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PETITION FROM THE BABON-BATOUNI COMMITTEE OF THE  
"UNION DES POPULATIONS DU CAMEROUN" CONCERNING  
THE CAMEROONS UNDER FRENCH ADMINISTRATION

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UPC. Babou-Batoum Committee  
c/o Mr. Thaddée Konchijou

Bafang Subdivision, 29 April 1956

To the President of the United Nations.

We have the honour to inform you that the war which Laurent Pré carried on in 1955 is still going on. On 18 April 1956, at the Cameroonian school of the Babon Committee mats were woven to cover the half-finished building, when the chief came along with his supporters and destroyed them again, cutting down the bamboo which had been set aside for repairs.

The Babon Committee wrote to the Administrator about the matter on 18 April 1956. From that day to this we have not had one word from the Administrator. His only reply came through Chief Batouni when, for the second time, he sent two guards to arrest those who had protested. The name of one of the guards is Tounou. We know that the chief derives his authority from the Administrator, for the chief continued the war after the guards had left.

People's coffee shrubs have been uprooted from their gardens and planted on the school site. Ngninchidjou: 500 coffee-shrubs. Mantro Satchou 1,000 shrubs and 50 catons; Noubouvoo Germain: 80 shrubs; Ngnipiep: 600 shrubs and 100 catons.

For the time being the Cameroonians are all prisoners through their sufferings.

The day they seized the coffee shrubs everyone fled but one of them was arrested and they beat him until he fell unconscious. They then left him on the spot before he had regained consciousness. It was Michel Tigot.

The Cameroons is now an orphan. Is there no one to take care of the orphan?

In view of all our misfortunes we desire, despite everything, the independence of the Cameroons.

Foudjo, the Chief of Batouni, is the leader of this war.

All honour to the United Nations.

(Signed) Djomo  
Chairman

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