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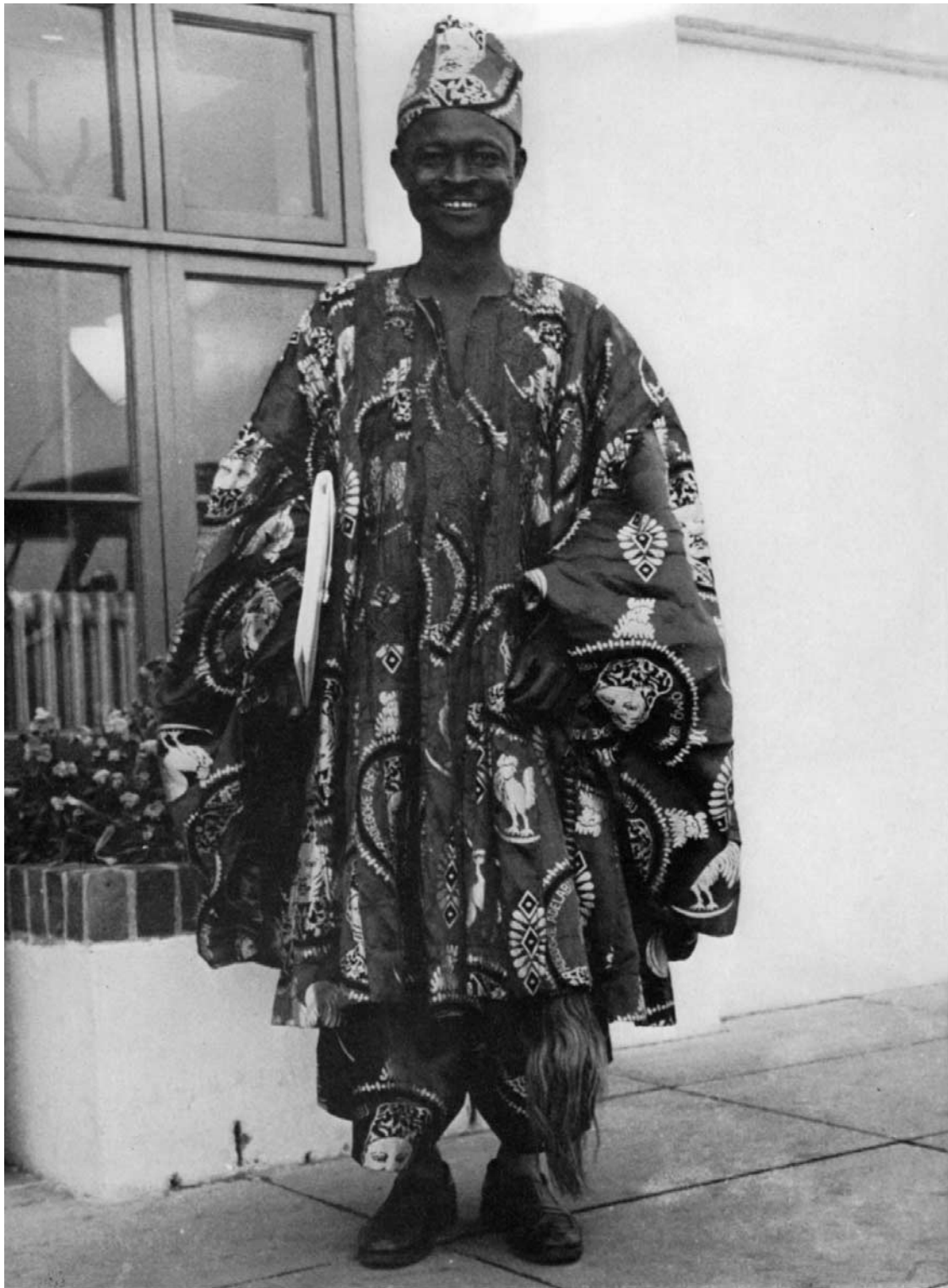
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A Nigerian research assistant commenting on this project, July 1967

