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The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Howard Green, announced today that the Premier of the Western Region of Nigeria and a group of his officials will be visiting Ottawa from October 30 to November 2 and Montreal from November 2 to November 5.

The visitors are Chief S.L. Akintola, Premier of the Western Region of Nigeria and his wife; Chief M.S. Sowole, Chairman Promotions Commission; Chief I.O. Dina, Permanent Secretary to the Treasury; Mr. T.A. Awobokun, Senior Information Officer; Mr. I.A. Adebayo, Private Secretary to the Premier, and Miss S.O. Agoro, Stenographer.

Nigeria is a Federation of three regions (Northern, Eastern and Western) and the Federal Territory of Lagos. Independence was attained on October 1, 1960 and Nigeria acceded to full Commonwealth membership.

The visiting Nigerians are completing a two-months tour which has taken them to the United Kingdom, Germany, Greece, Switzerland, Italy, Yugoslavia, Cyprus, Israel and the United States. While in Canada they will have discussions concerning economic and technical assistance, education cooperation and the possibilities of private investment in industry in Western Nigeria. In Ottawa, they will call on the