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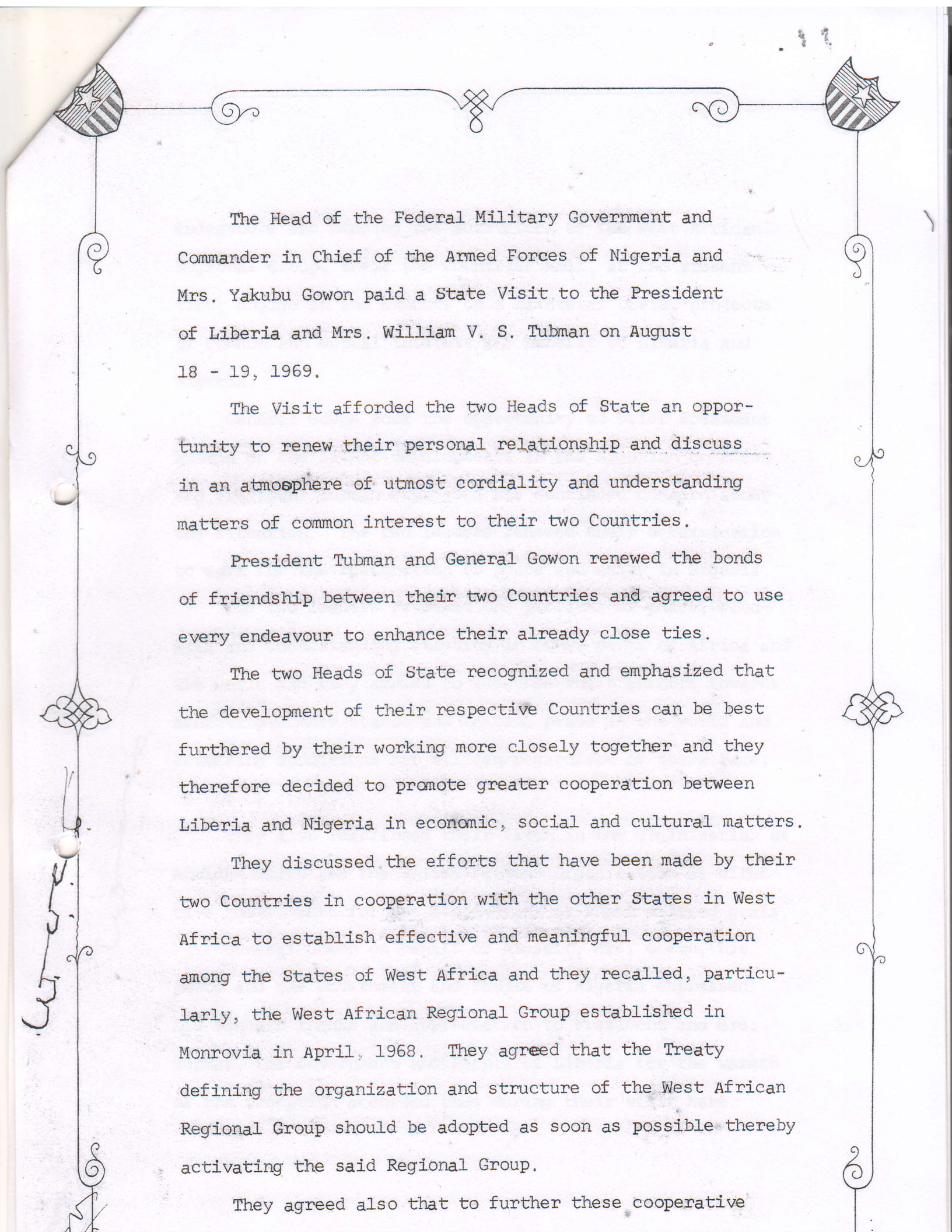
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On the Occasion of the Latter and Mrs. Gowon's
State Visit to Liberia



The Head of the Federal Military Government and Commander in Chief of the Armed Forces of Nigeria and Mrs. Yakubu Gowon paid a State Visit to the President of Liberia and Mrs. William V. S. Tubman on August 18 - 19, 1969.

The Visit afforded the two Heads of State an opportunity to renew their personal relationship and discuss in an atmosphere of utmost cordiality and understanding matters of common interest to their two Countries.

President Tubman and General Gowon renewed the bonds of friendship between their two Countries and agreed to use every endeavour to enhance their already close ties.

The two Heads of State recognized and emphasized that the development of their respective Countries can be best furthered by their working more closely together and they therefore decided to promote greater cooperation between Liberia and Nigeria in economic, social and cultural matters.

They discussed the efforts that have been made by their two Countries in cooperation with the other States in West Africa to establish effective and meaningful cooperation among the States of West Africa and they recalled, particularly, the West African Regional Group established in Monrovia in April, 1968. They agreed that the Treaty defining the organization and structure of the West African Regional Group should be adopted as soon as possible thereby activating the said Regional Group.

They agreed also that to further these cooperative

endeavours and pending the activation of the West African Regional Group, their two Countries will, at the present time, engage in and execute on a bilateral basis, projects of common and mutual interest and benefit to Liberia and Nigeria.

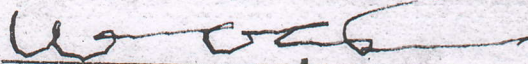
General Gowon took the opportunity to brief President Tubman on the latest developments in the Nigerian conflict and President Tubman expressed his continued concern about the situation. The two leaders renewed their determination to work for the restoration of peace and unity in Nigeria.

The two leaders reviewed the problems of peace, goodwill and understanding existing in other parts of Africa and the world and they agreed to redouble their efforts towards achieving a more stable and lasting peace in the world and bettering conditions for all men regardless of their race, colour or creed.

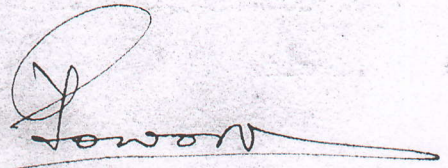
They also reaffirmed their faith in the Organization of African Unity and the United Nations Organization as effective instruments for the achievement of these desired goals.

General Gowon on behalf of himself, Mrs. Gowon, his party and the Government and People of Nigeria expressed his sincere thanks and appreciation to President and Mrs. Tubman, the Government and People of Liberia for the warmth of the reception accorded them during their visit here.

Done in the City of Monrovia,
Republic of Liberia, in two
originals in the English
language the 19th day of
August, A.D. 1969.



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