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1. Petition from Mr. Ignace Kwam

KWAM, IGNACE, planter and member of the Local Committee, Loum, Banana Company, Mbanga subdivision, Mungo Region

Subject: Petition

To: The Chairman of the United Nations
Visiting Mission to the Cameroons

Mr. Chairman,

Since the bloody events which took place in the Cameroons in May, the French colonialists have continued their prosecutions of the leaders and members of the Cameroonian progressive movements.

Mr. Roland Pré, the colonial Governor and representative of France in the Cameroons, still has at his disposal political groups to wage yet another war in the Cameroons, a country under United Nations Trusteeship.

As a result, I, the father of a family of eight persons - KOUM IGNACE, Matodamp Jean, Boujoun Tapia, Manta Salomon, Wantchou André, Kouam Maurice and Kouam Djindjo - have been forced since May to take refuge beneath the trees of the virgin forest in the zone under British administration.

On 29 May, when I was on my way from Nkongsamba to Loum Chantiers, I was searched by a troop of soldiers from the Chad and the Chief Officer of the Loum Sector; they took from me a sum of 70,300 francs, three machetes and a penknife. We ask for the release of our imprisoned brothers and the immediate revocation of the orders issued against Cameroonian political parties.

We call for the establishment of our own Cameroonian Government, under the protection of a United Nations High Commissioner.

In the hope that the United Nations will set up our own system of sovereign government, I have the honour to be, etc.

(Signed) KOUM IGNACE

2. Petition from Mr. Paul Siétchiping

Siétchiping, Paul, planter, and member of the UPC Local Committee,
L O U M C H A N T I E R S

To: the Chairman of the United Nations Visiting Mission to the Cameroons

Sir,

The purpose of the present petition is to submit to your kind consideration the following facts:

As a result of the arbitrary decrees of Mr. Roland Pré, representative of the French Republic in the Cameroons, the Territory has been the scene of a cold war since 26 May last. The prosecutions of the leaders of the progressive movements continue.

I submit herewith a list of my belonging, taken by the colonialists at Loum Chantiers. My hut was not destroyed, but the doors were broken.

	<u>Francs</u>
1 folding table. 4 jackets	6,050
4 pairs of trousers. 4 shorts. 2 large glasses	5,700
12 drinking glasses. 2 cooking pots	1,580
20 dishes. 12 plates. 5 shirts	4,470
8 chemisettes. 6 chairs	6,200
8 unbreakable dishes	400
4 large <u>boubous</u>	<u>30,600</u>
Total	54,800

I also call for the IMMEDIATE UNIFICATION AND INDEPENDENCE OF THE CAMEROONS.

- A United Nations High Commissioner for the Cameroons;
- The adoption of a Cameroonian flag;
- The withdrawal of the warrants for the arrest of our political leaders;
- The termination of the Trusteeship Agreement in the Cameroons.

I have the honour to be, etc.

Siétchiping, Paul
Planter, Loum Chantiers

In the maquis,
14 September 1955

Siéchipin, Paul, Planter and member of the UPC Local Committee,
(Km. 99, Loum Chantiers, Loum Administrative Sector, N'kongsamba
Subdivision, Mungo Region)

Destruction of a dry-brick house by the colonialists and their lackeys during
the bloody events of May last at B A T O U G N I on 28 May 1955.

To: the Chairman of the Visiting Mission to the Cameroons

Sir,

I have the honour to submit the following for your kind consideration:

In May last, the French colonialists unleashed a war against the population
of the Cameroons under United Nations trusteeship, simply because the people had
called for its freedom.

In the course of this war, my house at Batougni, with nine rooms measuring
twelve square metres, was destroyed by the colonialists and their lackeys supported
by military units from the Chad. My house was valued at 136,000 francs (one hundred
and thirty-six thousand francs).

I have the honour to be etc.

Siéchipin Paul

In the maquis, 25 October 1955

3. Petition from Mr. Jean Bogne

Bogne, Jean, Member of the UPC Committee,
Planter, Fokonam, Km. 99, Loum Chantier

To: The Chairman of the United Nations Visiting Mission in the Cameroons

Sir,

I have the honour to submit the following for your kind consideration:

During the bloody incidents of May, I was arrested by the Chad military forces. They beat me, ransacked my hut and took from it the following articles:

	<u>Francs</u>
1 Singer sewing machine	15,000
4 blankets	7,500
Cash	<u>400,000</u>
Total	422,500

My family, numbering twenty-five in all, has been scattered, and I do not know their whereabouts.

1. Consequently I call for the immediate unification and independence of the Cameroons;
2. A United Nations High Commissioner to assist us in establishing our Cameroonian State;
3. The adoption of a Cameroonian flag consisting of a crab proper, on a red field;
4. The withdrawal of the warrants for the arrest of our political leaders.

I have the honour to be, etc.

In the maquis, 14 November 1955
Bogne Jean

4. Petition from Mr. Pascal Zo'ok

Loum Chantiers,

22 May 1955

Dear Gentlemen of the United Nations,

I would like to inform the United Nations Visiting Mission of a great loss which I have discovered at Loum, where the Administration has a post. The date of the occurrence was Sunday, 22 May 1955. I suffered this loss because of the Cameroonian movement. I found my hut was destroyed with the following articles:

bicycle
laundry iron
dozens of knitted garments
a table and 12 chairs
2 jackets and 3 pairs of trousers
dozens of drinking glasses
3 bowls and 10 dishes
1 goblet and 4 blankets
20 spoons
2 loin cloths
2 hats
1 helmet
3 chemisettes
40,000 francs
2 shirts
2 shorts
2 pairs of tennis shoes
1 bed
2 umbrellas and 3 coats
4 pairs of shoes
etc.

Zo'ok Pascal

Assistant-Carpenter

At present at Loum Chantiers

(Railway Station)

Cameroons

5. Petition from Mrs. Pauline Njugnié

Njugnié, Pauline, farmer, member of the UPC Local Committee, Kouata-Loum

Sir,

I have the honour to submit the following for your kind consideration:

On 25 May last, the French colonialists unleashed an undeclared war against the unarmed population of our country, which is under THE UNITED NATIONS ORGANIZATION, for the sole reason that the people had called for UNITY and INDEPENDENCE.

I am the mother of eight children and we call for the immediate reunification and independence of our country and:

1. The establishment of a Cameroonian government;
2. A United Nations High Commissioner for the Cameroons;
3. The adoption of a Cameroonian flag;
4. The abolition of the Trusteeship Agreement;
5. The withdrawal of the warrants for the arrest of our political leaders.

I have the honour to be etc.

Njugnié, Pauline, farmer:

In the maquis, 21 October 1955

List of my belongings destroyed at Loum under French administration by the colonialists and their lackeys on 7 June 1955:

	<u>Francs</u>
20 4-metre planks	8,000
1 trunk containing various articles of clothing	35,000
150 <u>carbottes</u>	3,750
450 mats in 5 packets	2,250
60 picks	3,600
2 wooden beds	3,000
<u>160</u> miscellaneous household articles	11,900
7 pairs of shoes	<u>8,050</u>
Total:	75,450 ⁷

6. Petition from Mr. Paul Tagne

Tagne, Paul

UPC Local Committee

List of my belongings destroyed at Kouata-Loum under French administration
by the colonialists and their lackeys:

	<u>Francs</u>
4 sacks of ground nuts	4,800
4 empty demijohns	350
1 wooden trunk	450
amount in cash in my trunk	30,000
2 machetes	550
10 chickens	3,500
1 table-clock	550
8 books	2,800
1 table	850
7 notebooks	275
2 boxes of quinine	450
<u>3</u> 4 miscellaneous articles of clothing	18,875
5 pairs of shoes	4,400
8 miscellaneous articles of bedding	7,450
54 miscellaneous household articles	<u>10,695</u>
Total	85,995 ⁷

7.- Petition from Mr. Elias Kanga

Kanga, Elias, Planter,
Trader, Loum-Paris

Father of five children, three of them
married sons with their wives; my family
has been scattered since 7 June 1955
for want of a home

I have to report that six huts of mine, made of planks, were destroyed during the bloody incidents at Loum; two of these huts were roofed with sheet-iron and had a cement floor and a stone foundation, the third had a sheet-iron roof but no foundation, while the others were roofed with matting. They had 8, 4, 10, 5, 3 and 2 rooms respectively.

