twenty polling officers. You were informed by the Assistant Electoral Officer (M. Isa Anka) that vague and unsubstantiated complaints against polling officers could not be accepted and you were advised to lodge separate and specific complaints against such officers individually. This you refused to do. copy p 26

2. Yesterday I personally informed M. Lawalli, Vice-President of N.E.P.U. in Kaura Namoda, that specific objections would be investigated if they were made, and the relevant sections of the Electoral regulations were explained to him in detail. M. Lawalli assured me that specific objections would be lodged, but at the time of writing none have been received.

3. I cannot, therefore, replace some twenty polling officers merely because you object to them without specifying any valid reasons why they should not be employed. You are also aware, I believe, that it is extremely difficult to recruit 120 suitably qualified persons to conduct the polls in Kaura Namoda, and changes at this late hour could prove disastrous.

4. It is possible, however, that a number of persons already nominated may have to be changed if they prove unsatisfactory during the training period, which commences to-day.

5. I have taken note of the implication contained in the final sentence of your letter in the following words: "I da ba ka sake su ba, kada ka yarda, komi ya faru, to, a kanka, to, ski ke na Haruna Tela". A copy of this letter has been forwarded to the Senior Resident, Sokoto Province.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

[Signature]
Electoral Officer
No. 154 Kaura Namoda Constituency

Kaura Namoda, 28th April, 1961.

Copy to:
Senior Resident,
Sokoto Province.

For information with reference to our telephone conversation (Purdy/Walters) of 27th April, 1961.

[Signature]
Electoral Officer

see p 27

C O P Y

26/4/1961

1. M. Sada gelakn
2. M. Namakka
3. M. Sahabi
4. M. Sani dandada
5. M. Jibo Na Kyambarawa
6. M. Hashimu B/M
7. M. Amedu Gabake
8. M. Wakkala Bange
9. M. Idi Kofar Kotorkwashi
10. M. Ila dogon Kade
11. M. Bala Gusami
12. M. Bello Nakacaba
13. M. Maidamma Na Wakkala
14. M. Damashi Banga
15. M. Albada Mai Alawa
16. M. Balarabe B/M
17. M. Na pogo Naabi
18. M. Husaiali
19. M. Azika
20. M. Manimodomawa

Ma maina Lanna Mallamai duka su ina kara su gare ka dumi ban yarda
da su ba saboda haka shi ya sa nayi karosu gareka dumi ka sa ke
mani wada su tuda wuri ida ba ka sake su ba kada ka yarda ~~kezu~~ komi
ya faru to akanka to shi ke na

Haruna Tela

Note: Envelope was addressed

Mai Girma P.O. Gusau

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7) April, 61

Secretary to the Premier,
Premier's Office,
Northern Region,
Kaduna.

*p. 55
+ original
of Haruna
Tela's letter*

I enclose herewith a copy of a letter I have received from Mr. Walters who is D.O. in Gusau organising the Elections in Eastern Sokoto. You will see that in the last sentence of Haruna Tela's letter there is an implied threat. Haruna Tela is the N.E.P.U. candidate for Kaura Namoda. *copy p. 56.*

Senior Resident
Sokoto Province

Desp. 1/5/61.

P.A.

T. Resident
Sokoto Province.

I forward h/w a letter received
from the N.A. Police, Sokoto, together with
a statement written and signed by M. Abdul
Case in Arabic script with a copy in Hausa.

2. I consider that before putting
such an item in a news broadcast the
N.B.C. should most certainly have confirmed
the item from the area concerned. The announcement
caused considerable anger in Sokoto.

M. J. J. J.
D.O.S.
26/4/61.

Madison's Bill
Copy - S.D.C. Bill

29th April, 1961.

It was announced by the N.B.C on 15th April 1961 at about 2.15 p.m that one Abdu Caco who was to contest election to the Northern Parliament in the Raah- Wurno constituency got disappeared and this news embarrassed everyone in this parts of Nigeria especially the police. The N.B.C have never approached anybody before embarking on this announcement which would certainly lower the credibility anyone has for the N.B.C as broadcaster of truth. In my opinion as chief of police in this area the N. B.C has been most unfair to me for they could have verified the truth of the story ^{from me} before embarking ~~to~~ on announcing it to the public.


N.A Chief Of Police,
Sokoto.

