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## FORTY-TWO PETITIONS CONCERNING THE CAMEROONS UNDER FRENCH ADMINISTRATION

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1. Petition from the Coopérative des planteurs africains of the Mungo regionIn the maquis, 20 October 1955Coopérative des planteurs africains of the Mungo region

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

Sir,

On behalf of all the members of the above-mentioned co-operative and on my own behalf I have the honour to lay before you the following list of articles looted from our co-operative on 29 May 1955 during the undeclared way of Mr. Roland Pré:

	<u>Francs</u>
1. Premises of the Co-operative destroyed. Cost of construction:	200,125
2. One large chest or desk bought from Mr. Rouger	14,000
3. Ten per cent deduction from the sale of bananas for two years	693,410
4. Money drawn on cheque No. 229001D of 14 March 1955, Crédit Lyonnais, Douala	172,254
5. Money drawn on cheque No. 229007D of 13 April 1955, Crédit Lyonnais, Douala	36,935
6. Money drawn on cheque No. 229008D of 27 April 1955, Crédit Lyonnais, Douala	93,656
7. Money drawn on cheque No. 229012D of 13 May 1955, Crédit Lyonnais, Douala	48,317
8. Money drawn on cheque No. 229013D of 17 May 1955, Crédit Lyonnais, Douala	93,705
	<u>1,399,412</u>

The members of the Coopérative des planteurs africains of Mungo (C.P.A) - an officially approved organization (J.O., 25 July 1951) - protest strongly against the arbitrary looting and pillaging and address the following requests to your Mission in trust and hope:

1. that they be reimbursed by Mr. Gérard Prestat, Chief of the Mbanga Subdivision, and Father Etienne, Catholic missionary at Mbanga, both leaders of the military troops who looted and pillaged the village of Momo;

2. that the French Government of the Cameroons be punished and leave immediately;

3. that the immediate unification and independence of the Cameroons be effected, not within the French Union as the traitors advocate, but as one of the interdependent States of the United Nations.

Long live the Chairman of the Visiting Mission!

Long live all the members of the Visiting Mission!

Long live the united and independent Cameroons!

For the 600 active members of the Co-operative (C/P/A)

Chairman in the maquis

(Signed) Sdéfo Sébastien

2. Petition from the Executive Board of the Coopérative des planteurs africains at Mombo

Douala, 8 November 1955

The Executive Board of the Coopérative des planteurs africains (C.P.A.),  
officially approved (see J.O., 25 July 1951).

The Executive Board has the honour to submit the following list of articles looted by the Pré Government from the Co-operative's headquarters at (Mombo) Mbanga on 29 May at the time of the raid and slaughter.

Long live the members of the Mission!

Long live the Coopérative des planteurs africains, legally constituted (J.O., 25 July 1951)!

Long live the independence of the Cameroons!

The Executive Board has the honour, on behalf of its 600 members, to lay before the Chairman of the Mission the following list of articles looted from its headquarters by the Pré Government:

	<u>Francs</u>
1. Premises of the Co-operative; value:	200,125
2. One large chest or desk	14,000
3. Ten per cent deduction from the price of bananas for two years	693,410
4. Money drawn on cheque No. 229001 of 14 March 1955 at the Crédit Lyonnais	172,254
5. Money drawn on cheque No. 229007 of 13 April 1955, Crédit Lyonnais	36,935
6. Money drawn on cheque No. 229008 of 27 April 1955, Crédit Lyonnais	93,656
7. Money drawn on cheque No. 229012 of 13 May 1955, Crédit Lyonnais	45,317
8. Money drawn on cheque No. 229013 of 17 May 1955, Crédit Lyonnais	93,705
	1,399,412

The 600 members of the Coopérative des planteurs africains, having already sent petitions to the United Nations on two occasions, wish once again to draw your attention to these facts.

The two instigators of the robbery and pillage are Mr. Gérard Prestat, Chief of the Mbanga Subdivision, and Father Etienne, a priest of the Catholic Mission at Mbanga.

The members of the Co-operative authorize the Board to support the Joint Proclamation of 22 April 1955, calling for the immediate unification and independence of the Cameroons.

We ask the United Nations to approve the creation of a Cameroonian State before the end of 1956.

