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**IDENTITY STATEMENT**

**Reference:** ICS167  
**Title:** **Okoya inquest papers**  
**Dates:** 1971 February-June  
**Level:** fonds  
**Extent and Medium:** 6 volumes, 1 letter  
**Name of Creator:** Dickson, Arthur Richard Franklin  
(1913-2011) judge

**CONTEXT**

**Biographical/Administrative History:** Called to the Bar, Lincoln's Inn, 1938. Judicial Service. HM Overseas Judiciary: Jamaica, 1941; Magistrate, Turks and Caicos Islands, 1944–47; Assistant to Attorney-General, and Legal Draftsman, Barbados, 1947–49; Magistrate, British Guiana, 1949–52; Nigeria, 1952–62: Magistrate, 1952–54; Chief Magistrate, 1954–56; Chief Registrar, High Court, Lagos, 1956–58; Judge of the High Court, Lagos, 1958–62; retired. Temporary appointment, Solicitors Department, General Post Office, London, 1962–63; served Northern Rhodesia (latterly Zambia), 1964–67; Judge of the High Court, Uganda, 1967–71; Deputy Chairman, Middlesex Quarter Sessions, July-Aug., 1971; Chief Justice, Belize, 1973–74; Judge of the Supreme Court, Anguilla (part-time), 1972–76; part-time Chairman, Industrial Tribunals, England and Wales, 1972–85.

**CONTENT**

**Scope and Content:** Bound volumes. Comprising the coroner's (the Hon. Mr. Justice A. R. F. Dickson) summing up and conclusions regarding inquest no. 4 and 5 of 1971 (16 June 1971) in the matter of the death of Brigadier Pierino Yere Okoya and his wife Mrs. Anna Akello Okoyaw. Also volumes regarding: Witness Numbers 1 to 47 Accounts with Coroner's opening speech on 15 March 1971; Phase 2, Witness Numbers 48 to 91 Accounts with submissions of Mr. P.B. Bloomfield and addresses by the Coroner and Mr. P.B. Bloomfield; Phase 3, Witness Numbers 92 to 122 and Exhibits; Mr. P.B. Bloomfield Closing Address; Mr. P.B. Bloomfield Personal Clarification.

Also includes a 37 page typed letter dated 24 May 1971, from the former Ugandan President, Milton Obote, to the Hon. Chief Justice, Sir Dominic Sheridan, in relation to the inquest.

## **ACCESS AND USE**

**Language of Scripts:**

English

**Conditions of Access:**  
notice should be given.

Open for research although 24 hours

<b>ICS167/1 Letter from Milton Obote</b>	<b>1971 May 24</b>
<p>Written from Tanzania. 37 page typed letter from the former Ugandan President, Milton Obote, to the Hon. Chief Justice, Sir Dominic Sheridan, in relation to the inquest. Obote disputed some of the evidence given and also outlined his own alleged role in the affair.</p> <p>1 letter</p>	
<b>ICS167/2 Witness numbers 1 to 47 accounts</b>	<b>1971 February 23 - April 6</b>
<p>Also includes Coroner's opening speech. 133 pages. Typescript.</p> <p>1 volume</p>	
<b>ICS167/3 Phase 2, Witness Numbers 48 to 91 Accounts</b>	<b>1971 April 16-May 7</b>
<p>Also includes submissions of Mr. P.B. Bloomfield; and addresses by the Coroner and Mr. P.B. Bloomfield. Typescript. 500 pages.</p> <p>1 volume</p>	
<b>ICS167/4 Phase 3, Witness Numbers 92 to 122</b>	<b>1971 May</b>
<p>Also includes exhibits. Typescript with some written annotations. 542 pages.</p> <p>1 volume</p>	
<b>ICS167/5 Mr. P.B. Bloomfield Closing Address</b>	<b>1971 May</b>
<p>Typescript. 130 pages.</p> <p>1 volume</p>	
<b>ICS167/6 Mr. P.B. Bloomfield Personal Clarification</b>	<b>c 1971 February</b>
<p>Bloomfield was responding to various comments about him in the press. 15 pages. Typescript.</p> <p>1 volume</p>	
<b>ICS167/7 Coroner's verdict</b>	<b>1971 June 16</b>

Volume of coroner's findings. Typescript. 86 pages.

1 volume