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The Honourable Howard Green, Secretary of State for External Affairs, received a visit on November 22 from Alhaji the Honourable Inuwa Wada, Federal Minister of Works and Surveys of Nigeria. During the visit Mr. Green handed to the Nigerian Minister the first of a series of maps being given to Nigeria by Canada under the Special Commonwealth Africa Aid Programme.

Last year Canada agreed to undertake with Nigeria an aerial mapping project which would involve aerial photography of approximately 28,400 square miles, control surveys by land and the compilation of photographic maps to the scale of 1:50,000. The total cost to the Government of Canada will be \$1,350,000. As its share of the project the Government of Nigeria has been providing and bearing the cost of all local services, Nigerian personnel and equipment.

The Canadian companies carrying out the project are Canadian Aero Service Limited and Pathfinder Engineering Company Limited. The aerial photography has been completed and the first maps are now being produced. It is expected that all the maps will be turned over to the Nigerian Government by the end of 1963. These maps will be used for the planning of the economic development of Nigeria.