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publications would give useful insights to all peace-loving people in Nigeria who have tried to help in resolving our conflict; particularly those leading members of the National Party of Nigeria (though few) who have put justice and the interest of our country above petty political prejudice.

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## VOLUME II OF THE FACTORS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CONFLICT BETWEEN THE EXECUTIVE AND THE LEGISLATURE IN KADUNA STATE

### INTRODUCTION

On Wednesday 15th October 1980 a delegation from the Plateau State House of Assembly, led by the Deputy Speaker of the House, called on the Governor of Kaduna State, Alhaji Abdulkadir Balarabe Musa, and declared the intention of the Plateau State Legislature to mediate in the on-going political *impasse* between the Executive and the Legislature in Kaduna State. While welcoming the Honourable members to Kaduna, the Governor expressed his profound appreciation of the good gesture of the Plateau legislature and undertook to furnish the Plateau House of Assembly with detailed written background information regarding the relations between the Executive and the Legislature in the State.

The result of the Governor's pledge was a thirty-four page printed memorandum containing a total of twenty-two annexes which was issued on the 10th of November 1980. Copies of this were subsequently submitted to the Deputy Speaker of the Plateau State House of Assembly, Mr Mathew Akwe, in Jos. This memorandum, titled "Factors Responsible For The Conflict Between The Executive And The Legislature In Kaduna State", traced out the historical antecedents and ideological dimensions of the conflict in the State. In this connection, the social, economic, and political environment which have given rise to the emergence of the PRP (controlling executive power in the State) and the NPN (controlling the majority in the legislature) were clearly outlined. The memorandum also gave an outline, in chronological order, of the Executive's desire for co-operation with the Legislature beginning with the inauguration speech of the Governor on 1st October 1979, and leading up to the visit of the delegation from the Plateau State House of Assembly. In addition, the memorandum contained a detailed account of the unconstitutionality, illegality, and impropriety which has become part and parcel of legislation and deliberations by the Kaduna State House of Assembly.

Of course, the Legislature has to the best of our knowledge not felt the need to present to the Plateau State legislature a similar documentation of its own case. The reasons for this omission are best known to the Honourable House.

In spite of this however, the Executive in Kaduna State has now gone ahead and updated the Governor's first submission to the Plateau legislature's peace mission. It is the hope of the Executive that these two volumes would be found to be valuable by the Peace Missions of the Bendel, Oyo, and Ogun State Houses of Assembly who have taken the trouble to visit us here in Kaduna in order to intimate us of their desire to mediate between the Executive and the Legislature. It is also our hope that these