	<u>Francs</u>
2 large tables	2,400
4 small tables	1,900
48 chairs	28,800
5 cupboards	52,500
3 marriage certificates	
5 birth certificates	
1 receipt for 30,000 francs, from councillor Evane Jean	30,000
6 agreements in respect of 6 plantations	
2 boundary plans, in respect of which I have paid as expenses	170,000
6 Haussa <u>Gandouras</u>	72,000
4 large silk <u>Boubous</u>	24,000
18 metres of cloth woven in Africa	9,000
14 pairs of shoes	2,100
An amount of eight hundred and seventy-six thousand and thirty-five francs, being the cash of the EPPAM	876,365
Family cash box	203,725
110 cards and 250 stamps of the World Federation of Trade Unions	13,000

	<u>Francs</u>
1 costly pearl brooch of 48 small stones	72,000
1 His Master's Voice gramophone, with 6 records, valued at	25,000
1 cover for the gramophone	
1 album of 250 postcard-size photographs	33,000
10 wooden beds	18,000
3 long mirrors	1,500
8 containers of <u>charme</u> beer	13,340
7 khaki suits	17,500
12 chemisettes	3,500
12 pearl necklaces	4,200
2 rifles	13,000
18 African stools	1,800
8 tyres and 8 inner tubes, new	144,800
248 planks	99,200
80 rafters measuring 5 metres by 8 centimetres costing 300 francs each; 300 x 80	24,000
248 sheets of sheet-iron weighing 12 kilos each	136,400
40 empty casks	45,000
3 sewing machines	55,500
8 tons of sand	9,600
banana crop, 90 stems per week	585,200
<u>6</u> huts	1,876,927
80 armchairs	88,000
535 miscellaneous household articles	81,970
127 articles of bedding	158,000
296 miscellaneous articles of clothing	217,560
39 pairs of shoes	45,000
346 miscellaneous tools	176,600
goods in store	1,679,550
pharmaceutical products	<u>15,300</u>
Total:	9,005,972

8. Petition from Mr. Nya Njeutat

Nya Njeutat, member of the UPC Local Committee, planter, Loum

Loum Sector, Mungo Region

My hut was destroyed by the colonialists on 2 June 1955 by order of Mr. Roland Pré, High Commissioner of the Colonies in the Cameroons.

	<u>Francs</u>
1 hut, of 4 rooms, destroyed	100,989
6 suits	5,500
1 large <u>boubou</u>	2,500
1 khaki helmet	1,000
2 blankets	1,300
8 enamel soup plates	2,800
6 dishes	600
12 spoons	600
4 iron cooking pots	4,200
2 large tables	2,000
1 calf's horn	2,000
3 sacks of maize	4,950
7 chairs and tables	3,500
2 benches, length 1 metre 50	400
3 wooden beds	2,400
1 wooden trunk	600
1 bowl, measuring 60 cm.	750
cash taken	360,000
Total:	<u>492,309</u>

9. Petition from Mrs. Lydia (Dohou) Ndobó

Ndobó Lydia, planter and member of the UPC Local Committee

Kouata-Loum

To the Chairman of the United Nations Visiting Mission to the Cameroons

Sir,

I have the honour to submit the following for your kind consideration:

On 25 May last, the French colonialists unleashed a cold war against the unarmed Cameroonian population under United Nations trusteeship.

I am a mother of eight, we call for the IMMEDIATE UNIFICATION AND INDEPENDENCE OF THE CAMEROONS.

A United Nations High Commissioner in the Cameroons;

The establishment of a Cameroonian Government;

The adoption of a Cameroonian flag;

The release of the political prisoners;

The termination of the Trusteeship Agreement.

I have the honour to be etc.

Ndobó Lydia, planter, Kouata-Loum:

Kouata-Loum, 21 October 1955

List of my belongings destroyed at Loum under French administration by the colonialists and their lackeys:

	<u>Francs</u>
6 sacks of cacao	45,000
25 dresses	15,000
8 undergarments	2,400
6 woollen blankets	7,200
2 wooden beds	3,000
11 miscellaneous articles of clothing	40,000
22 pairs of shoes	24,700
53 miscellaneous household articles	<u>13,825</u>
Total:	151,8257

10. Petition from Mr. Timothé (Dzodé) Nzalé

Nzale Timothé, photographer, member of the UPC Local Committee
(Administrative Sector) M'Banga Subdivision, Mungo Region

List of my belonging destroyed at Loum under French administration by the colonialists and their lackeys supported by military units on 25 May 1955.

DAMAGES

	<u>Francs</u>
1 camera	77,225
12 trestles for tables	6,000
4 armchairs	7,600
2 tables	2,800
3 modern wooden beds	7,500
3 large loincloths for native dances	31,000
1 decorated horse-tail	13,600
8 drums of palm oil	8,000
60 rafters	13,500
3 large white <u>boubous</u> of striped cloth	1,160
3 large velvet <u>boubous</u> , various	2,800
3 native <u>calabura</u> bonnets	2,820
3 pairs of shoes, various	5,400
2 <u>patogards</u>	4,000
4 chemisettes	10,200
4 pairs of <u>gandoulah</u> trousers	7,600
3 ivory bracelets	2,850
1 hut of 5 rooms	125,000
- cash	88,500
<u>/</u> photographic apparatus and supplies	120,875
2 cupboards	6,160
127 miscellaneous household articles	20,350
18 miscellaneous articles of bedding	17,550
42 miscellaneous articles of clothing	54,970
6 pairs of shoes	<u>6,450</u>
Total:	541,665 ⁷

Nzalé, Timothé, Photographer. Loum

In the maquis, 20 September 1955

11. Petition from Mr. Mathias Fone

Fone Mathias, carpenter and planter, member of the UPC Local Committee, Loum,
(Administrative Sector, Nkongsamba subdivision)

MUNGO

To the Chairman of the United Nations Visiting Mission to the Cameroons

Sir,

I have the honour respectfully to submit the following to your attention:

Considering the unleashing of the present war ordered by Mr. Roland Pré,
High Commissioner of France in the Cameroons, against the unarmed Cameroonian
people. Considering the oppression of our country by the French colonialists in
the Cameroons.

The French colonialists continue their prosecutions of the leaders of the
Cameroonian movements, who are fighting for the general welfare.

Nevertheless, I call for the IMMEDIATE UNIFICATION AND INDEPENDENCE of the
Cameroons. I call for the establishment of our Cameroonian Government. A
United Nations High Commissioner in the Cameroons. A Cameroonian flag with a
crab proper on a red field. The termination of the Trusteeship Agreements in
the Cameroons.

I attach a list of my goods destroyed by the colonialists supported by
military units from the Chad.

LOSSES

	<u>Francs</u>
1 five-room hut destroyed	100,000
24 chairs	12,000
12 armchairs	24,000
2 women's SINGER sewing machines	30,000
2 AIDA lamps	4,000
2 HERCULES bicycles	34,000
1 His Master's Voice phonograph	12,000
5 pairs of miscellaneous shoes	8,400
1 chest and 1 wooden box	4,500
1 1m x 1 x 20 box, filled with carpenter's tools	800,000
1 <u>coupe-coupe</u> , 1 axe	625

	<u>Francs</u>
100 pieces of sheet metal weighing 10 kilogrammes and 1 file	55,070
Cash	245,500
<u>2</u> tables	3,500
2 cupboards	10,000
2 beds	16,000
65 miscellaneous household articles	8,340
24 articles of miscellaneous clothing	<u>25,350</u>
Total	1,392,380 ⁷

Belongings of my wife killed during the May incidents

	<u>Francs</u>
1 chest worth a sum of	3,500
1 cook-house	12,200
80 8 x 8 beams	18,040
2 necklaces	8,000
20 hens	6,000
1 barrel of beans	825
3 boxes of Kola nuts	2,000
<u>24</u> articles of miscellaneous clothing	14,500
4 pairs of shoes	4,200
6 miscellaneous household articles	<u>4,000</u>
Total	73,265 ⁷

I have the honour to be, etc.

Fone Mathias, carpenter

In the maquis, 17 August 1955

12. Petition from Mr. Joseph Kouba

Kouba Joseph, planter and member of the UPC Local Committee, Loum
(Administrative Sector, M'bangha Subdivision, Mungo Region)

To the Chairman of the United Nations Visiting Mission to the Cameroons

Sir,

I hereby submit the list of my belongings destroyed at Loum under French
administration during the May incidents.

	<u>Francs</u>
45 bags of unpulped coffee berries	225,000
Cash taken	280,000
1 chest	3,500
3 cupboards	39,000
6 tables	2,900
12 chairs	6,000
30 hens and 5 goats	15,000
2 bedsheets and 7 cocks	4,100
2 machines and 2 chests	33,500
2 bags of beans, 2 bags of taros	3,000
134 articles of miscellaneous clothing	79,950
24 articles of miscellaneous bedding	19,100
12 pairs of shoes	11,600
199 miscellaneous household articles	22,780
32 miscellaneous tools	<u>17,900</u>
Total	710,640 ⁷

Kouba Joseph

In the maquis, 18 September 1955

13. Petition from Mr. Thomas Kouta

Kouta Thomas, planter and member of the UPC Local Committee, Loum
Administrative Sector (M'bangwa Subdivision, Mungo Region)

To the Chairman of the United Nations Visiting Mission to the CAMEROONS

Sir,

I have the honour to report the following:

The French colonialists have unleashed an undeclared war against the people of the Cameroons, a country under UNITED NATIONS Trusteeship. They have unleashed this war in order to stifle the legitimate demands of the Cameroonian people, who are fighting ceaselessly for the general welfare.

As the father of a family of twenty persons, I call for the IMMEDIATE UNIFICATION AND INDEPENDENCE OF THE CAMEROONS.

The colonialists continue their prosecutions of our political leaders.

We call for the release of the political prisoners.

