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ARRIVAL OF THE QUEEN AT LONDON AIRPORT  
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The B.O.A.C. Argonaut airliner, "Atalanta", bringing home the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh from their Nigerian tour, is due at London Airport Central at 10 a.m. today. On arrival the Atalanta will taxi to Stand 11 of the central marshalling apron from which the Queen departed 21 days ago.

The Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation, Mr. Harold Watkinson, and the Aerodrome Commandant, Air Marshal Sir John D'Albiac, will then board the aircraft and waiting on the Apron to meet Her Majesty and His Royal Highness will be the Lord Lieutenant of Middlesex, Lord Latham, the Prime Minister, Sir Anthony Eden, members of the Cabinet, and the Nigerian Commissioners, who, with other members of the reception party, will have arrived at the Commandant's Suite between 9.45 a.m. and 9.50 a.m.

When Her Majesty appears at the top of the steps leading down from the aircraft the National Anthem will be played by the Central Band of the Royal Air Force. After being greeted by the Prime Minister and other members of the reception party the Queen will take leave of the aircrew.

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Her Majesty will then inspect the Royal Air Force Guard of Honour which will be drawn up facing the aircraft. At the edge of the apron there will be a group of Nigerian cadets from Sandhurst and officers of the Nigerian Police from the Police College at Ryton-on-Dunsmore.

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will leave the airport by car for Buckingham Palace direct from the apron.

The members of the reception party will be:-

Lord Latham	-	Lord Lieutenant of Middlesex
Rt. Hon. Sir Anthony Eden	-	Prime Minister
Rt. Hon. G. Lloyd-George	-	Secretary of State for Home Affairs
Rt. Hon. A. Lennox-Boyd	-	Secretary of State for the Colonies
Hon. M.T. Mbu	-	Commissioner for Federation of Nigeria
Chief M.E.R. Okorodudu	-	Commissioner for Western Region, Nigeria
Mr. T.O.C. Ojiako	-	Commissioner for Eastern Region, Nigeria
Mr. Alhaji Abdulmaliki	-	Commissioner for Northern Region, Nigeria
Hon. M.P.P. Prebensen	-	Norwegian Ambassador (as Doyen of the Diplomatic Corps)
Rt. Hon. The Earl of Scarborough	-	Lord Chamberlain
Sir John Nott-Bower	-	Commissioner, Metropolitan Police.
Sir Terence Nugent	-	Comptroller, Lord Chamberlain's Office.