

S.I. 27 of 1983

**TRIBUNALS OF INQUIRY ACT 1966**  
(1966 No. 41)

**Instrument Constituting the Tribunal of Inquiry into the alleged involvement of the Central Intelligence Agency (C.I.A) and the United States Authorities in the plan to destabilize the present administration and to eliminate certain citizens of Nigeria.**

Under the powers conferred upon me by section 1 of the Tribunals of Inquiry Act 1966, and of all other powers enabling me in that behalf, I, SHEHU USMAN ALIYU SHAGARI, President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federation, hereby constitute and appoint a Tribunal of Inquiry to be called "The Tribunal of Inquiry into the alleged involvement of the Central Intelligence Agency (C.I.A) and the United States Authorities in the plan to destabilize the present administration and to eliminate certain citizens of Nigeria" upon the terms of reference hereinafter appearing.

AND for the purpose I appoint Mr Justice ADOLPHUS GODWIN KARIBI-WHYTE of the Federal Court of Appeal to be the sole member of the Tribunal with full powers and authority to hold public hearing, but without prejudice to the exercise of the powers conferred under the provision to section 1 (2) (d) of the said Act :

AND I appoint Mr E. E. EKPENYONG to be Secretary to the Tribunal :

AND I direct that the Tribunal shall hold its first meeting as soon as the sole member may deem expedient, and the Tribunal shall thereafter hold the said inquiry at such place or places and upon such dates as the Tribunal may determine.

**TERMS OF REFERENCE**

2. The Tribunal shall with all convenient speed inquire into the allegations published in the "Nigerian Tribune" and the "Daily Sketch" of 13th to 15th April, 1983, and elsewhere that the C.I.A. and the United States Authorities plan to destabilize the present Nigerian administration and to eliminate certain citizens of Nigeria, AND in particular the Tribunal shall :—

(a) investigate the genuineness or otherwise of the documents purported to have been prepared in this respect by the C.I.A. and the United States Authorities ;

(b) investigate and determine the source as well as the authors and publishers of those documents ;

(c) examine any other matters incidental to the foregoing and make recommendations generally thereon.

3. AND I hereby require the Tribunal to submit its report to me not later than 2 weeks from the date of its first sitting.

GIVEN AND ISSUED under my hand at Lagos this 20th day of April, 1983.

SHEHU USMAN ALIYU SHAGARI,  
*President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria,*  
*Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of*  
*the Federation*