Na ji an ce wai na bata har ma
Saboda wannan labarin Babban
Resident na Sokoto ya sa an kirami
har gidansa don shi game in da
idonai shi tabbata ban bata ba.
To ina sanadda kowa cewa ni ban
bata ba, ina nan garinmu Cace ta
Kasar Wurno inda aka haifeni. Ina
nan da ni da iyalina.

Saboda rashin jin dadin wannan
labari na yi nufin in yi kasar wanda
ya bada miyumi labari na karya game
da ni.

Na ce ni ba ni AB, Kada su bidan
kada su zo garinmu ko gidana, idan
ko sun zo ko mi faru don kansu
su kuka da kansu.

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23 April, 61

Secretary to the Premier,
Premier's Office,
Northern Region,
Kaduna.

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With reference to our telephone conversation of the night of the 26th (Greatbatch/Purdy) concerning one Abdu Caco who was the Action Group candidate opposing the Premier in the Rabah/Wurno Constituency and who subsequently withdrew, I enclose herewith a copy of a letter I received from the N.A. Chief of Police, the original in Arabic of a letter signed by Abdu Caco which shows that he is in good health, and a copy in Hausa in Latin characters of Abdu Caco's statement.

2. I cannot conceive of any reason whatsoever for the N.B.C. putting out that he was missing. It appears that he was living a perfectly normal life at his home.

Senior Resident
Sokoto Province

Deep 1/5/61

P. A.



No. SEC. 554/S. 11/23

Premier's Office,
Northern Region,

KADUNA 24th April, 19 61.

SECRET

The Resident,
SOKOTO.

I am directed to inform you that the Regional Security Committee has decided that the half unit which the Nigeria Police had intended to send to Gusau as reinforcements for the period of the Regional Elections should not now be sent. Nigeria Police can be made available in Gusau from Sokoto itself.

2. This decision was made as a result of a review of the security position for the Elections, which took into consideration the nominations in constituencies.

J. O. O. O.
Secretary to the Premier

*Bako informed.
But he should have a copy
P.I. WRT on telephone
connection (Bako - Purdy)
28.4.61.*

No. S.0712/S.1/62A

Copy to:-

Sokoto, 27 April, 1961.

Superintendent of Police,
Sokoto.

For information with reference to our telephone conversation (Bako/Purdy) on the 28th April, 1961.

Senior Resident
Sokoto Province

*Deep 1/5/61
p.A.*

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Reference No. SEC.554.S11/16

Premier's Office,

Northwestern Region,

ADANA 24th April, 1961

To All Residents
(except Kano and Katsina)

WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS

I am directed to inform you that the Regional Security Committee has decided that wireless communications should be made available in your Province at the places listed below.

2. Those marked (a) are considered to be absolutely essential, whilst those marked (b) are very desirable and will be provided if possible.

<u>Sokoto Province</u>	Velwa (a)
	Shinkafi (b)

[Signature]
for Secretary to the Premier

No. S.0712/S.1/63A
Sokoto, *24* April, 1961.

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Copy to:-
Superintendent of Police, -
The Nigeria Police
Sokoto.

For information.

Senior Resident
Sokoto Province

Deep 1/5/61
P.A.

Sabon Birni,
17th April, 1961.

The Resident,
Sokoto Province,
Sokoto.

Elections Northern House of Assembly-1961.

I have to bring to your notice the following incident which occurred to me at Sabon Birni while on duty to receive nomination papers.

2. An Action Group candidate bearing the name Bello Adama and whose address was given as c/o Shiyer Gwaya, Kaura Naoda came to me at the District Office (which I appointed as the place for receiving nominations) on the 16th April and requested me to fill nomination forms on his behalf.

3. When I asked for his two nominators as required by Regulation 16(1), he presented to me a man named ILLO and another person named HAMIDU DAN AHMADU both of whom had in their possession genuine registration cards. When I checked up in the Register of Electors I found the names entered against the card numbers presented to me were IBAHOM DAN AHMADU and HAMIDU DAN SA'IDU respectively. Accordingly, I pointed out to Bello Adama that the two pairs of names did not correspond as required by the regulations.

4. For merely pointing out this irregularity in names to Bello Adama, he accused me of partiality, saying that if the nomination had been in the name of the Northern People's Congress I would have accepted it in spite of the incompatibility of names. In reply to this unfair and ~~un~~ least expected accusation I courteously requested Bello Adama to cool down his temper and regard the job I was doing as having nothing to do with any political ~~interest~~ party whatsoever.

