

TOP SECRET

30 July 1966

25X

25X1

[Redacted box]

[Redacted box]

Copy No. C 151



CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE BULLETIN

CURRENT INTELLIGENCE RELATING TO NATIONAL SECURITY

25X1

[Redacted box]

GROUP 1
EXCLUDED FROM AUTOMATIC DOWNGRADING
AND DECLASSIFICATION

TOP SECRET

25X1

Approved For Release 2002/08/20 : CIA-RDP79T00975A009100200001-8

Approved For Release 2002/08/20 : CIA-RDP79T00975A009100200001-8

30 July 1966

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE BULLETIN

CONTENTS

25X1



3. Nigeria: Military mutiny jeopardizes Ironsi regime.
(Page 4)

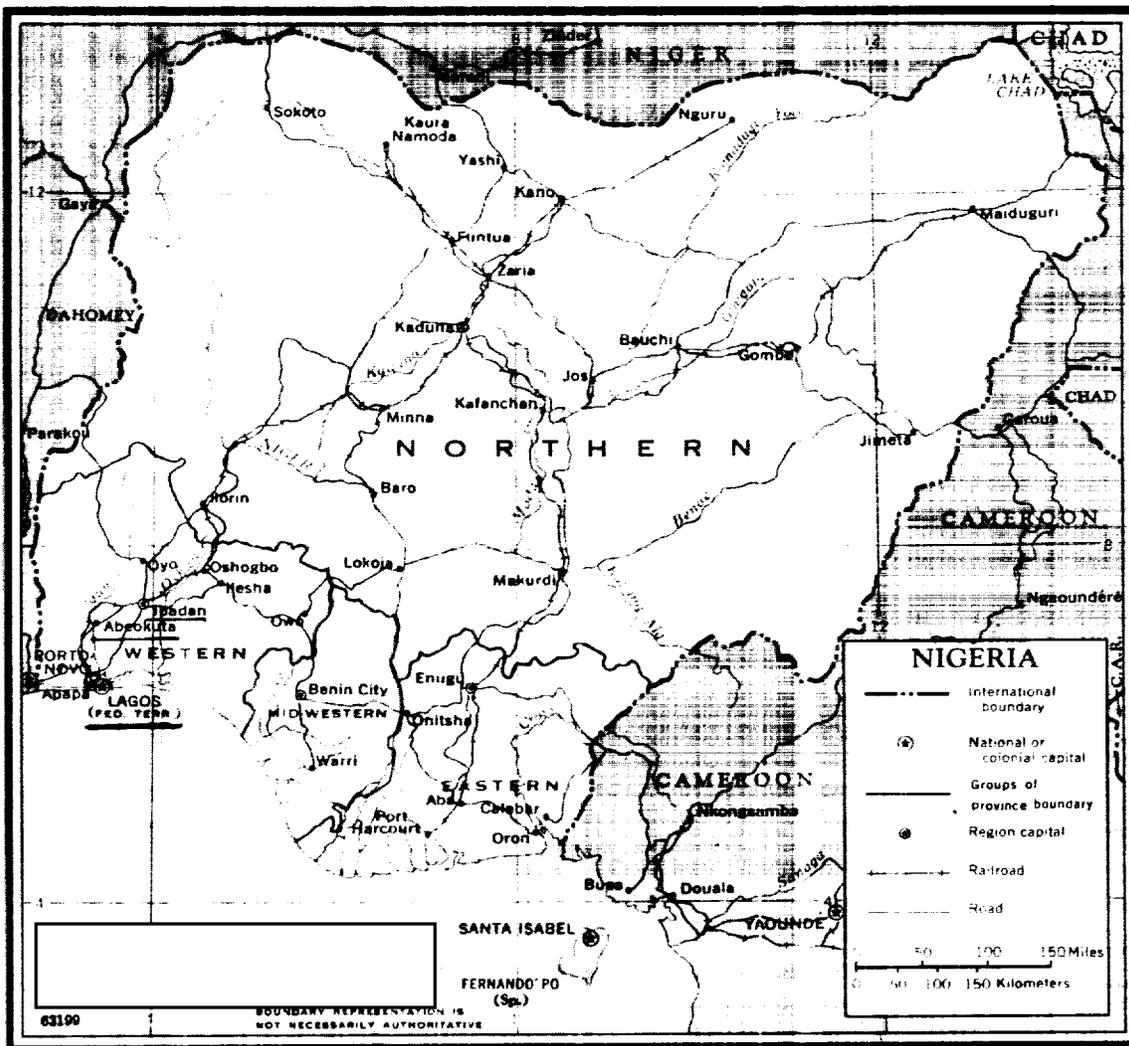


25X1

Approved For Release 2002/08/20 : CIA-RDP79T00975A009100200001-8

Next 4 Page(s) In Document Exempt

Approved For Release 2002/08/20 : CIA-RDP79T00975A009100200001-8



25X1

25X1

*Nigeria: Yesterday's mutiny of military elements in Western Nigeria has placed General Ironsi's regime in grave jeopardy.