" " " the establishment of our Cameroonian Government

" " " a United Nations High Commissioner for the Cameroons

" " " the adoption of our Cameroonian flag

" " " the termination of the Trusteeship Agreements in our country

" " " a guard sent by the United Nations to protect the few remaining Cameroonians.

You will find attached a list of my belongings destroyed by the colonialists and their lackeys.

I have the honour to be, etc.

Kouta Thomas, planter, Loum

In the maquis, 18 August 1955

List of my belongings destroyed on 6 June 1955 by the colonialists

	<u>Francs</u>
1-room hut destroyed	125,000
1 two-room cook house	16,000
2 tables	3,000
17 chairs	6,800
3 armchairs	3,500

	<u>Francs</u>
1 cupboard	10,500
4 <u>gandouras</u>	15,000
Personal capital	635,000
65 building stakes	6,500
6 plank beds and 10 empty bags	12,100
10 bags of coffee	50,500
1 drum of indigenous oil and 1 kettle	1,900
<u>/67</u> articles of miscellaneous clothing	49,325
113 miscellaneous household articles	5,870
209 miscellaneous tools	<u>91,750</u>
Total	1,055,870 ⁷

ARTICLES BELONGING TO MY WIVES

1 suitcase	850
Capital of my wives	10,850
<u>/54</u> articles of miscellaneous clothing	33,475
56 miscellaneous household articles	<u>23,300⁷</u>

ARTICLES BELONGING TO MY CHILDREN

1 plank bed worth a sum of	3,500
1 suitcase and 8 pairs of trousers	4,250
2 blankets and 1 lamp	1,200
Cash	15,000
<u>/24</u> articles of miscellaneous clothing	<u>16,700⁷</u>

Kouta Thomas, planter, Lum
In the maquis, 18 August 1955

14. Petition from Mrs. Christine (Mamfo) Tchana

UNION DEMOCRATIQUE DES FEMMES CAMEROUNAISES

Committee in the maquis, Koumba, 8 September 1955

To: The Chairman of the United Nations Visiting Mission to the Cameroons

Sir,

During the historic events of May 1955 provoked by the Roland Pré government, I was the victim of several incidents which deserve to be brought to your attention.

1. The mother of two young children aged six and seven respectively, I am living in the maquis, and since the day we were driven away by Pré's "mercenaries" I have been without news of my children.

2. These "guardians" of law and order in our country, having failed to find me, as was their first desire, had to destroy my hut, and took from it various belongings and cash, of which the following is a list.

1 house or hut whose value I do not know

1 sewing-machine (Singer)

1 gramophone with records

1 dining table

4 chairs

1 pair of shoes

2 plank beds

2 pairs of tennis shoes

1 chaise longue

2 chests containing various feminine articles and my savings, which total 20,000 francs in cash

1 book of receipts from our society for 40,000 francs

57 miscellaneous household articles

12 articles of miscellaneous bedding

6 miscellaneous tools

3. A plantation of African foodstuffs (maize, peanuts, macabo and bananas) looted by these gentlemen.

All this because we call for the unification and independence of our country. But in spite of the killing, the unjust imprisonments, the illegal persecution

and the pillaging, we will not be silent until we receive satisfaction, that is, the national independence of the Cameroons.

We also demand that public freedoms be respected. For without these freedoms the life of man would be a disguised death.

In short, we call for the termination of the Trusteeship System in our country. To that end, we ask the United Nations to appoint, at the tenth session of its General Assembly, a COMMISSION of United Nations experts to help us to establish self-government.

In the hope that the Chairman of the United Nations Visiting Mission now in the Cameroons will take my request into consideration, I have the honour to be etc.

Mamfo Tsiana Crétine, resident of Loum
(Nkongsamba Subdivision)
(Moungo Region)
now in the maquis

15. Petition from Mrs. Marthe Massag

Report from Massag Marthe, widow of the late Noutak Michel, planter and member of the Loum Administrative Sector Central Committee (M'Banga Subdivision, Mungo Region), dead in the maquis under British administration on 21 October 1955, following the war unleashed by Mr. Roland Pré, representative of France in the Cameroons.

List of the belongings of my husband destroyed by the armed forces under French administration during the bloody incidents of May last.

	<u>Francs</u>
1 9-room hut destroyed	175,985
<u>CONTENTS of the hut:</u>	
22 chairs	11,000
4 tables	6,000
1 cupboard	13,000
23 sacks of unpulped coffee berries	
1 gramophone	13,000
15 gramophone records	4,500
1 machine, male operated	21,000
2 demi-johns of beans	1,500
7 plank beds	10,500
1 briefcase	1,250
cash in the chest	107,500
109 articles of miscellaneous clothing	95,050
14 pairs of shoes	18,050
15 articles of miscellaneous bedding	17,200
125 miscellaneous household articles	19,990
35 miscellaneous tools	23,850

16. Petition from Mr. Michel Mvenang

Mvenang Michel, driver, planter and member of the Loum Administrative Sector
UPC Central Committee, M'Banga Subdivision (Mungo Region)

Sir,

I have the honour to submit the following to you:

Considering the present highly critical situation in the Cameroons,
considering the launching of the present war against unarmed populations ordered
by Mr. Roland Pré, High Commissioner of France in the Cameroons.

The French colonialists continue their judicial proceedings against the
responsible leaders of the Cameroonian progressive movements who are struggling
for the national welfare.

As the father of a family of seven persons about whom I have had no news
since the beginning of the incidents of last May,

I call for the IMMEDIATE UNIFICATION AND INDEPENDENCE OF THE CAMEROONS

I call for the establishment of our Cameroonian Government

I call for a United Nations High Commissioner who will protect the few remaining
Cameroonians.

I call for the adoption of a Cameroonian flag.

I call for the withdrawal of the warrants for the arrest of our leaders.

Long live the United Nations Mission to the Cameroons.

Long live the United Nations Charter.

Long live a UNITED AND INDEPENDENT Cameroons.

Long live the right of self-determination.

Long live the UPC.

Long live peace.

I have the honour to be etc.

Mvénang Michel, driver and planter, Loum
Done in the maquis, 26 October 1955

Report of Mvéngang Michel, planter, driver and member of the Loum UPC Central Committee (Administrative Sector, M'Banga Subdivision, Moungo Region)

To the Chairman of the United Nations Visiting Mission to the CAMEROONS

Sir,

I have the honour to submit to you the report on my belongings taken by the colonialists and their lackeys with the support of military units from the Chad during the bloody incidents which occurred in the Cameroons in May last.

LOSSES

	<u>Francs</u>
2 huts	183,000
1 cook-house	16,000
3 tables	5,100
10 miscellaneous	6,800
4 arm-chairs	6,400
1 metal FAO bed	5,000
5 Plank beds	4,285
2 cupboards	48,000
1 CIERPA alarm clock	4,950
1 voice of His Master's Voice gramophone	12,300
1 VESTA women's sewing machine	16,000
1 CIERPA briefcase	3,800
1 ARMESTRONG bicycle	16,000
6 BAGS of coffee	36,000
/23 miscellaneous articles of bedding	23,380
61 miscellaneous articles of clothing	58,960
142 miscellaneous household articles	18,405
283 miscellaneous tools	90,820 ⁷
Personal capital	825,250
Articles belonging to my sister, shot during the incidents	
1 chest	3,500
2 bed sheets	1,000
personal capital	8,310
/52 articles of miscellaneous clothing	22,100
27 miscellaneous household articles	6,950 ⁷

FOR SON

	<u>Francs</u>
1 suitcase worth	800
1 HERCULES bicycle	13,800
<u>16</u> articles of clothing	12,500
14 miscellaneous household articles and articles of bedding	3,650

FOR WIFE

1 chest worth	3,600
1 SINGER machine	16,000
6 large basins and 1 towel	7,500
2 necklaces	1,000
72 articles of miscellaneous clothing	45,160
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TOTAL:	1,551,920

Mvenang Michel, planter, driver, Loum
Done in the maquis, 26 October 1955.

17. Petition from Mr. Raphael Ngamagni

Ngamagni Raphael, planter and Chairman of the Loum Administrative Sector Local Committee (M'banga Subdivision, Moungo Region)

To the Chairman of the United Nations Visiting Mission to the CAMEROONS

Sir,

Despite the acts of sabotage of all kinds committed by the French colonialists on 25 May last, the representative of Overseas France, Mr. Roland Pré, has solemnly proclaimed a cold war throughout the Cameroons.

During the incidents of this ruthless war, for which Mr. Roland Pré bears the undeniable responsibility, and which is directed against the aspirations of the Cameroonian people, who are fighting for the IMMEDIATE INDEPENDENCE AND UNIFICATION OF OUR COUNTRY, several of our patriots were arrested, imprisoned and subjected to frightful threats.

The French colonialists continue their prosecutions of our political leaders. I am the head of a family of thirty-five persons of whose whereabouts I have been ignorant since the beginning of the incidents of May last.

