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The Secretary-General,  
UNO, New York

Sir,

Before the Darkness Falls in Bukumanda (S. Cameroons)

I present herewith an advance copy of "Before the Darkness Falls in Bukumanda (S. Cameroons)."<sup>1/</sup> The copy through the S. Cameroons Govt is on the way also. I just wanted you to get this before the Opening of the General Assembly meeting. This is in accordance with my letter of 28/8/61.<sup>2/</sup> I am sorry to report that owing to circumstances beyond my control I could not keep to my plan. Despite difficulties I have now managed to get the book published. It had to be printed in Nigeria as all our literature has to, owing to lack of facilities in Bukumanda or S. Cameroons.

I am at the service of any philanthropist who, hearing about the advance on Abodo by Republican Terrorists destroying 12 of my people, should wish to help. I had already predicted this in my former letters. We are sold to Republican butchers. Who will help us? The UNO can help us by:

<sup>1/</sup> Note by the Secretariat: This enclosure has been placed in the files of the Secretariat and is available to the members of the Trusteeship Council upon request.

<sup>2/</sup> T/PET.4/L.179.

(a) Suspending the cancellation of Trusteeship until this business of Terrorism is examined. Republican Government is as guilty as Terrorists for it is its oppression that breeds Terrorism.

(b) The entrenchment of a clause of secession in any planned constitution. This will keep Republicans within their bounds.

(c) Supporting the case of Bukumanda.

It must be noted that neither Premier Foncha nor President Ahidjo was among those killed at Abodo, hence they do not feel it. It was the common people who are used as cannon fodder by "leaders of the people". I belong to this suffering group but have the courage to question this outrage against us called Unification and its concomittant Terrorism and Oppression.

Yours

For the Underdog

(Signed) M.C. TANAM

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