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Your issue of January 21, Vol. 5 No. 38 on our Liberian adventure is as incisive as it is revealing. Your team of investigators has done a very good job. Please keep it up.

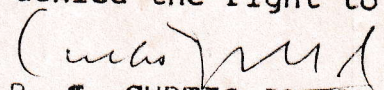
This, I assume, must have provoked official response which gave a percentage figure that works out at about 50 casualties. I don't understand why the government cannot give figures of our casualties on at least a weekly basis, or is the life of a Nigerian worthless?

What still baffles me is that it was when late Samuel Doe was at the highest stage of his tyranny and misrule that he earned Nigerian close friendship, a high national award and massive financial and military assistance. WHAT IS THE SECRET?

The Americans who know what happens in the rooms and backyards of African leaders saw that the game was up for Doe and were ready to get him out of Liberia to any country of his choice for safety, but our support gave him confidence to reject the offer and sit tight.

Our adventure in Liberia suddenly turned Liberians against Nigerians who had lived and flourished in business and other professions in that country for decades. Many were killed, many died of hunger and they lost everything. OUR TWO BRILLIANT JOURNALISTS???

We initiated the idea of ECOMOG, first as a peace-keeping force and later turned to peace-enforcing offensive force and we have bankrolled the operation. Our soldiers are dying and we are denied the right to know the number of the dead and wounded.


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