THEREFORE:

1. My family and I continue to call for THE UNIFICATION AND INDEPENDENCE OF THE CAMEROONS.
2. The establishment of a Cameroonian Government. The withdrawal of the warrants for the arrest of our political leaders.
3. The adoption of a Cameroonian flag.
4. The termination of the Trusteeship Agreements in our country.

I have the honour to be etc.

Ngamagni Raphael, planter, Loum

In the maquis, 13 November 1955

Nganini Raphael, planter and Chairman of the 10 January Local Committee,
Loum-Gare

To the Chairman of the United Nations Visiting Mission to the CAMEROONS

Sir,

I have the honour to submit my report on the losses I suffered during the incidents of May last.

LOSSES

	<u>Francs</u>
1 standard hut worth	172,270
1 SINGER machine	25,000
1 His Master's Voice gramophone	
25 records, 1 Hercules bicycle, 2 cupboards	26,000
2 chests containing clothing of miscellaneous quality and colours	
2 chests containing the clothing of my wives	
Cash	950,000
<u> cookhouse (3 square metres large)</u>	
<u>/10</u> articles of miscellaneous clothing	3,500
14 pairs of shoes	12,650
228 miscellaneous household articles	37,730
446 miscellaneous tools	26,130
5 tables	11,750
23 chairs	10,500
44 miscellaneous articles of bedding	38,750
4 goats	
Total:	<u>1,334,030</u> 7

Ngamini Raphael, planter and Chairman

In the maquis, 13 September 1955

(Signed) Raphael

18. Petition from Mr. Njikam Nana

NJIKAM NANA, planter and member of the LUM UPC Local Committee, MUNGO REGION

To the Chairman of the United Nations Visiting Mission to the Cameroons

Sir,

I have the honour respectfully to submit a report to you on the work of the French colonialist Government in the Cameroons on 25 May 1955.

Because of our request for the IMMEDIATE UNIFICATION AND INDEPENDENCE OF THE CAMEROONS, the Roland Pré Government called on the Chad soldiers to massacre the Cameroonians. Such savage repression can but jeopardize the good work of the United Nations for the Trust Territories.

I am the father of a family of ten persons who call for the immediate unification and independence of our country, the Cameroons. We also call for the appointment of a United Nations High Commissioner for the Cameroons and the adoption of the Cameroonian flag. We request the United Nations to ensure that the United Nations Charter is respected by all the signatory nations, and also the Atlantic Charter, especially by the French Government which ignores even the French Constitution.

LONG LIVE the immediate unification and independence of the Cameroons.

LONG LIVE the Charter of the United Nations.

LONG LIVE the right of self-determination of peoples.

I have the honour to be etc.

(Signature)

A list of my property is attached:

Done in the maquis on 19 October 1955

NJIKAM NANA, planter and member of the LUM Administration Sector Local Committee of the UPC, MUNGO Region

Destruction of my hut by the French Government and the colonialists accompanied by military units

	<u>Francs</u>
1 six-room hut on the plantation	98,975
1 seven-room hut worth	185,500
4 tables	6,000

	<u>Francs</u>
20 chairs	9,000
8 arm-chairs	12,000
2 round tables	4,000
3 large cupboards	40,500
6 modern plank beds	12,000
2 GM arm-chairs	4,000
2 Singer sewing machines	30,000
1 GM maize-mill	30,000
30 sacks of unpulped coffee berries	150,000
Cash taken	600,000
4 plank beds	2,000
1 suitcase full of dresses	15,000
<u>48</u> miscellaneous articles of clothing	39,000
8 pairs of shoes	4,925
231 miscellaneous household articles	93,520
58 miscellaneous articles of bedding	29,000
740 miscellaneous tools	104,400
foodstuffs	<u>29,500</u>
Total:	1,499,420 <u>7</u>

This is the work of the French colonialists for the emancipation of the Cameroons in the Mungo Region at IUM.

25 May 1955

19. Petition from Mr. Jean Njiofang

Njiofang, Jean, planter and member of the LUM UPC Local Committee
(Administrative Sector M'banga Subdivision, MUNGO Region.

To: the Chairman of the United Nations Visiting Mission to the CAMEROONS

Sir,

As the head of my family, I wish to explain the following facts to you:

It is with sorrow that I inform you that last May the French Government
launched a war in a country under United Nations Trusteeship.

Many people were killed during these incidents and there were mass
imprisonments. People were deported, where we do not know, throughout the
Territory, and the arrests continue. The French Government has issued warrants
for the arrest of all the leaders of the progressive movements. Legal proceedings
have also been begun against other Cameroonians.

We impatiently call for THE IMMEDIATE UNIFICATION AND INDEPENDENCE OF THE
CAMEROONS.

"	"	"	"	the withdrawal of the warrants for the arrest of the real Cameroonians.
"	"	"	"	the adoption of the Cameroonian flag.
"	"	"	"	the establishment of a Cameroonian Government
"	"	"	"	the end of the Trusteeship Agreements in our country.

We request damages from the French Government.

Long live the United Nations Visiting Mission to the Cameroons.

Long live a UNIFIED AND INDEPENDENT Cameroons.

Long live the UPC.

Hoping to see you in person, I have the honour to be etc.

Njofant Jean, planter at Loum

In the maquis, 15 September 1955

Report on the goods of Jofang, Jean, member of the Loum UPC Local Committee
(Administrative Sector, M'bangwa Subdivision, MUNGO Region)

	<u>Francs</u>
1 nine-room house	180,000
1 cupboard	9,000
2 large cupboards worth	23,000
8 arm-chairs, 10 chairs	11,700
1 Aida lamp, women's sewing machine	20,500
1 indigenous rifle	5,000
1 precious pearl	2,000
2 pigs and 9 piglets	8,000
3 goats	6,000
Personal capital	370,000
2 chests containing clothing	
2 chests containing clothing	
10 mahogany plank beds	11,400
3 hens with their chickens	3,000
<u>14</u> miscellaneous articles of clothing	60,450
10 pairs of shoes	13,100
166 miscellaneous household articles	40,330
40 miscellaneous articles of bedding	26,685
175 miscellaneous tools	75,750

Property of my wives

<u>2</u> chests containing dresses	
7 miscellaneous articles of clothing	3,650
10 pairs of shoes	6,325
97 miscellaneous household articles	33,760
11 miscellaneous articles of bedding	<u>4,650</u>
Total:	999,705

Njofang Jean, planter, Loum

In the maquis, 15 September 1955

20. Petition from Mr. André Nyambé Tonga

Nyambé Tonga André, member of the UPC Local Committee, Loum
Administrative Sector (M'banga Subdivision, Mungo Region)

To the Chairman of the United Nations Visiting Mission to the CAMEROONS

Sir,

I have the honour to submit the following to your attention:

Last May the French colonialists unleashed an undeclared war against the population of the Cameroons, a country under United Nations trusteeship, for the sole reason that the people called for the immediate unity and independence of its country.

The colonialists unleashed this war only in order to stifle the legitimate demands of the Cameroonian people, who are conducting an unceasing struggle for the general welfare.

As the father of a family of fifteen persons we call for the immediate unification and independence of our country.

The establishment of a Cameroonian Government.

A United Nations High Commissioner in the Cameroons.

The termination of the Trusteeship Agreements in our country, the Cameroons.

The adoption of a Cameroonian flag.

You will find attached a list of my belongings as a result of the use of armed force.

I have the honour to be, etc.

Nyambé Tonga André, planter, Loum

In the maquis, 30 October 1955

NYAMBE TONGA, PLANTER AND MEMBER OF THE UPC COMMITTEE, LOUM
(ADMINISTRATIVE SECTOR, M'BANGA SUBDIVISION, MUNGO REGION)

List of my belongings destroyed at Loum by the colonialists on 7 June 1955

	<u>Francs</u>
3 cupboards	6,000
3 tables	3,000
20 chairs	10,000
10 empty boxes	2,000

	<u>Francs</u>
5 plank beds	10,000
4 bags of beans	18,000
2 drums of palm oil	2,000
1 chest	3,000
87 articles of miscellaneous clothing	60,700
8 pairs of shoes	8,800
122 miscellaneous household articles	<u>26,580</u>
Total:	150,730 ⁷

NYAMBE TONGA

Done in the maquis on 18 August 1955

21. Petition from Mr. Jean Nzemho

Nzemho, Jean, carpenter and member of the UPC Local Committee, Loum
(M'bangá Subdivision, Mungo Region)

To the Chairman of the United Nations Visiting Mission to the CAMEROONS

Sir,

I have the honour to submit the following to your attention:

On 25 May last the French colonialists launched a cold war against the people of the Cameroons, a country under UNITED NATIONS trusteeship, for the sole reason that they had demanded their freedom.

The colonialists continue their prosecutions of the leaders and members of the Cameroonian progressive movements.

Although the French colonialists are resorting to every manoeuvre to stifle the legitimate demands of the Cameroonian people, who are fighting for their interests, we continue vigorously to demand the liberation of our country.

I am the father of a family of fifteen persons; we earnestly call for the unification and independence of the Cameroons.

- the establishment of our Cameroonian Government.
- a United Nations High Commissioner for the Cameroons.
- the adoption of a Cameroonian flag.
- the withdrawal of the warrants for the arrest of our political leaders.
- the abolition of the Trusteeship Agreements in the Cameroons.

