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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

Prime Minister, the Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Minister of Finance, the Minister of Trade and Commerce and will have meetings with senior government officials.

The visitors will be guests of honour at a Government Lunch with the Honourable Howard Green as host, and at a dinner to be given by the Shell Oil Company. They will also visit Carleton University.

In Montreal they will meet Canadian businessmen at a lunch sponsored by the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce. They will also be guests at a lunch given by the National Harbours Board and will meet Nigerian students attending McGill University.

Mrs. Akintola, who is keenly interested in social services and women's organizations, also has a busy programme in Ottawa and Montreal. She will visit the Victorian Order of Nurses, the Children's Aid Society, the Y.W.C.A. and Welfare Agencies.