Long live the United Nations!

Long live the immediate independence of the Cameroons!

For the Executive Board

(Signed) Longué Edouard

Secretary

Copies to:

1. United Nations Visiting Mission
2. Tenth session of the United Nations General Assembly
3. Files.

3. Petition from Mr. Sébastien Adéfo

Douala, 9 November 1955

Petition from the Cameroonian Adéfo Sébastien, planter and Chairman of the Coopérative des planteurs africains (C.P.A.), to the United Nations Visiting Mission.

Long live the United Nations!

Long live the Chairman of the Mission!

Long live the independence of the Cameroons!

Sir,

The Government of Mr. Pré has prevailed, or is prevailing, upon the Cameroonians to speak in his favour concerning the incidents of May 1955. Anyone who says anything to the contrary will be persecuted and sent to join the other Cameroonians in the prison at New Bell. But I, one of the first victims of this undeclared war, cannot remain silent and I feel obliged to lay before you, in a petition, the following list of indignities and losses suffered during the raid by the Pré Government.

In the night of 24 April 1955, an armed band under the leadership of Mr. Kanga Joseph, Chief of Bandjour (Bafoussam, my native village, where my wife and three children were living) entered my house to loot and pillage everything. Since then my wife and three children have disappeared. The following is the list of losses sustained that night:

	<u>Francs</u>
My wife and three children	
My house (eight rooms)	395,000
1 cook-house (three rooms)	45,000
1 cupboard of fine wood	15,000
30 chairs	15,000
3 tables	2,000
Family reserve fund	8,205
/Miscellaneous articles of clothing	39,310
Miscellaneous household articles	43,250
Miscellaneous articles of bedding	100,500
Miscellaneous tools	<u>130,000</u>
Total	821,760

That makes a total of 821,760 francs CFA for Baudjourn.

Let us now proceed to the Mungo region where I am a planter and the Chairman of a Co-operative with 600 members.

On 29 May, it was the turn of Mr. Gérard Prestat, Chief of the Mbanga Subdivision, and Father Etienne, Catholic missionary at Mbanga.

They entered Mungo with a band of men from Chad; it was the end of the month and my clerk was to pay my workers on Monday, 30 May, since I was undergoing a surgical operation in the hospital at Yaoundé.

The following is the list for Mombo, for which Mr. M. Prestat and Father Etienne are responsible:

	<u>Francs</u>
Money to pay labourers	75,000
Cash reserve	31,000
3 Palm Beach suits	27,500
3 pairs tennis shoes, 1 pair boots	2,040
1 cupboard	8,500
<u>/</u> Miscellaneous tools	3,600
Miscellaneous household articles	<u>2,630</u>
Total	150,270

That makes a total of 150,270 francs for Prestat and Etienne.

Plus my plantation which gives me a monthly income of 65,000 francs from banana-growing.

Annual income from coffee 300,000 francs. This is the benefit we derive from article 4, paragraph 1, of the Trusteeship Agreements!

Long live the members of the United Nations Visiting Mission!

Long live the immediate independence of the Cameroons!



4. Petition from Mr. Pierre Sidzé

Petition to the Chairman of the Visiting Mission in the Cameroons.

Sir,

I bid you welcome.

I am voting for the immediate unification and independence of the Cameroons.

Long live the Chairman!

Long live the United Nations!

(Signed) (Illegible)

Report by Comrade Sidzé Pierre, planter, father of three children, residing at Mmbo: losses and damages caused by the armed troops under the orders of the French Governor of the Cameroons, Roland Pré.

	<u>Francs</u>
3 broken door leaves	4,500
Cash	87,570
2 tables	3,500
5 armchairs	5,000
5 chairs	3,750
15 chickens	
18 pigs	
2,000 mats costing 15 francs each	30,000
1 Maniva sewing machine	35,000
2 bicycles (Humber and Hercules)	25,000
90 miscellaneous household articles	18,490
11 hats	8,200
17 pairs of shoes	19,400
25 miscellaneous articles of bedding	16,100
Foodstuffs	36,000
136 miscellaneous tools	59,800
On 17 June 1955 my wife was arrested (a sum of:)	1,000

A dressmaker's workshop was pillaged and the customers' clothes were taken away by the soldiers.

