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Available in Hardcopy or Electronically (Y/N):	Paperback from Carolina Academic Press.
Of interest:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Mbaku, J. M. 1997. <i>Institutions and Reform in Africa: The Public Choice Perspective</i> (Westport, CT: Praeger). (2) Mbaku, J. M. 2000. <i>Bureaucratic and Political Corruption in Africa: The Public Choice Perspective</i> (Malabar, FL: Krieger). (3) Mbaku, J. M., ed. 1998. <i>Corruption and the Crisis of Institutional Reforms in Africa</i> (Lewiston, NY: Edwin Mellen Press).