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VISIT TO OTTAWA OF THE SARDAUNA OF SOKOTO  
PREMIER OF NORTHERN NIGERIA, JULY 24-26, 1960

THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, THE HON. HOWARD GREEN, ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT ALHAJI SIR AHMADU BELLO, SARDAUNA OF SOKOTO, PREMIER OF THE NORTHERN REGION OF NIGERIA, ACCOMPANIED BY THE EMIR OF KANO AND BY MINISTERS AND OFFICIALS OF HIS GOVERNMENT, WILL VISIT OTTAWA FROM JULY 24 TO 26 AT THE INVITATION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA. THE PARTY WILL ARRIVE AT UPLANDS AIRPORT BY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT VISCOUNT FROM BOSTON AT 6:30 P. M. ON SUNDAY, JULY 24.

THE SARDAUNA, PREMIER OF THE LARGEST AND MOST POPULOUS OF THE THREE REGIONS OF NIGERIA, HAS FOR THE LAST THREE WEEKS BEEN TRAVELLING IN THE UNITED STATES. WHILE IN OTTAWA HE WILL MEET WITH THE PRIME MINISTER AND WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS AND WILL HAVE TALKS WITH GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS. THE PARTY WILL VISIT THE GALLERY OF THE HOUSE OF COMMONS AND WILL BE TAKEN ON A SIGHTSEEING TOUR OF OTTAWA AND THE SURROUNDING DISTRICT. THE SARDAUNA WILL MEET MEMBERS OF THE PRESS AT 12 NOON ON MONDAY, JULY 25, IN THE MAIN CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE EAST BLOCK.

AS LEADER OF THE NORTHERN PEOPLES CONGRESS PARTY, THE POLITICAL GROUP THAT HOLDS THE LARGEST NUMBER OF SEATS IN THE PARLIAMENT OF NIGERIA, THE SARDAUNA IS ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT POLITICAL FIGURES IN HIS COUNTRY. ALHAJI SIR MUHAMMADU SANUSI, THE

EMIR OF KANO, IS THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF OF THE NORTHERN REGION. IN THE PARTY VISITING OTTAWA ARE THREE MINISTERS IN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE NORTHERN REGION: ALHAJI ISA KAITA, MINISTER OF EDUCATION; MALAM IBRAHIM MUSA GASHASH, MINISTER OF LANDS AND SURVEYS; AND MR. G. U. OHIKERE, MINISTER OF WORKS. ALSO IN THE PARTY ARE MR. B. GREATBATCH, SECRETARY TO THE PREMIER NORTHERN REGION; MR. R. G. JELF, PERMANENT SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, NORTHERN REGION; MR. J. TAYLOR, PERMANENT SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF FINANCE, NORTHERN REGION; ALHAJI ISA SHETTU GUTSE, PRIVATE SECRETARY TO THE PREMIER, NORTHERN REGION; MALAM GIDADO IDIRISU, PERSONAL ASSISTANT TO THE PREMIER.

THE PARTY WILL LEAVE OTTAWA FOR NEW YORK BY TCA AT 3:00 P. M. ON TUESDAY, JULY 26.