I have the honour to be, etc.

Nzemho Jean, carpenter

In the maquis, 27 October 1955

NZEMHO JEAN, carpenter and member of the
Local Committee, IUM Administrative Sector,
MBANGA Subdivision, MUNGO Region

Destruction of my hut on the orders of the Colonialist Government of
Roland Pré on 6 June 1955

	<u>Francs</u>
1 cupboard	22,000
Cash gathered together	80,000
3 plank beds	5,400
12 chairs	8,400
2 tables	2,000
1 wrist watch	3,000
<u>105</u> miscellaneous articles of clothing	64,600
25 pairs of shoes	17,000
68 miscellaneous household articles	11,690
18 miscellaneous articles of bedding	9,600
91 miscellaneous tools	41,570
Foodstuffs	<u>10,750</u>
Total:	278,410 ⁷

NZEMHO Jean

Done in the maquis on 18 September 1955

22. Petition from Mr. Daniel Ondon

Ondon Daniel, planter and member of the Local Committee of the UPC, Loum.

To the Chairman of the Visiting Mission of the Cameroons.

Sir,

I have the honour respectfully to bring the following to your attention:

Last May, the French colonialists started a cold war against the defenceless population of the Cameroons, a country under United Nations trusteeship. I am the head of a family group of thirty people. We call for:

- The immediate unification and independence of the Cameroons.
- The withdrawal of the warrants for the arrest of the leaders of the progressive movements.
- The establishment of a Cameroonian Government.
- The appointment of a United Nations High Commissioner.
- The despatch of guards by the United Nations to protect the few remaining Cameroonians.
- The termination of the Trusteeship Agreement for our country. The presence of the two great Powers, France and England, is not needed in the Cameroons.

I have the honour to be, etc.

(Signed) Ondon Daniel

List of my belongings lost as a result of the events of 25 May last:

	<u>Francs</u>
1 machine (male operated)	25,000
1 gramophone	12,000
40 pairs of trousers	80,955
7 modern-style jackets	35,025
30 shirts	40,000
60 soup-tureens	21,000
5 pairs of shoes	15,000
Sum in cash	350,000
12 assorted bags of coffee	60,000
2 khaki and yellow caps	3,000
3 cast-iron cooking pots	4,900

	<u>Francs</u>
1 iron bed	6,000
7 goats	21,000
25 chairs	12,500
3 tables	9,000
1 cupboard	16,500
9 blankets and mattresses	<u>25,925</u>
Total	727,805

In the maquis, 14 November 1955
Ondon Daniel

23. Petition from Mr. Daniel Tchekam

TCHEKAM DANIEL, PLANTER AND MEMBER OF THE LOCAL COMMITTEE OF THE UPC, LOUM,
ADMINISTRATIVE SECTOR, M'BANGA SUBDIVISION (MUNGO REGION)

List of my belongings damaged at Loum under French administration by the
colonialists and their lackeys with the help of the military on 7 June 1955.

	<u>Francs</u>
6 chairs	2,500
4 wooden bedsteads	8,000
Sum in cash	58,500
2 panther rugs	5,400
1 dining table	2,500
4 blankets	2,800
Suitcase containing cash	18,000
<u>92</u> miscellaneous articles of clothing	108,800
8 pairs of shoes	4,000
173 miscellaneous household articles	27,425
7 miscellaneous tools	<u>4,000</u>
Total	248,225 ⁷

24. Petition from Mrs. Sara Tchakam

TCHAKAM SARA, MEMBER OF THE UDFC COMMITTEE, LOUM, M'BANGA SUBDIVISION (MUNGO REGION)

List of my belongings damaged at Loum under French administration by the colonialists and their lackeys with the help of the military.

	<u>Francs</u>
1 six-roomed hut	108,985
2 large tables	3,000
2 round tables	2,500
15 chairs without arms	11,250
1 cupboard	9,500
Amount in cash in the cupboard	65,600
1 Singer sewing-machine	15,000
12 bags of unpulped coffee berries	-
4 bags of home-grown beans	20,000
5 bags of maize	12,500
1 large chest	4,500
1 leather brief-case	3,500
1 leather brief-case	2,500
1 gramophone (His Master's Voice)	13,500
5 pairs of cuffs	750
2 hatchets	900
Chest containing my husband's clothes, valued at:	55,000
45 miscellaneous articles of clothing	33,750
20 pairs of shoes	14,050
32 miscellaneous articles of bedding	30,200
127 miscellaneous household articles	-
Total	<u>437,870</u>

TCHAKAM SARA, PLANTER

In the maquis, 5 September 1955

25. Petition from Mr. Michel Tégué

Tégué Michel, planter and member of the Central Committee of the UPC, Loum Administrative Sector (M'banga Subdivision, Mungo Region)

To: the Chairman of the Visiting Mission of the United Nations to the Cameroons
Sir,

I have the honour respectfully to bring the following to your attention:

With the bloody incidents in the Cameroons on 26 May last, Mr. Roland Pré, Representative of France in the Cameroons, started a cold war against the defenceless people of the Cameroons, a country under United Nations trusteeship.

A number of patriots were arrested, killed, suspended, deported and imprisoned merely because they claimed their legitimate rights, and advocated the immediate unification and independence of the Cameroons. All we have done is unanimously to call for the approval of the joint proclamation of 22 April 1955.

The French colonialists continue their prosecutions of leaders of the Cameroonian progressive movements.

I myself am the father of a family, with eighteen dependents, and since the start of the cold war I am ignorant of their whereabouts.

In view of all this, we call for:

1. The IMMEDIATE UNIFICATION AND INDEPENDENCE OF THE CAMEROONS.
2. The establishment of a Cameroonian Government.
3. The appointment of a United Nations High Commissioner for the Cameroons.
4. The withdrawal of the warrants for the arrest of our political leaders.
5. The adoption of a Cameroonian flag - a crab proper on a red field.
6. The termination of the Trusteeship Agreement in our country.

We ask for damages due from the French Government and compensation for the time spent in the maquis since last May.

Long live the UN Mission to the Cameroons

Long live the UN Charter

Long live the UPC

Long live the unification and independence of the Cameroons

Long live the right of the people to self-determination

Long live peace.

I have the honour to be, etc.

(Signed) Tégué Michel, planter at Loum
In the maquis, 14 August 1955

Report of Téngué, Michel, planter and member of the Central Committee, Loum Administrative Sector (M'bangá Subdivision, Mungo Region).

List of my belongings damaged at Loum under French administration during the bloody incidents of May started by the colonialists and their lackeys with the help of military units from Chad.

7 June 1955

Damage to property

	<u>Francs</u>
1 seven-roomed hut	155,000
<u>Contents:</u>	
3 large tables	4,500
2 round tables	3,600
36 chairs	17,500
6 armchairs	9,000
2 large cupboards	30,000
Sum in cash	899,855
3 cupboards	25,500
2 Singer sewing-machines	30,000
2 gramophones (His Master's Voice and ESMAT)	32,000
100 gramophone records	30,000
1 Rudge bicycle	16,500
1 cane <u>chaise-longue</u>	2,500
35 bags of unpulped coffee berries	175,000
3 chests (for the three women in my household)	7,500
1 set of keys	850
6 small round tables	2,700
2 armchairs	1,100
3 large chests	10,500
2 cardboard suitcases	1,500
2 pairs of spectacles	500
1 cooking range (two compartments)	26,895
<u>383</u> miscellaneous articles of clothing	238,875
42 pairs of shoes	51,225

	<u>Francs</u>
276 miscellaneous household articles	58,710
46 miscellaneous items of bedding	78,750
309 miscellaneous tools	139,750
Miscellaneous foodstuffs	<u>16,700</u>
Total:	2,065,560 ⁷

Tongué Michel, planter at Loum

In the maquis, October 1955

26. Petition from Mr. Henri Theu

From: Theu Henri, member of the UPC, planter at LOUM, carrier at Nkongsamba, and his family

To: the Chairman of the UN Visiting Mission to the Cameroons

Sir,

On behalf of my family and myself, I have the honour respectfully to bring the following to your notice:

Ever since 22 May, the French colonialists, under the orders of Roland Pré, colonial governor in the Cameroons, have been incessantly persecuting loyal Cameroonians, who are carrying on a resolute struggle for the immediate unification and independence of their country. This war, started by Roland Pré, is still being waged against the defenceless population of the Cameroons - a country under UN trusteeship.

During my flight my daughter, aged four, and other members of my family were lost, and I have no knowledge of their whereabouts. The sum of 135,000 francs was taken from me by the military during the troubles.

What we want is:

1. The liberation of our fellow-countrymen arrested and imprisoned in connexion with the events of last May.
2. The return of all refugees.
3. The immediate Unification and Independence of our country.
4. The establishment of a Cameroonian Government.
5. The end of the Trusteeship Agreement following the establishment of a Cameroonian State.
6. The appointment of a United Nations High Commissioner to help us in our work.
7. The withdrawal of the warrants for the arrest of our Cameroonian brothers for having claimed their rights.
8. The withdrawal of the two Powers from the Cameroons.