5. However, Bello Adama later on presented two nominators whose names I was satisfied appeared in the ~~Register~~ Register of Electors against the ~~app~~ numbers borne on their cards; and, at his (Adama's) request I completed the nominations papers on his behalf in the presence of his nominators as provided for by regulation 15(3).

6. When this incident happened there were present at the District Office the following persons:-

- (i) Dangaladiman Waziri, who is my Assistant Electoral Officer,
- (ii) Sarkin Gobir, District Head, Sabon Birni and
- (iii) M. Umaru Ganiyu, District Secretary, Sabon Birni.

7. The A.G. candidate has since withdrawn his name from the race.
S.P.E. 25/4/61
SENIOR PROVINCIAL ELECTORAL OFFICER

Mustafa B. B.
ELECTORAL OFFICER
CONSTITUENCY No.158.

Noted
19/4/61

Resident

Do you wish to take any action on p-64?

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MESSAGE FORM

Police B/1 (Old No. A/62)

FGP P.W.O.461

REGISTER SERIAL No.

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From SUPOL SOKO TO Date-Time Origin 011100/5

To [A] COMPOL KADUNA

For Info [W]

PLACED KADUNA RESIDENT SOKOTO (By Hand)

Originator's No. 48/2/39 X ELECTIONS X MOVEMENT OF UNITS X FOLLOWING UNITS
 DEPARTED SOKOTO DATE 0900 HOURS X SOKOTO N.P.F. HALF UNIT TO GUSAU
 COMMANDER SUPOL DANMADAMI X TRANSPORT ONE LAND-ROVER AND ONE LORRY
 X SOKOTO N.A.P. ONE UNIT FROM GUSAU TO KAURA NAMODA COMMANDER W.Y.D.
 X TRANSPORT ONE LORRY AND ONE LAND ROVER X SOKOTO N.A.P. HALF UNIT
 FROM SOKOTO TO MARADUN COMMANDER SGT. MAMMAN
 SOKOTO X TRANSPORT ONE LORRY X SOKOTO N.A.P. HALF
 UNIT FROM SOKOTO TO GUSAU COMMANDER INSPECTOR
 YUSUFU ZARIA X TRANSPORT ONE LORRY X SUB-INSPR.
 ABDULKADIRI N.P.F. AND ONE LORRY FROM SOKOTO TO
 ARGUNGU X ONE UNIT OF N.A.P. SOKOTO RESERVED SOKOTO
 X OTHER DUTIES SOKOTO TOWN AND

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MESSAGE FORM

Police B/1
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From SUPOL Sokoto Date-Time Origin 01

To [A]

COMPOL KADUNA

For Info [W]

Placid Kaduna, Resident Sokoto [By Hand]

Originator's No.

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Telephone Conversation ACPol Everett / SUPOL Sokoto
of 1/5/61 x Amendment Sokoto Operational Order
x Gwandu N.A.P. x 2B. Para. 6 (a) now
Amended as follows x Half Unit B/Kebbi to
Dakingari Constituency No. 144
and Half Unit B/Kebbi to Jega
Constituency No. 142 Amendment
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6 May 61

Divisional Officer,
Gwandu Division. p.71

Divisional Officer, ~~unidentified~~ p.73
Sokoto Division.

I will, in due course, be asked to supply personal details of all the new members of the House of Assembly. Can you please let me have these as soon as possible.

p.67A

2. I am going to write to Yauri and Argungu Native Authorities direct about this and ask them to submit their details to me direct.



Desp. 6/5/61.

Senior Resident
Sokoto Province

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6 May 61

Argungu Native Authority, ~~unidentified~~ p.74
Argungu.

Yauri Native Authority, p.72
Yelwa.

I would be very grateful if you would send me, if possible by return, biographical details of all the new members of the House of Assembly who have just been elected in the recent elections.



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Senior Resident
Sokoto Province

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6^c May, 61

Secretary to the Premier,
Premier's Office,
Kaduna.

Constituency No.144, Gwandu West

I think you ought to be informed about one small incident which occurred in the above constituency because it may be the subject of an electoral appeal or even a complaint by the elected member. The incident is a petty one and would not make any difference whatsoever to the election as there was an 8,000 majority for the N.P.C. candidate and the incident involves only 119 people.