Long-smoldering tensions within the 10,000-man Nigerian Army, which came to power through a military coup last January, erupted into open dissidence at three locations in Western Nigeria on 29 July. Bloody clashes between mutinous troops and loyal forces occurred within units based at Abeokuta and Ikeja, site of the international airport serving Lagos, the nearby national capital. Some elements based in Ibadan, the capital of Western Nigeria, apparently have also mutinied. So far, however, the trouble has not spread to other parts of the country. (see map)

The situation has become increasingly confused and uncertain since the initial outbreaks. At this time the dissidents appear to be in control at least of Ikeja, including the airport. Particularly uncertain is the fate of General Ironsi, who was attending a meeting in Ibadan when the mutiny occurred. Early unconfirmed reports indicated that he had been detained and possibly killed.

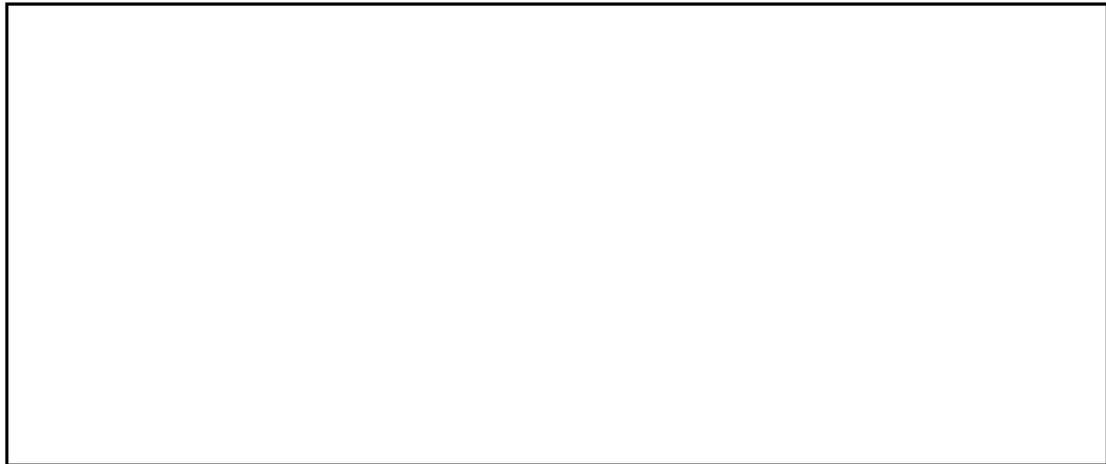
At present, the number two man in the regime, Brigadier Ogundipe, and the deputy police chief are reportedly directing the regime's counter efforts from Lagos. These have included the formal institution yesterday of martial law in Ibadan, Ikeja, and Abeokuta and the dispatch of loyal troops to attempt recovery of the airport.

(continued)

The mutinous elements appear to consist mainly of Hausa tribesmen from northern Nigeria. Although their leadership and objectives have not yet been clearly established, their actions probably stem from their long festering antagonism toward Ironsi's southern-based regime. In any event, if they are not quickly brought to heel a general disintegration of the Army along tribal lines could well result. Such a development might lead to a large-scale breakdown of order including widespread intertribal clashes.

25X1

25X1



* Because of the shortage of time for preparation of this item, the analytic interpretation presented here has been produced by the Central Intelligence Agency without the participation of the Bureau of Intelligence and Research, Department of State or of the Defense Intelligence Agency, Department of Defense.

30 Jul 66

5

25X1

25X1

Approved For Release 2002/08/20 : CIA-RDP79T00975A009100200001-8

Approved For Release 2002/08/20 : CIA-RDP79T00975A009100200001-8

- THE PRESIDENT
- The Vice President
- Executive Offices of the White House
 - Special Assistants to the President
 - The Scientific Adviser to the President
 - The Director of the Budget
- The Department of State
 - The Secretary of State
 - The Under Secretary of State
 - The Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs
 - The Deputy Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs
 - The Counselor and Chairman of the Policy Planning Council
 - The Director of Intelligence and Research
- The Treasury Department
 - The Secretary of the Treasury
 - The Under Secretary of the Treasury
- The Department of Defense
 - The Secretary of Defense
 - The Deputy Secretary of Defense
 - The Secretary of the Army
 - The Secretary of the Navy
 - The Secretary of the Air Force
 - The Assistant Secretary of Defense (International Security Affairs)
 - The Chairman, The Joint Chiefs of Staff
 - Chief of Naval Operations, United States Navy
 - Chief of Staff, United States Air Force
 - Chief of Staff, United States Army
 - Commandant, United States Marine Corps
 - U. S. Rep., Military Committee and Standing Group, NATO
 - Supreme Allied Commander, Europe
 - Commander in Chief, Pacific
 - Commander in Chief, Atlantic
 - The Director, Defense Intelligence Agency
 - The Director, The Joint Staff
 - The Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence, Department of Army
 - The Director of Naval Intelligence, Department of Navy
 - The Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence, Department of the Air Force
- The Department of Justice
 - The Attorney General
 - The Federal Bureau of Investigation
 - The Director
- National Aeronautics and Space Administration
 - The Administrator
- The Atomic Energy Commission
 - The Chairman
- The National Security Agency
 - The Director
- The United States Information Agency
 - The Director
- The National Indications Center
 - The Director