I have the honour to be, etc.

Theu Henri

(on behalf of self and family)

In the maquis, 25 October 1955

27. Petition from Mr. Jean Yakam

YAKAM Jean, member of the UPC at Loum (Administrative Sector); former political prisoner at Nkongsamba, Mungo Region; now living at Tombel (Via Kumba)

To: the Secretary-General of the United Nations, New York, U.S.A.

Sir,

I have the honour respectfully to bring the following to your attention:

With the bloody incidents of 25 May 1955 in the Cameroons, Mr. Roland Pré, representative of France in the Cameroons, started the cold war against the defenceless population of the Cameroons, a country under United Nations trusteeship. A number of patriots were arrested, killed, deported or imprisoned merely because they claimed their legitimate rights. I myself was shot in the foot. As I survived, I was taken from Loum to Penja and from Penja to Douala.

During my stay in prison, I suffered the loss of the following articles at the hands of the colonialists:

	<u>Francs</u>
4 pairs of trousers	4,800
6 pairs of shorts	3,000
5 shirts	2,875
7 chemisettes	2,590
6 women's dresses	3,300
4 head scarves	1,000
10 earthenware plates	500
1 pair of shoes	1,500
2 pairs of long socks	430
1 cooking pot	850

We partisans of the struggle for the immediate Unification and Independence of the Cameroons were persecuted because we had unanimously called for the approval of the joint proclamation of 22 April 1955.

The French colonialists continue their prosecutions of leaders of the Cameroonian progressive movements.

In view of all this, I call for:

The immediate Unification and Independence of the Cameroons.

The establishment of a Cameroonian Government.

The appointment of a United Nations High Commissioner for the Cameroons.

The adoption of a Cameroonian flag - a crab proper on a red field.

Long live the United Nations.

Long live the Cameroons.

Long live peace.

I have the honour to be, etc.,

Tombel, 10 February 1956

Yakam Jean

28. Petition from Mr. Mathias Wéthé

Wéthé Mathias, planter and member of the UPC, Loum (Administrative Sector)
M'bang Subdivision, Mungo Region.

To: the Chairman of the UN Visiting Mission to the Cameroons

Sir,

I have the honour respectfully to bring the following to your attention:

Last May, on the orders of Mr. Roland Pré, warfare was started against the population of the Cameroons, a country under United Nations trusteeship.

The French colonialists show complete disregard for the United Nations Charter and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

In view of this situation, I call for the immediate unification and independence of the Cameroons; the establishment of a Cameroonian government; a UN High Commissioner for the Cameroons; the adoption of a Cameroonian flag; the liberation of political prisoners; and the termination of the Trusteeship Agreement in our country.

Here is a list of my belongings taken from me by the colonialists:

	<u>Francs</u>
1 briefcase	3,000
6 pairs of gabardine trousers	5,600
5 shirts	3,250
1 smock	1,800
1 wrist watch	1,700
1 pair of crêpe shoes	1,500
1 pair of "patogards"	2,000
1 large-brimmed native hat	3,000
2 cotton blankets	1,000
Sum in cash	<u>30,000</u>
Total:	52,850

I have the honour to be, etc.

(Signed) Wéthé Mathias, planter, Loum

In the maquis, 5 September 1955

29. Petition from Mr. Isaac Wome

WOME Isaac, shopkeeper and member of the Local Committee of the UPC at Loum (Administrative Sector), M'banga Subdivision, Mungo Region.

To: the Chairman of the UN Visiting Mission to the Cameroons.

Sir,

In the present petition, I have the honour respectfully to bring the following facts to your attention.

Through the arbitrary orders of Mr. Roland Pré, Governor of the French Republic in the Cameroons, a cold war was started on 25 and 26 May last.

What every Cameroonian wants is:

The immediate Independence and Unification of the Cameroons.

The liberation of political prisoners.

The withdrawal of the warrants for the arrest of the leaders of Cameroonian political movements.

Below is a list of my belongings:

	<u>Francs</u>
2 woollen pullovers; 1 tray; 1 stool	2,900
1 chest; 2 dozen spoons; 1-1/2 dozen glasses; 1-1/2 dozen plates	1,630
6 pillows; 2 machetes; 1 lamp	4,700
1 box of liniment; 2 briefcases; 1 woman's travelling case	23,110
6 pairs of shorts; 6 pairs of assorted shorts; 12 pairs of trousers; 8 shirts	17,800
6 chemisettes	<u>3,000</u>
Total:	63,140

I have the honour to be, etc.

(Signed) Wome Issac
In the maquis,
11 November 1955

30. Petition from Mr. Pierre Simo

SIMO Pierre, farmer and member of the UPC, Loum

To: the Chairman and members of the UN Visiting Mission to the Cameroons

Sir,

In this petition I have the honour respectfully to bring you some information on the warfare started in the Cameroons by the colonial Governor, Mr. Roland Pré.

On 25 May 1955, warfare was started by order of Mr. Roland Pré. Many Cameroonian men and women were killed and others arrested and imprisoned by the French Government in the Cameroons, while others again had to take to the maquis, their present whereabouts being unknown.

In the cause of peace for Cameroonian men and women, I plead with the Mission for:

1. The immediate Unification and Independence of the Cameroons.
2. The appointment of a United Nations High Commissioner for the Cameroons.
3. The liberation of political prisoners.
4. The withdrawal of the warrants for the arrest of the supporters of the progressive movements in the Cameroons.
5. The adoption of the Cameroonian flag.

During the warfare which occurred, I was arrested by the military and robbed of 45,050 francs.

I have the honour to be, etc.

SIMO, Pierre

In the maquis, 20 October 1955

31. Petition from Mrs. Motio Tapita

From: Motio Tapita, Member of the UDEFEC, Loum Administrative Sector - M'bangwa Subdivision, Mungo Region

To: The Chairman of the United Nations Visiting Mission to the Cameroons

Sir,

On 25 May last, the Cameroons was the theatre of events of historic importance, and scenes of bloodshed.

Mr. Roland Pré, colonial Governor, arbitrarily started a cold war against the defenceless population. The only reason for this was the unanimous proclamation issued by the people on 22 April 1955.

These unprovoked acts of war clearly show that the representatives of France in the Cameroons realize that their incapacity is inevitably leading to the Immediate Independence and Unification of the Cameroons.

OUR CLAIMS

I call for:

THE IMMEDIATE UNIFICATION AND INDEPENDENCE OF THE CAMEROONS.

The establishment of a Cameroonian Government.

The appointment of a United Nations High Commissioner for the Cameroons.

The adoption of a Cameroonian flag.

The withdrawal of the warrants for the arrest of our leaders.

The termination of the Trusteeship Agreements.

Below is a list of items belonging to my husband Kamngoum Phillippe, destroyed or lost during the disturbances. At the time of making this statement, I am ignorant of where he has been since the beginning of the disturbances. I do not know if he is still alive, and I cannot give here a full list.

	<u>Francs</u>
1 seven-roomed house (destroyed)	785,325
1 sheet-metalled cooking range, 3 cupboards, 2 gramophones	122,000
3 tables, 8 chairs, 6 small round tables	14,530
1 pair of scales, 1 sewing-machine (male operated), 2 sewing-machines (female operated)	88,300
1 saw, 2 Aida lamps, 2 smoothing-irons	12,400

20 assorted plates, 4 bowls, 30 soup-tureens	12,200
2 women's wardrobes, 2 chests containing women's clothes, 3 beds	36,500
7 blankets, 3 mattresses, 3 sheets and 13 pillows	23,800
2 drums of oil, 100 sheets of metal, 100 bags of cement	87,500
9 chairs, 2 beds (for the kitchen), 2 pairs of women's shoes	9,000
2 pairs of sandals, 1 pair of men's shoes, 2 chests containing men's clothes	37,000
2 portable stoves, 8 glasses, 6 cooking pots	7,600
1 Ford truck (American)	<u>950,000</u>
Total	2,480,755

I have the honour to be, etc.

Motio Tapita, Loum

In the maquis, 20 October 1955

32. Petition from Mr. Zacharie Nono

NONO Zacharie, Planter and Member of the Local Committee of the UPC, LOUM Sector, M'bunga Subdivision, Mungo Region.

To the Chairman of the United Nations Visiting Mission to the Cameroons

Sir,

On behalf of my family of twelve persons and myself, living with them, have the honour to submit this petition and to inform you of the following facts:

During the bloody incidents of last May, Mr. Roland Pré, committed to an inconsistent policy, launched an undeclared war on an unarmed population solely because of its unhesitating support of the Joint Proclamation of 22 April 1955. Cameroonians were arbitrarily assassinated, murdered, massacred, maltreated in every possible way, put in irons and deported by air, merely because they support the campaign for the immediate Independence and Unification of their country.

To make a long story short, in spite of this armed intervention, my family and myself in the maquis advocate the immediate adoption of this Joint Proclamation.

CLAIMS

I ask for the immediate Unification and Independence of the Cameroons.

I ask for the withdrawal of the warrants for the arrest of our active members and leaders.