2. A small village in the constituency, called Kutukulla, was put into a different polling booth to what it was in for the Federal election. Consequently when the voters from this village turned up to vote they went to the polling booth to which they had previously gone and, of course, they were told they could not vote there. Apparently no effort was made by them to find out where they could vote, which was in a nearby polling booth, and they did not therefore vote at all. How many of the full 119 on the electoral register turned up I do not know, but the maximum involved was 119.

Senior Resident
Sokoto Province

Desp 8/5/61.

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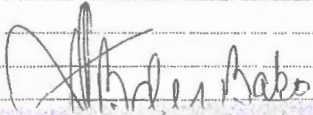
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For Info [W] RESIDENT SOKOTO (By Hand)	

Originator's No. 48/87 X Election Offences X Kano Illo N.A.P. Cpl.

not taken to Court owing to lack of Evidence X No Offence

Disclosed against Northern Regional Election Regulations X

My follow up report No.48/Vol.2/76 of 6/5/61 refers X

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of yellow committed an offence under reg 72
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reported to Sapal Sokoto which is being
investigated X accused has no surety for

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but d. ... will be contacted to
my file ... this brings the total number
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Kaduna resident, Sokoto

AV Aisha Baki

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No. GNAC/3/2.
Birnin Kebbi, 16th May, 1961.

12/3
The Senior Resident,
Sokoto Province,
Sokoto u.f.s. D.O. Gwandu.

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for *Muhammadu*
Gwandu Native Authority.

S/Resident

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11/20/61

from p 70 referred.

U. R. D. T.

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No. 705/3.
Yelwa, 19th May, 1961.

[Handwritten signature]

The District Assistant,
Sokoto Province,
U.F.A. D.O. Yelwa.

Biographical Details of Labbo
Muhammad Isah, M.A.

Please refer to your Secret letter No. J. 0712/3.1/67A
of 6th May, 1961.

The biographical details of the above mentioned
subject are as follows:-

He was born in 1920 in Yelwa town of Yauri Emirate.
He did not attend any school but achieved his knowledge
of Arabic privately. He is a general trader and is
also an agent of the United Africa Company Limited for
the petrol station in Yelwa.

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Musa D
Yauri Native Authority.

U. R. D. T.

S/Resident

Referred from p. 70 & 60's on p. 67 & 67A.

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27/5/61.

a Reminder to
DOS Re C. 67

Reminder to August MA
re C-67A

27.6.61.

S.0712/S.1/73

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May 61

Divisional Officer,
Sokoto Division.

Please may I have a reply

to my secret letter S.0712/S.1/67

of 6th May, 1961.

Dear 29/5/61.

Senior Resident
Sokoto Province

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S.0712/S.1/74

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May 61

Argungu Native Authority,
Argungu.

Please may I have an
early reply to my secret letter
S.0712/S.1/67A of 6th May, 1961.

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Desp 29/5/61.

Senior Resident
Sokoto Province

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No. GNAC/3/2.
Birnin Kebbi, 16th May, 1961.

The Senior Resident,
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Gwandu N.A. Dispensary Attendant 1949-54

Village Head 1954-57

Appointed District Head of Dakingari 1957 to date.

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for *Alhaji Haruna Gwandu*
Gwandu Native Authority.

CONFIDENTIAL:

No. C.19/37.

Argungu. 1st June, 1961.

The Senior Resident,
i/c Sokoto Province,
Sokoto.

Biographical Details of the M.H.A's
(Kaduna).

With reference to your letter No. S.0712/S.1/67A of 6th May 1961. I forward herewith Biographical details of the new members of the House of Assembly who have just been elected in the recent elections:

The Biographical details are as follows:-

1. Member for Argungu East Constituency No. 139,
Mallam Abubakar, Magajin Gari Argungu.
Born in 1915.
Educated Argungu Elementary School 1926 - 1929.
Dispensary Attendant Argungu Native Authority 1930.
Promoted Supervisor of Medical Services with the title of Wakilin Magani 1952.
Promoted Argungu N.A. Councillor of Works Medical and Health with the title of Magajin Gari in 1960.
Elected member of the House of Assembly Northern Region of Nigeria 1961.
2. Member for Argungu West Constituency 140,
Mallam Kusa Sarkin Shiko Kamba.
Born in 1904.
Educated Argungu Elementary School 1918 - 1925.
He was a teacher from 1925 - 1941.
District Head of Dendi 1941, and he is still holding the post.
Elected member of the House of Assembly Northern Region of Nigeria 1961.


Argungu Native Authority,
Argungu.

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10th June,

61.

