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CONCERNING SOMALILAND UNDER ITALIAN ADMINISTRATION

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Note by the Secretary-General: In accordance with rule 84 and supplementary rules F and L of the rules of procedure for the Trusteeship Council, the Secretary-General has the honour to transmit to the members of the Trusteeship Council, to the Government of Italy as the Administering Authority of the Trust Territory of Somaliland, and to the Governments of Colombia, Egypt, and the Philippines as members of the Advisory Council for the Trust Territory of Somaliland, a communication dated 2 October 1951 from Mr. Osman Mussa Arrale concerning the Trust Territory of Somaliland under Italian administration.

This communication was transmitted to the Secretary-General by the United Nations Visiting Mission to Trust Territories in East Africa.

Mogadishu, 2 October 1951

To:

THE PRESIDENT

THE UNITED NATIONS VISITING MISSION

MOGADISHU

Your Excellency,

I, the undersigned OSMAN MUSSA ARRALE, have the honour to submit this humble petition for your kind consideration and assistance please.

I am a trader, whose property has been looted at Baidoa -- where I carried out my commercial activity -- during the disturbances in the month of April 1950. Not only has my property been looted but my house was devastated by the mob who were some pro-Italian elements instigated by the local authorities which did arm them with hand-grenades and ammunitions with their revolvers.

I have been evacuated by the local authority to Mogadishu. The A.F.I.S. promised me -- as well as the other traders whose property was looted -- that my houses will be repaired, a compensation will be given to me and currency restriction will not be imposed upon my trading activity. The A.F.I.S. did not comply with these formal promises, and has even failed to arrest the looters, only because they were instigated by the local authority.

I have the honour to enclose herein copy of a list of the items looted from me, during the aforesaid disturbance.

I close this humble petition in the fervent hope that your Excellency will kindly bring it to the kind attention of the Trusteeship Council so that justice be done in the light of the principle of democracy and the United Nations Charter. I hope finally that the Administration will be instructed to refund me with the value of the items looted from me.

Meantime, I beg to be forgiven for having disturbed you and trespassed your valuable time. I am anxiously awaiting your early and favourable reply, with many thanks in advance.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant.

(Thumbprint) OSMAN MUSSA ARRALE

/The following

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The following is a list of the goods belonging to Mr. Osman Arrale which were looted during the riot which occurred at Ischia Baïdoia in April 1950:

| <u>Object</u> | <u>Value</u> | |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Cash | | S/ 530 |
| 8 "tanniche" of camel fat | 30 shillings each | " 240 |
| 20 iron sheets | 8 " " " | " 160 |
| 7 quintals of dura (wheat) | 40 " " " | " 280 |
| 10 goats | 15 " " " | " 150 |
| 2 Fute - - or bati - - for women | 24 " " " | " 48 |
| 3 shirts for women | 12 " " " | " 36 |
| 2 bolts of Colombawi | 36 " " " | " 72 |
| 1 shilk scarf for woman | 13 " " " | " 13 |
| 1 Ruman, first quality | 30 " " " | " 30 |
| 1 Futa of Bedaniri | 15 " " " | " 15 |
| | | <hr/> 1,574 <hr/> |

SIGNED: Osman Mussa Arrale