I ask for the establishment of a sovereign Government for our country.

I ask for the adoption of the Cameroonian flag.

I list below the material damage I suffered during the days of bloodshed.

	<u>Francs</u>
1 standard six-room hut, 3 tables, 29 chairs, 7 beds	240,000
1 wardrobe, 7 mattresses, 4 woollen and 14 ordinary blankets	29,900
15 pairs of shorts, 24 pairs of trousers, 13 chemisettes, 8 jackets, 24 shirts	89,600
8 pairs of shoes, 2 pairs of boots, 5 lamps, 80 sheets of metal	63,900
15 bags of coffee berries	
8 machetes, 3 hats, 2 food cupboards, 2 helmets	6,450

	<u>Francs</u>
4 mosquito nets, 4 files, 3 axes, loose cash, 36 glasses	79,525
11 cooking-pots, 4 bowls, 24 dishes, 100 plates, 36 spoons	54,400
60 dresses, 30 slips, 30 head scarves, 4 suitcases	64,031
2 chests, 2 trays, 4 pails, 3 umbrellas, 12 bracelets	7,550
10 bags of groundnuts, 6 bags of maize, 3 bags of husked beans	<u>22,250</u>
Total	657,606

33. Petition from Mr. Pascal Nzob

Union des populations du Cameroun

Kamerunian Section of the Rassemblement Démocratique Africain

Loum-Chantiers (Gare) Local Committee

Statement of damages sustained by Nzob Pascal, Secretary of the Loum-Chantiers
(Gare) Local Committee

During the bloody incidents of May 1955 the colonialists robbed me of the
following articles:

	<u>Francs</u>
From my shop:	
3,120 <u>carabottes</u>	10,000
8,780 mats	86,800
424 battens	63,600
120 boards	36,000
From my home:	
1 sheep	3,500
1 ram	2,800
3 cooking pots	5,400
38 earthenware dishes	2,750
20 ordinary dishes	2,000
4 bowls	2,400
50 spoons and forks	1,750
6 shirts	3,600
10 pairs of trousers	19,000
2 suits	12,000
3 nylon shirts	3,600
6 pairs of shorts	2,400
2 pairs of shoes	3,600
12 coffee cups	1,200
1 kettle	500
1 portable spirit stove	1,150
6 arm chairs	7,900

	<u>Francs</u>
1 round table	1,500
1 dining table	2,000
8 chairs	<u>4,000</u>
Total	278,900

I have the honour to be, etc.

Nzob Pascal, Carpenter, Secretary of
the Loum-Chantier (Gare) Local Committee
of the UPC

In the Maquis, 30 June 1955

34. Petition from Mr. Philippe Kamngoum

Kamngoum Philippe,
Merchant and Planter

at Loum (Mungo Region), Cameroons

... 2nd STATEMENT ...

TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE FRENCH NATIONAL ASSEMBLY,
Secretary of the United Nations

I wish most respectfully to submit to you my second statement. The first was handed by my wife MOTIO TAPIA, member of the UDEFC, Loum administrative sector, M'banga Subdivision, Mungo Region, to the United Nations Visiting Mission during its visit to the Cameroons in 1956.

Copy of this first statement is enclosed herewith.

	<u>Francs</u>
2 cameras, 13 x 18 and 18 x 24, complete with accessories	125,250
Cash reserve for the plantation	515,600
Cash-box containing UPC section funds	950,000
Cash reserve for the shop	300,000
8 native dancing costumes (Kamdze) at 6,500 frs.	52,000
7 <u>Gandouras</u> at 7,600 frs	38,000
6 native <u>chéchias</u> for dances at 1,500 frs.	9,300
<u>43</u> miscellaneous articles of clothing	6,870
450 miscellaneous tools	<u>61,975</u>
Total	9,399,395 ⁷

(Signed)

In the maquis, 20 October 1955

35. Petition from Mr. Emmanuel Njonia

Njonia Emmanuel

Planter at Loum

Mungo Region

Cameroons

STATEMENT I

TO THE PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF THE
FRENCH NATIONAL ASSEMBLY, PARIS

GENTLEMEN,

I wish most respectfully to submit to you the statement of my property damaged and pillaged by the military on the orders of Mr. Roland Pré, High Commissioner of France in the Cameroons, as a result of the cowardly war which he pretends is not a war, and of which the entire Territory of the Cameroons bore the brunt on 25 May 1955 and in the days that followed.

	<u>Francs</u>
3 houses destroyed	950,000
1 sewing machine	20,000
1 box in a wardrobe, containing the sum of	245,000
2 metal chests	4,000
40 miscellaneous pieces of furniture	58,900
85 miscellaneous articles of bedding	55,950
238 miscellaneous articles of clothing	220,620
39 pairs of shoes	49,600
165 miscellaneous household articles	25,960
Miscellaneous tools	<u>237,475</u>
Total	4,072,305 ⁷

COPIES TO:

The French National Assembly, Paris

The Secretary-General of the United Nations,

for the Trusteeship Council

The State Counsel General, Yaoundé

36. Petition from Mr. Jean-Bonaventure Leunché

Statement of damages

Leunché Jean-Bonaventure, Secretary of the Loum (Chantiers) Central Committee of the UPC, planter and teacher at the Loum Catholic Mission, arbitrarily dismissed by Father Bernard without notice on 1 January 1955, on the grounds of membership in the UPC.

To the Secretary-General of the United Nations

Sir,

During the bloody incidents of May 1955 instigated by the bloodthirsty Roland Pré against our unarmed people, Maunier, the chief administrative officer of Loum, with his savage men from Chad and the Sahara and his minions, after the wholesale slaughter at Loum on 25 May 1955, destroyed and pillaged all my property, listed below.

	<u>Francs</u>
10 tons of coffee harvested in 1954 and 1955	1,800,000
6 tons of cacao harvested in 1954 and 1955	1,140,000
1 Remington typewriter	32,500
1 man's bicycle	16,500
1 radio set	20,000
1 lady's sewing machine	18,000
1 lady's bicycle	13,500
1 gramophone (His Master's Voice)	15,000
Savings, in cash	999,600
1 large size leather briefcase	3,750
1 wall clock (nightingale singing the Ave Maria)	13,500
1 carpet strip	2,700
1 Scout table clock	1,050
1,200 UPC cards	120,000
1,080 JDC cards	108,200
Cash received for newspapers and cards distributed	70,000
1 house (building costs)	275,075
1 Norton motorcycle	150,000

	<u>Francs</u>
3 sows and 1 pig	48,000
1 poultry run	39,000
12 goats	24,000
1 watch dog	8,000
<u>7</u> 60 miscellaneous pieces of furniture	180,950
15 miscellaneous articles of bedding	24,280
175 miscellaneous articles of clothing	158,620
27 pairs of shoes	37,320
376 miscellaneous household articles	83,100
Various tools and materials	657,900
4 suitcases	9,830
Notebooks, books, office supplies, etc.	105,510
Miscellaneous jewelry and ornaments	<u>31,915</u>
Total	6,204,10 <u>7</u>

In the maquis, 20 September 1955

37. Petition from Mr. Josué Jounang

Mbanga Malo

Statement

	<u>Francs</u>
1 eight roomed house	500,000
2 wardrobes, full	50,000
15 chairs	7,500
2 tables	3,300
6 wooden beds	18,100
6 wooden chests	15,100
2 suitcases	5,000
Contents of one of the suitcases	90,000
1 sewing machine	15,000
3 umbrellas	2,400
2 pigs	15,000
3 goats	4,500
12 ducks	4,800
17 hens	3,550
4 cocks	1,600
<u>134</u> miscellaneous household articles	14,285
11 miscellaneous articles of bedding	11,700
7 miscellaneous articles of clothing	6,000
17 pairs of shoes	17,600
25 miscellaneous tools	11,400
Miscellaneous foodstuffs	<u>263,200</u>
Total	1,059,830 <u>7</u>

38. Petition from Mr. Nganneng

Mbanga Malo

	<u>Francs</u>
1 nine-roomed house	550,000
1 kitchen (two rooms)	150,000
5 wooden beds	10,000
22 chairs	11,000
3 wardrobes	20,000
1 chest, full of men's and women's clothes	10,000
2 wooden chests	8,000
250,000 francs of UPC funds	250,000
450,000	450,000
150,000 francs	150,000
30 boards	20,000
1 Hercules bicycle	15,000
2 tables	3,100
10,000 nursery plants	50,000
20 ducks	9,000
18 hens	4,500
5 cocks	1,750
/12 miscellaneous articles of clothing	11,450
13 pairs of shoes	15,350
193 miscellaneous household articles	28,450
25 miscellaneous articles of bedding	19,400
36 miscellaneous tools	6,725
Foodstuffs	<u>460,500</u>
Total	2,196,025 ⁷

39. Petition from Mr. Simon Bouglia

Statement of Bouglia Simon, resident at Mbanga on articles lost during the bloody incidents of last May and June through the fault of Mr. Prestat Gerard, Chief Subdivisional Officer of Manga Douala, acting under the orders of Mr. Roland Pré.