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

House of Assembly Election 1961.

I give herewith for information biographical details of the newly elected members of the House of Assembly for Gwandu, Yauri and Argungu Emirates. I am trying to get the same information from Sokoto N. A., Gwandu Emirate Constituencies 142 and 143.

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Veterinary Assistant 1919-22.
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Yauri Emirate - Constituency 145.

M. Labbo Na-Mallam Isa.

He was born in 1920 in Yelwa town of Yauri Emirate. He didn't attend any school but achieved his knowledge of Arabic Privately. He is a general trader and is also an agent of the United Africa Company Limited for the petrol station in Yelwa.

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2. Argungu West Constituency 140

Mallam Musa Sarkin Shiko Kamba.

Born in 1904

Educated Argungu Elementary School 1918 - 1925

He was a teacher from 1925 - 1941.

District Head of Dendi 1941, and he is still holding the post.

Elected member of the House of Assembly Northern Region of Nigeria 1961.



Senior Resident,
Sokoto Province.

No. PM. 52/S. 4/196



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Premier's Office,
Private Mail Bag No. 2002,
KADUNA,
Northern Nigeria
24th November, 1962.

The Provincial Secretary,
Sokoto Province,
Sokoto.

Regional Bye-Election: Constituency No. 156
Moriki-Zurmi

I am directed to refer to my telegram No. PM. 52/S. 4/ of 23rd November, 1962 and to inform you that the date recommended for the bye-election, 7th January, 1963 is accepted. The date selected for this election should be kept secret until the Notice of Election is posted 28 days before the appointed date.

2. I should be grateful if you submit early the names of the officers who will act as Electoral Officer, Returning Officer, Assistant Electoral Officer and Assistant Returning Officer under secret cover.

Hyb. Anwar
Secretary to the Premier.

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No. 80712/S.1/80.
The Provincial Secretary's Office,
Sokoto, 29th Nov. 1962.

The Secretary to the Premier,
Premier's Office,
P. M. B. 2002,
Kaduna.

Regional Bye-Election: Constituency No.156
Moriki - Zurmi.

I am directed to refer to your letter PH.52/S.4/196
of 24th November, 1962 and to regret that I have already
under open telegram submitted suggested names. My telegram
ELE/13 of 27th November read as follows:-

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HEADMASTER KAURA SPS X RETURNING OFFICER MALLAM
MOHAMMEDU GIDADDO KUAZU SENIOR SUPT OF PUBLIC
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Provincial Secretary,
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No. DCS/68/12
The Divisional Office,
Sokoto, 2nd January, 1963.

The Provincial Secretary,
Sokoto Province,
S o k o t o.

2 JAN 1963

M. Mamman Mai-Gwadabawa.

Reference to our telephone conversation
(Purdy-Miner) I submit here below a brief
biography of Mallam Mamman Mai-Gwadabawa as may
be required.

Name : Mallam Mamman Mai-Gwadabawa
Age : 28 years (born in 1934)
(Educational
Qualification: Middle II
Courses attended: N I L
Present Occupation: N.A. Scribe, Sokoto N.A.

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Divisional Officer,
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SM/JOHN

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No. S.0712/S.1/83.
The Provincial Office,
Sokoto, 17th Jan. 1963.

The Secretary to the Premier,
Premier's Office,
P. M. B. 2002,
Kaduna.

Regional Bye-Election: Constituency No. 156
Noriki - Zurmi.

I am directed to give herewith a rather short
biographical note on M. Mamman Mai-Gwadabawa, N.F.A.
who was elected recently in the Noriki-Zurmi Bye Election

Name: Mallam Mamman Mai-Gwadabawa
Age: 28 years (born in 1934)
Educational Qualification: Middle II
Courses attended: NIL
Present Occupation: N.A. Scribe, Sokoto N.A.

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Provincial Secretary,
Sokoto Province.

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No. S.0712/S.1/50

The Resident's Office,

Sokoto.

30th March, 1961.

Provincial Agricultural Officer
Provincial Audit Officer
Provincial Education Officer
Provincial Forest Officer
Provincial Engineer
Provincial Veterinary Officer
Assistant Registrar of Co-operatives, Sokoto
Medical Officer i/c General Hospital, Sokoto

REGIONAL ELECTIONS

From now until the Regional Elections have been held no Regional Government official who has been detailed for work in connexion with the Elections may be posted away from his present post without the personal permission of the Secretary to the Premier. If it is vital that someone has to go on leave or be posted elsewhere, will you please first consult with me.

