

Decree 45 of 1999



**INVESTIGATION REPORT**

**ON ALLEGED SWINDLE OF PUBLIC FUNDS**

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**LATE GENERAL SANI ABACHA**  
**FORMER NIGERIAN HEAD OF STATE**

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**ALHAJI ISMAILA GWARZO**  
**FORMER NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISER**



In an additional statement, after he was confronted with the fact that the Lambeth Conference fund was paid separately by the Special Services Office, Gwarzo admitted that the entire \$5m approved by the late Head of State was delivered to his excellency in the usual manner. That the money released for the Lambeth Conference was processed through the office of the Permanent Secretary Special Services Office.

(iii) CHIEF ANTHONY ANI

That Alhaji Ismaila Gwarzo sent one of his aides<sup>19</sup> with the correct amount of money (\$1,021,388.00) to his office, and that he called the Lord Archbishop of Abuja, Bishop Peter Akinola to receive the money personally from Gwarzo's aide. He continued that the entire transaction took place in his office between Gwarzo's aide and the Bishop and was witnessed by his former secretary Miss I. Udentia.

(iv) HIS GRACE ARCH BISHOP PETER AKINOLA:

He is the ArchBishop of Zone III and the Lord Bishop of Abuja Diocese of the Anglican Communion. He stated that the Primate of the Anglican Church of Nigeria, Arch Bishop Adetiloye made a passionate appeal to the Federal Government to assist the Bishops in their bid to be part of Lambeth '98. That the Honourable Minister of Finance handed over \$1,021,388.00 to him, which he in turn delivered to the Primate.

(v) HARLIRU SULEIMAN.

He works with the Special Services Office Abuja. He explained that Alhaji Ismaila Gwarzo the then National Security Adviser minuted the approval on the Honourable Minister of Finance letter reference no. HMF/FMF/157 dated 3<sup>rd</sup>

<sup>19</sup> The aide in question is Mr. Haliru Suleiman of Special Services Office, Federal Secretariat, Abuja.