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Letter No.6

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United Nations Organization  
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Dear Members,

It is exactly 3 wks. since my last letter and much has happened since that time if you'd care to study the Samoa Bulletin of July 26th on pge. 5 "Samoa Amendment Bill Introduced in N.Z." "The Place is bankrupt and why a "deputy High Commissioner?" "Premier elect by H.C." Where is freedom? "N.Z.T.E. grant of £126,900" also on issues of Aug. 2 and 9th. I for one don't know where I am". Must pay more or reduce Gov. service"... Why don't they (N.Z.) set the example like the Ger. when they came here; they cultivated the land? Poor fellows, they only want white collar and sit on soft cushion jobs, when they turn to the land they are failures and absolutely worthless. I know several such cases and 1 in particular whose mouth was full of sores through the pesin of paw-paw (nothing else to eat, broke) and the Gov. had to come to his aid and to sent him back to N.Z. Yet they are holding the big stick, driving and forcing to produce more and more for whose pocket?" The Assembly may not legislate in relation to defence, external affairs, the title of the Crown to Crown lands etc." By whom and from where are their Crown lands? I wouldn't like to sit on the Council and be told to talk on this and not to talk on that. Why waste time and brains if there's no real freedom? I for one appeal to you the U.N.O. to give us Independence or have nothing of it but change the Administering Authority to the

U.S. Eastern or Am. Samoa is the "Utopia" of the Pacific. This is a hard saying but its the only solution to the Problem.

As far as I am concerned all these matters are in my head, but what is the most important thing to me is to get my hearts' desire and ambition to be a Civil Engineer, I am enclosing among other clippings<sup>1/</sup> "Planner Urges Quick Action on Car-Park Sites", if N.Z. can't solve her own problems, how can she do outside? A simple thing as I am pointing here for the future, but I can't convince them because I got no qualification and for that reason I am enclosing another clipping". "Just a Matter of Qualification". Please Gentlemen, especially the United States Members if you would co-operate and willing to help the helpless, weak, unheeded, unrecognized soul who is trying his best to save one's beloved homeland from destruction and unnecessary alterations in the future that would involve another £100,000 help me. The Town area of Apia is already facing that waste in water pipes they're on the roads, in some part right in the middle, result burst in some part everyday, they can't stand the heavy traffic especially as they are only 1 1/2 ft. deep at the most. Send me a scholarship to this effect. I gurrantee to complete a course within one yr. Some books in my possession now and with the help of a Correspondence Course and above all the power of the will would tell their tales. I'm not skidding but I might set a world's record. This makes me sent another 2 clippings to show that to Samoas nothing can't be accomplished and that the brains is there and all it needs is employment and encouragement, but to the proud N.A'ers here they are above taking advice. So if there is a way in which I can study for this special profession, please make arrangements for me to fulfil my longed for sought wish, desire and ambition. All wise work is mainly threefold in character; it is honest, useful and cheerful, so between you and me we will do something honest, useful and cheerful to help the primitive to advance. If only a real Civil Engineer would come and check on this place he would find it in a disgusting, deteriorate state. There are many small overlooked matters which wastes money but I can't mention them all by letter, it takes an eye to see to believe.

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1/ Note by the Secretariat: The newspaper clippings referred to have been placed in the Secretariat files and are available to members of the Trusteeship Council on request.

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Now to come back to my country with her money troubles Samoa Bulletin Aug. 2nd Page 1 and 4 leading article "Full Speed Ahead." Para. 4 ... affected by Gov. lay-offs etc. Of the 700 employments mainly as carpenters and plumbs nearly half is laid off but work at 1 wk. intervals while the N.Z. seconded-officers whose salaries equals to 10 or more local-borns or Samoans to 1 are still all working. "Baah! Baah! Black sheep!" You can draw some conclusions from the paper even though its edited by a N.Z'er but still he is out with some of the stinky stuff, I think its because he knows he can't conceal his countrymen any longer for the truth is out to the eyes of the world at last. On the same page letters by "U No. and "G" you can comprehend some of the topics I have already mentioned in previous letters. But after all this is only a spec taking the other countries of the world that is in trouble also, so I don't blame you for delaying any of my personal or country's problems, while you are dealing with more important, urgent and bigger country's affairs to save thousands of lives. Considering our trouble is nothing compared with the M.E. and those unfortunate countries under the control of the U.S.S.R. especially poor Hungary, East Germany and Poland. These are the 3 baits of the devil to leaders of countries; Greed for Power, Vain Glory and Envy, if these 3 can be checked the world would be a Peace.

Samoa Bulletin of Aug 9th 1st page. Bananas. After packing (a very very hard job and a limited time to do it in) it is cart to the wharf where they are checked by inspectors any reject case the owner is fined 1/- besides he parts with his bananas they are sold by the Concern whoever he is? So the unfair scheme, Poor producers they can't move; finding in cocoa and copra is the same, a little wee lot of less than 10 lbs. in weighed one may fetch a find of £2 and upwards, so the producers are scared. From silly laws no good would produce.

My funds are exhausted, maybe two or three months would laped before you would here from me again, but until then, I wish one and all members of the U.N.O. health, patience, wisdom, justice and happiness for all time.

Tofa Soifua ia Manuia,

Yours Faithfully,

(Signed) G.A.S.STOWERS

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P.S. I don't waste a penny on the Bulletins or any other paper, but its because I am sort of hungry for news that I picked them up when others are finished with them that I happen to possess them and what I think interests you or drive a point more forceful I cut off and sent. We should at least on any part I am endeavouring and spare none of my time and disgrace in bad spelling, grammar and hand-writing, but to put forward that which I think is good for one and all everywhere, but especially at my homeland.

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