2. With effect from the receipt of this letter all other activities of Government will take second place to the requirements of the Elections. Therefore, if the Senior Provincial Electoral Officer or Zone Commanders or Electoral Officers in charge of constituencies give you orders or orders to members of your staff, such orders are to take precedence over your Government departmental activities.

Senior Resident
Sokoto Province

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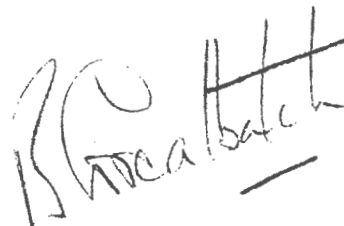
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I am directed to inform you that with effect from the receipt of this circular the requirements of the Regional Electoral Organisation will take precedence over all other Government activities.

Any request for staff, equipment or transport made by the Chief Regional Electoral Officer or by Senior Provincial Electoral Officers should be met. Any difficulties must be referred to me personally.

2. I am further to say that no Regional Government official who has been detailed for work in connection with the elections may be posted away from his present post without my personal permission.



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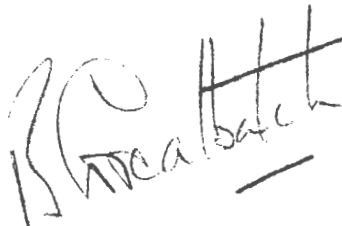
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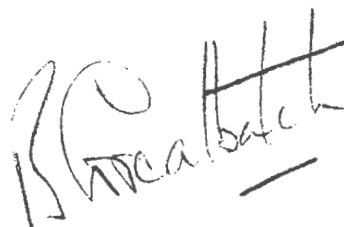
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*15/3/61
Sheela Bhat*

Secretary to the Premier.

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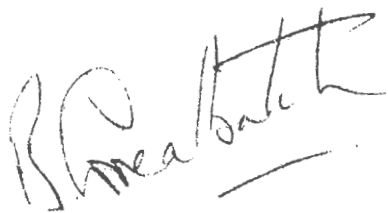
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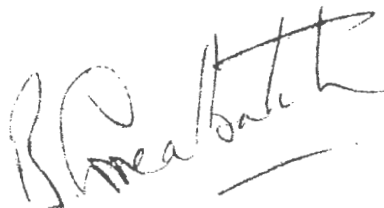
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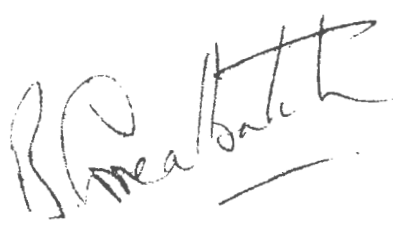
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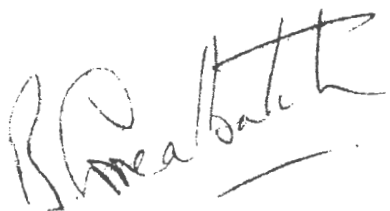
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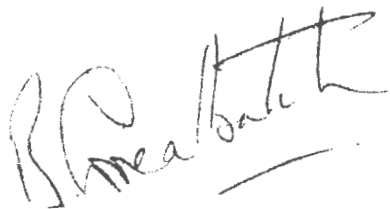
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1st DECEMBER, 1960.

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Senior Provincial Electoral Officers.

I am directed to inform you that the Hon. Premier has observed that a Northern Administrative Officer has not been appointed to be the Senior Provincial Electoral Officer in your Province. He wishes, wherever possible that Northerners should be trained in this most important task. I should be grateful if you would now reconsider your administrative dispositions so that, unless it is clearly impossible or unsuitable, a Northern officer may undertake this duty.

2. Please let me have a return by 15th December showing your own Electoral Officer or, if it is not possible, let me have the reasons which preclude your selection of a Northern Officer.

3. The deadline for the completion of the preparatory work for the elections has not been extended to 28th February, 1961.

[Signature]
Secretary to the Premier.

PH. 52/S. 18/14A.
Kaduna, 1st December, 1960.

Copy to:-

The Resident, Kano Province, Kano.

You have no Hausa speaking Northern officer.

The Resident, Borno Province, Maidugui.
The Resident, Katsina Province, Katsina.
The Resident, Zaria Province, Zaria.

For information.

[Signature]
Secretary to the Premier.
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