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An American political scientist, commenting on an early draft of this book

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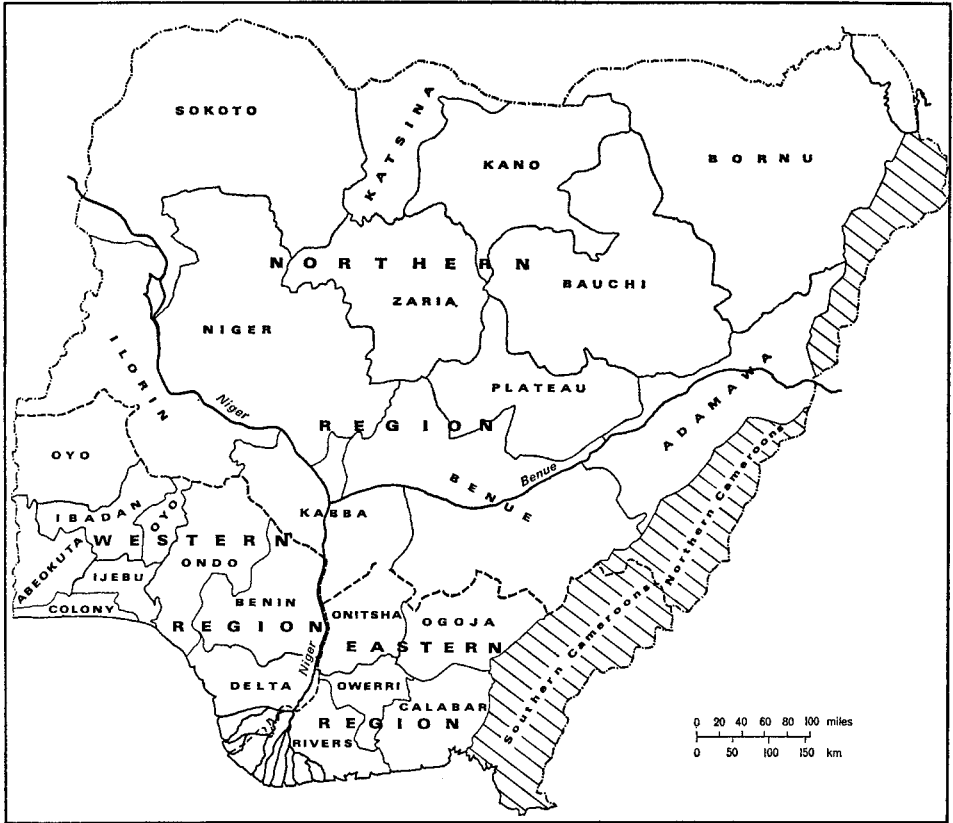