	<u>Francs</u>
Sum in cash	10,000
2 pairs of gabardine trousers	1,500
4 <u>culottes</u>	1,500
1 pair of Morcrasse shoes	2,600
1 nylon shirt	2,000
1 Greek-type blanket	1,500
2 American <u>chemisettes</u>	600
1 French felt hat	650
1 pair of gym shoes	275
1 suitcase	750

Total amount

What I want is the immediate unification and independence of the Cameroons.

(Signed) illegible

40. Petition from Mr. Isaac Koumga

Statement of property damages suffered by Mr. Koumga Isaac, planter, notable at Mbanga Subdivision (Mungo Region)

To the Chairman of the United Nations Visiting Mission to the Cameroons

Sir,

It is with bitter tears that I write to inform you of the savage killings which took place in May 1955 in the Cameroons under French administration and the damage to property resulting from this savagery. We can say without any fear of exaggeration that it was a mistake on the part of the United Nations to entrust our progress towards self-government to a gang of murderers. The crimes committed by the French colonialists in the months of April, June and May of last year in the Cameroons are many. We have suffered the loss not only of thousands of human lives, but of property as well. I cite my own case by way of example.

Francs

/92 miscellaneous articles of clothing	89,200
11 pairs of shoes	15,200
129 miscellaneous household articles	24,560
30 miscellaneous articles of bedding	37,600
9 miscellaneous tools	3,000
Foodstuffs	37,200]
1 Philippe bicycle	15,000
44 gramophone records	14,000
1 gramophone	8,000
1 cupboard	8,750
4 drinking horns (cow horns)	5,000
1 native bracelet	5,000
2 empty chests	6,000
6 wooden bedsteads	18,000
6 armchairs	9,000
18 chairs	9,000
24 boards	10,800
30 metal sheets	12,000

Francs

Cash	670,950
30 hens	11,250
12 goats	18,000
3 storm lanterns	1,650

The petitioner concludes by welcoming the Visiting Mission, demanding the immediate unification and independence of the Cameroons, supporting the Joint Proclamation, and asking for the termination of trusteeship and the formation of an independent Cameroonian State with the assistance of a United Nations committee of experts. The petitioner calls for the respect of civic freedoms and asks for damages for the losses suffered by all the Cameroonian campaigners in April, May and June 1955.7

In the hope that the United Nations will solve the Cameroonian problem to the satisfaction of the Cameroonian people,

I have the honour to be, etc.

25 October 1955.

Long live the United Nations.

Long live the unification and independence of the Cameroons.

Long live world peace.

(Signed) Mkounga Isaac, notable and
planter at Mbanga (Ville)
Mungo Region

41. Petition from Mr. Nicholas Mbeng

Statement by Mr. Mbeng Nicola, mason, married, childless, resident at Mbanga Ville (Mungo Region)

To the Chairman of the United Nations Visiting Mission to the Cameroons

Sir,

During the tragic events which took place in the Cameroons last May, Presta G rere, Chief of the Mbanga Subdivision, and his soldiers entered my hut in search of me, and the following is a list of my property which was missing after the brigands had left:

	<u>Francs</u>
1 gramophone (His Master's Voice)	8,500
1 Aida lamp	3,500
17 chickens at 300 each	5,100
2 pigs	10,000
10 sacks of <u>macabo</u>	5,000
5 sacks of unshelled groundnuts	5,400
13 pairs of trousers	5,850
2 large chests	10,000
6 shirts	3,000
4 chemisettes	1,800
17 women's dresses	8,500
5 camisoles	2,350
8 head scarves	2,000
2 women's felt hats	2,000
2 pairs of ladies' shoes	3,000
2 pairs of sandals	<u>1,500</u>
	77,500

The petitioner protests against the French Administration's "policy of repression". On behalf of his family, he welcomes the Visiting Mission. He calls for the immediate unification and independence of the Cameroons, an end to trusteeship and the establishment of a Cameroonian Government under the aegis of a United Nations High Commissioner.7

Lastly, we ask for compensation for the damage caused by the French colonialists and their lackeys during the savage represssive action of May 1955 in the Cameroons.

In the hope that the United Nations will solve the Cameroonian problem to the satisfaction of the Cameroonian people, I have the honour to be, etc.

Long live the United Nations.

Long live world peace.

Long live the unification and independence of the Cameroons.

In the maquis, 3 October 1955.

Mbeng Nicolas, Planter at Mbanga

(Subdivision), Mungo Region

42. Petition from Mr. Robert Mbong

Statement by Mr. Mbong Robert, planter, married, childless

To the Chairman of the United Nations Visiting Mission to the Cameroons

Sir,

During the bloody incidents of April, May and June last year, organized and directed by Roland Pré's Government against the Cameroonian people, Pré's mercenaries, under the leadership of Presta Gérére, Chief of Mbanga Subdivision, ransacked my hut and robbed me of all my possessions.

	<u>Francs</u>
Cost of my ransacked hut	16,000
Cash	60,000
2 sewing machines	35,000
2 chests	5,000
2 pairs of spectacles	300
1 table	650
4 armchairs	5,000
10 chairs	4,500
4 beds	1,600
6 lengths of cloth	3,800
1 suitcase	750
3 tables	2,300
114 miscellaneous articles of clothing	40.870
6 pairs of shoes	7,500
17 miscellaneous articles of bedding	8,100
133 miscellaneous household articles	27,250 ⁷

√The petitioner protests against the French Administration's "ferocious policy of repression". On behalf of his family, he welcomes the Visiting Mission. He expresses approval of the Joint Proclamation and requests the United Nations General Assembly to appoint a committee of experts "to initiate us in the art of self-government".⁷

In the hope that the United Nations will solve the Cameroonian problem to the satisfaction of the Cameroonian people, I wish to express to you, Sir, the

sentiments of a Cameroonian worthy of that name. We beg you to discard unhesitatingly all writings and petitions at variance with the spirit of Cameroonian national unification and independence, for there is no truth in them.

Long live the United Nations.

Long live the unification and independence of the Cameroons.

(Signed) Mbong Robert, planter at
Mbanga (Ville), Mungo Region

43. Petition from Mr. NguétimiNguétimi Mbanga

Statement of property losses:

	<u>Francs</u>
1 seven-roomed house	385,000
1 kitchen range	48,325
1 cupboard	8,500
2 sewing machines	31,000
24 chairs	12,000
12 armchairs	18,000
35 spoons	1,050
3 bowls	3,600
75 bags of coffee	500,000
9 beds	15,000
2 full chests	50,000
3 tables	7,500
13 hens	4,600
107 miscellaneous household articles	48,770
60 miscellaneous articles	25,250
14 domestic animals	32,050
Foodstuffs	68,850
1 mirror	500
1 watch	950
Sum in cash.	250,000
<u>Total:</u>	<u>1,124,070</u>

Statement by Nguétimi Mbanga, planter,

In the maquis at KumbaIn consequence of all this I ask for immediate unification and independence.

44. Petition from Mr. Théodore Thimba

Statement by Mr. Thimba Théodore, mason, married, childless, resident at Mbanga Ville (Mungo Region)

To the Chairman of the United Nations Visiting Mission to the Cameroons
Sir,

In May 1955, the French colonialists launched a war against the Cameroonian people. This cold war has resulted in wholesale damage. We have suffered as much in loss of property as in loss of human lives.

[The petitioner goes on to deplore the use of armed force on the part of the Administration "to maintain law and order in a country under trusteeship". He adds that France should rather "show its gratitude towards the peoples of the French Union which helped it to throw off the German yoke".]

I append below an example of the handiwork of French civilization in the Cameroons. Our "kind masters" searched my hut when they were on our trail, and caused the following damages:

	<u>Francs</u>
1 table and 4 chairs, all broken, which cost	5,000
1 bicycle, stolen.	15,000
1 gramophone (English make)	10,000
1 <u>Pétruma</u>	4,000
1 mosquito net	800
Sum in cash.	15,000
Odd cash	<u>5,000</u>
Total:	54,800

I must explain that I have not listed everything, for the very good reason that I am still in the maquis and have no way of knowing exactly what damage has been caused in my home.

These, Sir, are what the French colonialists and defenders of colonial interests consider satisfactory administrative methods. Even if valid arguments could be advanced in support of this policy, it is manifest that we can never sacrifice the national unification and independence of the Cameroons to the interests of satisfactory administration. Until these legitimate claims of the Cameroonian people are met, we shall continue our struggle.

Until the thousands of Cameroonian men and women are set free to receive the Visiting Mission side by side with those who have been ignored by the French colonialists or silenced by savage repression, it can never be said that the wishes of the people concerned have been FREELY expressed, in accordance with the spirit of Article 76 of the United Nations Charter. Arbitrary mass arrests, illegal prosecutions and looting are not freedom.

THEREFORE:

We once again express approval of the JOINT PROCLAMATION of 22 April last calling for the immediate unification and independence of the Cameroons. We protest vociferously against the violation of civil freedoms which is the rule in the Cameroons under French administration. We urge with the utmost vigour the termination of the trusteeship system in our country as from the end of 1955.

Thimba Théodore
