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PREFACE

With the concurrence of the Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, the Government of Japan decided to conduct through the Japan International Cooperation Agency, a study necessary for formulating a project to construct a New Ocean Terminal in the Lagos metropolitan area.

The Japan International Cooperation Agency sent for this purpose a six member study team headed by Mr. S. Maeda, Director of Planning Department, the Overseas Coastal Area Development Institute of Japan to Nigeria in order to carry out the phase-I study on the project in the fiscal year 1977. Studies were made on the scale of the new port to be developed, its site and the further studies to be made in cooperation with the Federal Government of Nigeria and the various organizations concerned .

After the study in Nigeria the team analyzed and examined in Japan the information and data gathered in Nigeria and has completed the present phase-I report for submission to the Nigerian Government.

In view of the important role this project will paly in the development of Nigerian economy, it is strongly hoped that further necessary studies on this project will be made at the earliest possible opportunity. The present report has compiled matters basic to making further studies on the project.

July 1978

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Shinsaku Hogen President Japan International Cooperation Agency Tokyo, Japan

LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

Mr. Shinsaku Hogen President Japan International Cooperation Agency

Dear Sir;

It is my great pleasure to submit herewith a report on the Study for the New Ocean Terminal Project, Lagos of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

The Japanese study team headed by myself conducted a study on the project mainly in Lagos for 35 days from January 13 this year, at the request of the Japan International Cooperation Agency. The findings of the study and our proposition on the scale of the port development, the project site and studies to be made in the fiscal year 1978 are included in this report.

It should be noted that the Nigerian Ports Authority has expressed its desire that the feasibility study of this project must be conducted in the earliest opportunity in view of the importance of the project which will play a vital role for the development of the Nigerian economy.

On behalf of the Japanese study team and myself I would like to express my deepest appreciation to the Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, the Nigerian Ports Authority and various government organizations for their unlimited cooperation, assistance and warm hospitality extended to the team during its stay in Nigeria.

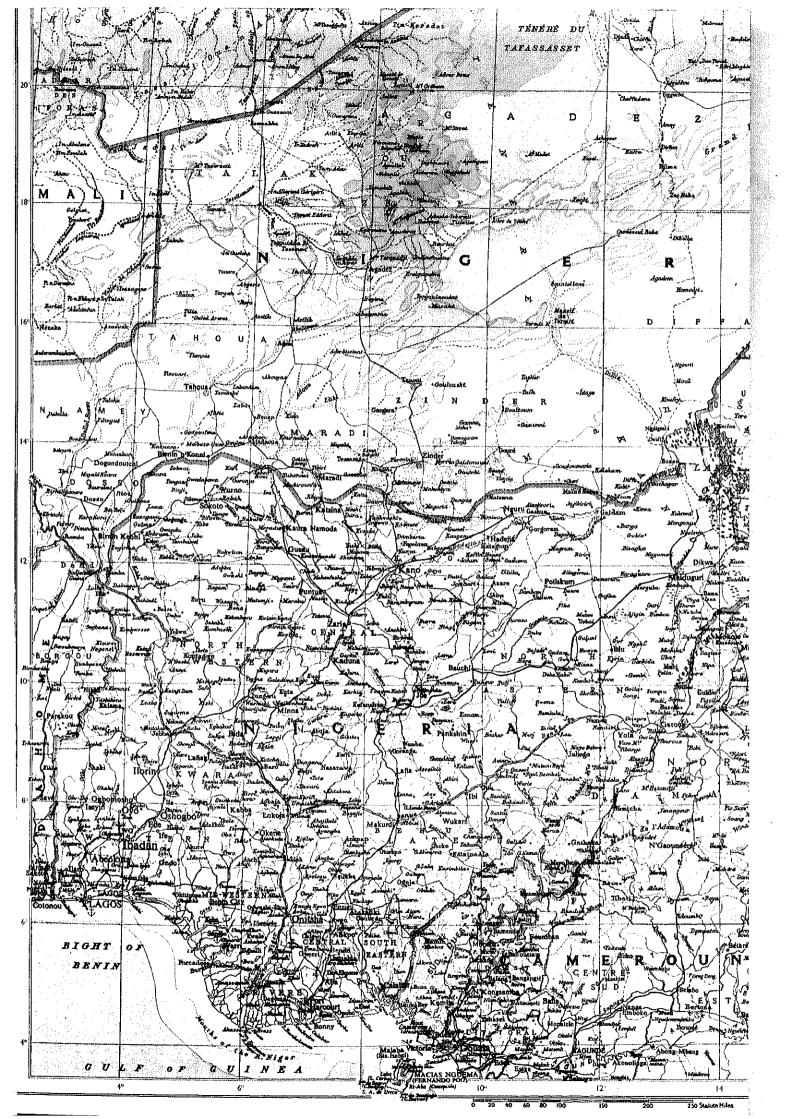
My indebtedness is also great to the Japan International Cooperation Agency, the Ministry of Transport, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Japanese Embassy in Lagos, and many Japanese companies having their branches in Lagos, that gave us valuable suggestions and assistance in the field study and in preparation of this report. Although the study team included two officials of the Port and Harbour Research Institute of the Ministry of Transport the Overseas Coastal Area Development Institute of Japan has had taken it upon themselves to prepare this report.

Sincerely yours,

June 30, 1978

Susuma Maxda

Susumu Maeda, Head, Japanese Study Team for the New Ocean Terminal Project, Lagos (General Manager, the Overseas Coastal Area Development Institute of Japan)





Conclusions

1. Functions of the New Ocean Terminal

The New Ocean Terminal at Lagos assumes the development stage of the port of Lagos after completion of the Third Apapa Extension Project, so that it should function as a modern commercial port permitting entrance and exit of large vessels.

This new shipping terminal plays a very useful role as an industrial infrastructure. For this reason it should be planned so as to function not only as a mere commercial port but as a location of seaboard industries.

2. Development scale of the New Ocean Terminal

When the berthing facilities to be constructed at the New Ocean Terminal are calculated upon the forecast of cargo traffic with 2000 A.D. as the target year, they amount to about 70 berths. If the location of seaboard industries is realized, the required port facilities have to be added.

In this report, the industrial development has only a general concept shown, but its scale surpasses by far the development scale of the New Ocean Terminal as a commercial port. It is very important to formulate the master plan of the New Ocean Terminal including such industrial development.

3. Construction site of the New Ocean Terminal

With respect to the sites-A and B shown in Fig. 6-1-1, comparative studies were made. While the study is not quantitative, it is considered to be very useful for future development of the Lagos metropolitan area to develop the site-B notwithstanding higher construction cost.

4. Project promotion system

As will be seen from the functions of the New Ocean Terminal described in the foregoing, this project should be understood as a comprehensive regional development project with a port as a nucleus. The project is therefore not one that can be implemented by the Nigerian Ports Authority alone but one which the Federal Government organizations concerned and the State Government, etc., should tackle as a whole,

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keeping a close contact with each other from the initial stage of the project planning.

5. Studies in 1978

It is desirable that upon agreement between the Federal Government of Nigeria and the Government of Japan the topographic and geological surveys as proposed in this report will be carried out in the fiscal year 1978.

It is earnestly hoped that in conducting the studies of 1978, the Federal Government of Nigeria will extend its cooperation and offer various conveniences to the study team in view of the geographical location and characteristics of the study site.

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