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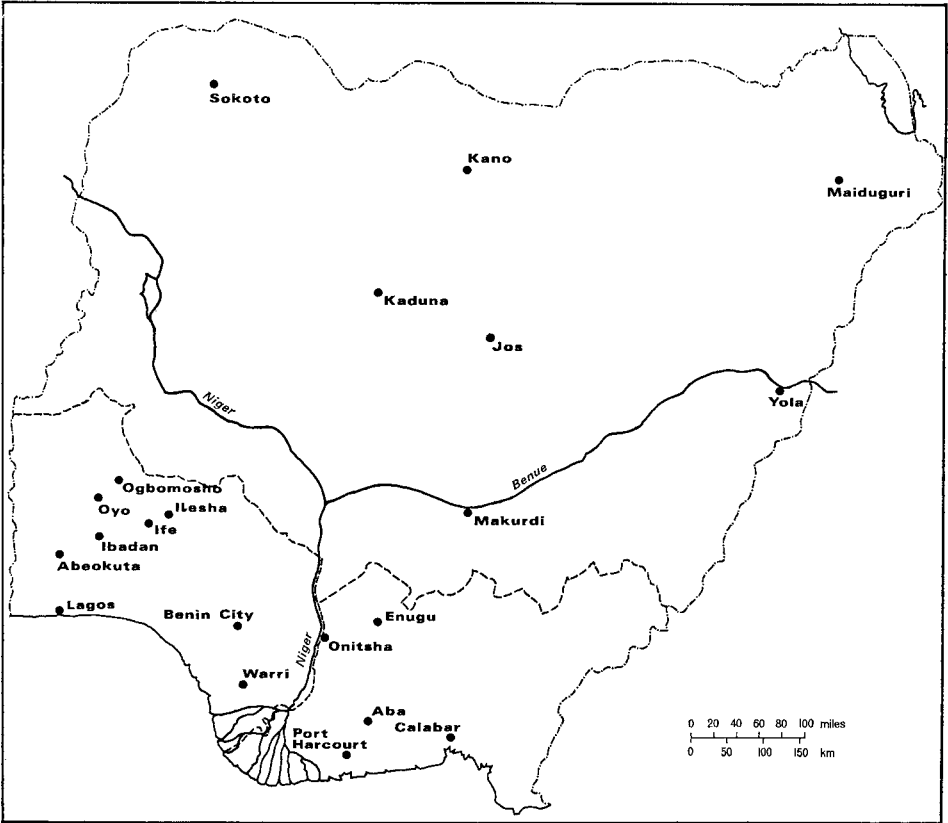
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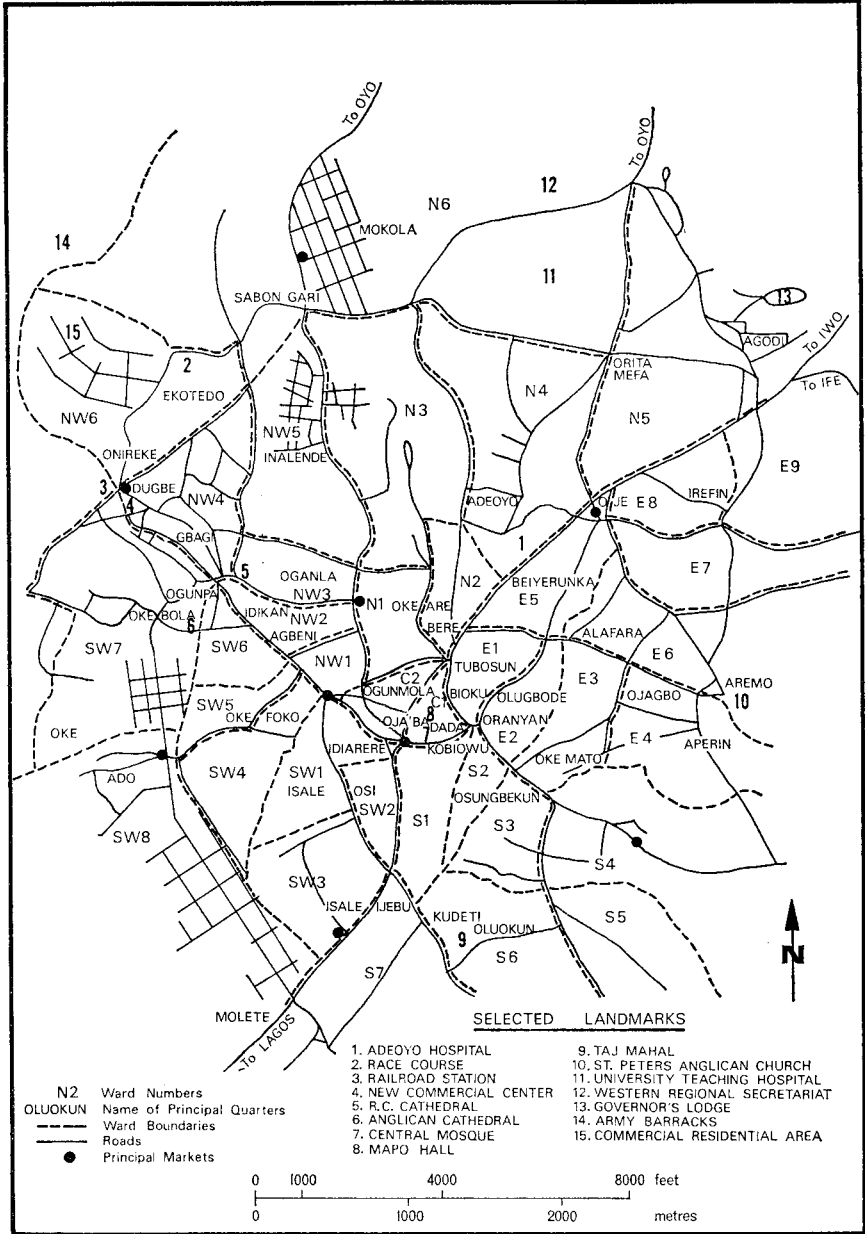
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