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The Hiring Team
The Republic

Dear Hiring Team,

Re: Application for Researcher (Two-Month Remote Project)

I am writing to apply for the Researcher role at *The Republic*. I am a PhD-trained journalism researcher with a strong record of Nigeria-focused research on politics, media, and socio-economic policy. Your call for rigorous historical research, careful interviewing, and source-driven analysis aligns directly with my training and practice.

My doctoral research at the University of Kent, *Poverty, Politics, and the Press: Uncovering the Complexities of Media Coverage on Nigeria's Social Investment Programmes*, required exactly the type of work this role demands: identifying and synthesizing secondary literature, analysing media archives, building evidence trails, and conducting and interpreting interview data. I designed interview guides, conducted in-depth interviews and focus groups, and produced clear findings for academic and policy-relevant audiences.

Beyond my PhD, my publications and conference work show sustained engagement with Nigerian politics, journalism, and public discourse. I have also developed strong editorial discipline through peer-review work and research writing, including checking claims, dates, quotations, and contextual framing for accuracy. I am comfortable preparing transcripts, refining research materials, and working to demanding deadlines.

I am currently based in Lagos, Nigeria for the coming months, available for remote collaboration with your editorial team and for scheduled in-person interviews where required. I would welcome the opportunity to contribute rigorous, reflective, and high-quality research to *The Republic*'s reporting and analysis.

Thank you for your consideration. I would be glad to discuss how my background can support your project immediately.

Yours faithfully,

Dr Olasunkanmi S. Arowolo