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Note by the Secretariat: The petitions circulated in this document all contain complaints concerning material damage and property losses resulting from the incidents of May 1955 in the Mbanga Subdivision, Mungo Region. The petitions have been assembled in a single document in order to facilitate their examination by members of the Trusteeship Council. The Secretariat has grouped together the various articles enumerated in the excessively long lists attached to certain petitions; in such cases the abridged lists are given in square brackets.

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1. Petition from Mrs. Agathe Sikam

From: Sikam Agathe, member of the UDEFEC, Banana Company, Loum Administrative Sector, Mungo Region

To: The Secretary-General of the United Nations, New York

Kamerun was devastated by a cold war unleashed by Mr. Roland Pré, French Governor in Kamerun,

against an unarmed people who are claiming their legitimate rights, that is, the immediate Unification and Independence of Kamerun.

At Loum, on 25 May 1955, the huts of active members of the UPC were looted and set on fire, with the help of Chad soldiers; many patriots were arrested, imprisoned and deported, and have died or disappeared.

During these incidents a woman named Mappe was killed; I still do not know what has happened to her mother, Noubwe Odette.

Claims

I ask for the immediate Unification and Independence of Kamerun, the termination of the period of trusteeship in our country;

I ask for the appointment of a United Nations High Commissioner in Kamerun.

I ask for the adoption of a red flag with a crab in the centre.

Property report

| | <u>Francs</u> |
|--|----------------|
| 1 seven-roomed hut | 150,000 |
| 3 tables | 9,000 |
| 10 Morris chairs | 15,000 |
| 5 sacks of French beans | 25,000 |
| 14 sacks of shelled ground-nuts | 29,500 |
| 13 cast iron cooking pots for myself and my sister | 18,185 |
| 12 dozen plates | 5,400 |
| 8 dozen spoons and forks | 800 |
| 5 dozen drinking glasses | 1,000 |
| 2 chests of women's and children's clothing | 45,000 |
| Total: | <u>298,965</u> |

Sikam Agathe,

In the maquis, 31 November 1955,

Koumba via Tombel

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2. Petition from Mr. Christophe Medjo

Property Report

Medjo, Christophe, planter at Loum-Chantiers (gare), member of the Loum-Chantiers Local Committee of the UPC, M'banga Subdivision, Mungo Region

To the Secretary-General of the United Nations

Sir,

During the bloody incidents of May 1955, perpetrated by the French colonialist authorities against our unarmed people, they looted the following articles from me:

| | <u>Francs</u> |
|---|----------------|
| 8 tubs of oil | 16,000 |
| 6 1/2 tons of coffee | 780,000 |
| 1 gramophone | 12,000 |
| 1 chest containing trousers, shorts, shirts, jackets, undershirts etc. | 35,000 |
| /miscellaneous furniture | 48,000 |
| miscellaneous articles of bedding | 19,000 |
| miscellaneous household articles | 31,400 |
| 6 pairs of shoes | 8,000 |
| various tools | <u>242,250</u> |

Total:

1,140,650

Medjo Christophe, planter and member
of the Local Committee of the UPC,
Loum-Chantiers, 16 August 1956

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3. Petition from Mr. Atanas Foukam

Property Report

Fonkam Atanas, Chairman of the Loum-Chantiers branch of the Jeunesse démocratique du Cameroun, M'bangla Subdivision, Mungo Region, Cameroons

During the bloody incidents which took place in the Cameroons in May 1955, the French colonialists massacred and looted, taking the following objects, which I wish to report to the United Nations.

To the Secretary-General of the United Nations, New York
Sir,

The day after the inhuman massacres committed in our country, on an unarmed people, by the self-styled French civilizers, in the name of the United Nations, the following property was taken from me:

| | <u>Francs</u> |
|--|----------------|
| 2 pairs of shoes | 3,900 |
| 1 chest containing miscellaneous books | 12,000 |
| Cash | 25,565 |
| Cash (family funds) | 70,510 |
| 2 blankets bought for | 3,000 |
| 1 briefcase bought for | 1,010 |
| 1 pair of shoes | 2,000 |
| 10 miscellaneous articles of furniture | 35,000 |
| 37 miscellaneous articles of clothing | 23,400 |
| 56 miscellaneous household articles | 20,850 |
| Miscellaneous foodstuffs | 122,300 |
| Total: | <u>306,740</u> |

(Signed) Fonkam Atanas,
Chairman of the Loum-Chantiers
branch of the J.D.C., now at Tcmbel,
Kumba P.O., Cameroons under
British Administration.
In the maquis, 17 August 1956.

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4. Petition from Mr. Paul Syéthiping (Siétchiping)^{1/}

Property report of:

Syéthiping, Paul, planter, member of the Loum-Chantiers (Km 99) Local Committee of the UPC, Cameroons under French Administration, now in the maquis at Tcmbel, Cameroons under British Administration.

To the Secretary-General of the United Nations

Sir,

During the bloody incidents which took place in the Cameroons in May 1955 the French colonialists massacred and looted the following property:

| | <u>Francs</u> |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1 Singer sewing machine | 36,000 |
| 1 bicycle (man's) | 16,500 |
| 1 bicycle (woman's) | 13,500 |
| 1 gramophone | 15,000 |
| Cash | 800,000 |
| 190 planks | 95,000 |
| 2,000 <u>carrabottes</u> | 20,000 |
| 1 chest, bought for | 2,500 |
| 1 Catholic prayer book | 1,200 |
| 2 pigs | 24,000 |
| 6 goats | 12,000 |
| 10 hens, 12 ducks, drakes and cocks | 15,000 |
| 1 house | 230,000 |
| 1 adobe house | 500,135 |
| <u>/</u> Miscellaneous furniture | 40,350 |
| miscellaneous household articles | 35,250 |
| miscellaneous articles of clothing | 57,900 |
| 12 pairs of shoes | 28,000 |
| miscellaneous tools | 24,100 |
| Total: | 2,007,135 ^{2/} |

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^{1/} Note by the Secretariat: This petition follows up the petition reproduced in section 2 of document T/PET.5/899.

^{2/} Note by the Secretariat: This third page was not attached to the petition.

5. Petition from Mr. Henri Teuh (Theu)^{3/}

PROPERTY REPORT of:

Teuh Henri, planter and tradesman-carrier, member of the Loum-Chantiers Central Committee in the maquis

To the Secretary-General of the United Nations, New York
Sir,

I have been in the maquis ever since 25 May 1955, although I have a family and am a businessman, holding a licence in a very thriving shop. All my goods were looted and people were massacred by the French colonialists in their cowardly war, directed by the bloodthirsty Roland Pré on behalf of France, the so-called civilizer, in the name of the United Nations.

Since that time I have had no news of the employees who worked on my lorry and I do not know where the lorry and my employees are.

I have learned that the colonialists have driven out all my wives and the children; as a result of this savage repression they have my daughter, named Mapé Jeanne.

The looting and massacres have cost me the following:

| | <u>Francs</u> |
|------------------------------|------------------|
| 1 lorry No. 1645 C3 | 800,000 |
| 1 shop (construction) | 100,000 |
| Capital | 700,725 |
| 1 house with its furnishings | <u>1,500,000</u> |
| Total: | <u>3,100,725</u> |

TEUH, Henri

Planter and tradesman-carrier, at
Loum-Chantiers, M'bangá subdivision,
Mungo Region, Cameroons under French
Administration, member of the
Loum-Chantiers Central Committee at
present in the maquis at Tcmbel,
Kumba P.O., Cameroons under British
Administration.

In the maquis, 17 August 1956.

^{3/} Note by the Secretariat: This petition follows up the petition reproduced in section 26 of document T/PET.5/899.

6. Petition from Mr. Mathias Mourcoum

MOURCUM Mathias (married, father of 8 dependent children), native of Kadang, Nkokoué canton, BAFIA Subdivision, M'EAM REGION, Planter at LOUM-PARIS - (M'BANGA), Mungo Region

DECLARATION

Having been a victim of the incidents of May 1955, I lost the belongings listed below, by order of Mr. Roland Pré, High Commissioner of the French Republic in the Cameroons, accompanied by the Chief of the M'Banga Subdivision, the Chief of the Administrative Post and the Brigade Commandant of LOUM, the foreign chiefs, MONGUE NENGKEU and BETCHEM Garba, and a troop of soldiers from CHAD, who had been ordered to cause all possible damage.

| | <u>Francs</u> |
|--|---------------|
| 1 house of solid material (sheet-metal roof) destroyed | 475,000 |
| Cash | 900,000 |
| 1 Dodge lorry | 1,500,000 |
| 1 typewriter | 15,000 |
| 1 Singer sewing machine | 15,000 |
| 1 gramophone (English, His Master's Voice) | 11,000 |
| 50 gramophone records | 15,000 |
| 1 hut on the plantation | 20,000 |
| 9 sacks (unpulped coffee) | 45,000 |
| 2 sacks of cocoa | 7,000 |
| 4 sacks of kola | 60,000 |
| 3 sheep | 7,500 |
| 50 chickens | 15,000 |
| 4 suitcases | 9,900 |
| miscellaneous furniture | 158,000 |
| miscellaneous articles of bedding | 78,700 |
| miscellaneous household articles | 71,250 |

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| | <u>Francs</u> |
|---|-------------------|
| miscellaneous articles of clothing | 215,200 |
| 36 pairs of shoes | 31,350 |
| miscellaneous tools | <u>138,900</u> |
| Total: | <u>3,778,800/</u> |
| 1 plantation, 3 1/2 hectares in area, planted with: | |
| 5,000 coffee shrubs) | |
| 180 cocoa bushes) Now producing | |
| 250 banana trees.) | |
| and various food crops) | |