Done on 5 October 1955

(Signed): (Signature)

5. Petition from Mr. Jean Bassi (Mombo)

Petition to the Chairman of the Visiting Mission in the Cameroons.

Sir,

I bid you welcome.

The remedy for my heartsickness is immediate unification and independence.

Report by Mr. Bassi Jean, planter at Mombo

Losses sustained during the bloody incidents of May 1955 at Mombo.

	<u>Francs</u>
Cash	10,750
1 Aida lamp	2,000
Palm Beach suit	2,620
Underpants	300
Mirror	250
Belt	150
6 dishes	360
12 spoons	240
12 forks	240
4 chickens	
2 goats	
1 pair of shoes	2,000
Razor	100
1 bed-sheet	500
2 blankets	<u>600</u>
Total:	20,110

Signed:

Done in the maquis, 16 October 1955

6. Petition from Mr. Moïse Nouns

Petition to the Chairman of the United Nations Visiting Mission in the Cameroons.

Sir,

I bid you welcome. I am for immediate unification and independence.

Nouns Moïse

In the maquis, 15 September 1955

Labourer residing at Mmbo

I claim the following damages from the French Government of Roland Pré in the Cameroons:

	<u>Francs</u>
1. 4 good quality trousers	2,175
2. 3 shirts	1,570
3. Cash	6,000
4. 2 blankets	1,600
5. 4 pairs shorts	1,600
6. 12 spoons and 12 glasses	320
7. 1 iron	500
8. 3 pillows	600
9. 9 dishes	450
10. 1 cooking pot	800
11. 1 lamp	300
12. 1 bed-sheet	<u>350</u>
Total:	16,265

7. Petition from Mr. Jacob Ntogue

Damage caused by French troops under the leadership of the Chief of the Mbanga Subdivision in the premises of Mr. Ntogue Jacob at Mambo, during the bloody incidents of May in the Cameroons.

To the Chairman of the United Nations Visiting Mission in the Cameroons.

Sir,

I have the honour to communicate herewith the list and amount of the losses which I sustained during the massacres organized and directed by the French colonialists during recent months in the Cameroons.

	<u>Francs</u>
1 iron chest	2,500
1 wrist-watch	4,500
1 pair of spectacles	200
/35 miscellaneous articles of clothing	19,700
8 miscellaneous articles of bedding	3,550
74 miscellaneous household articles	<u>12,100</u>
Total:	<u>42,550</u>

We are looted like this because we demand the immediate unification and independence of the Cameroons. But we are so determined to end the colonial regime that even mass slaughter, arbitrary imprisonment and every type of looting cannot halt our march towards the liberation of our country from colonialist exploitation. Infuriated by the strength of our liberation movement, the French colonialists have unleashed a cold war in the Cameroons, a United Nations Trust Territory. This war has had serious results in the country. Without wishing to enter further into the details already set forth in numerous petitions addressed to the United Nations concerning this savage crime, we call for the punishment of the Roland Pré Government, which is responsible for this military repression.

IN CONCLUSION: We vote for the immediate unification and independence of the Cameroons and, for this purpose, we request the appointment of a United Nations COMMISSION of experts at the tenth session of the United Nations General Assembly to train us in self-government. As a consequence, the Franco-British Trusteeship in the Cameroons should be terminated by the end of 1955.

Hoping that my request will receive the attention of the Visiting Mission, I have the honour to be etc.

Long live the United Nations!

Long live the right of self-determination of peoples!

Long live world peace!

Long live the unified and independent Cameroons!

Done in the maquis, 4 November 1955.

(Signed) Ntogué Jacob, planter at Mambo Gare  
(Mbanga Subdivision) R Moungo.

8. Petition from Mr. Joseph Temdié

Douala, 10 November 1955

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

DOUALA

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you of my country's misfortune and to express certain wishes.

From the time the High Commissioner, Roland Pré, first arrived in the Territory of the Cameroons, his policy was to abolish the progressive movements in the Territory. He instructed the traditional chiefs to kill the leaders of the progressive movements in the country.

These chiefs, who accepted the status of the movements, refused. He then proceeded to bestow large sums of money or titles on them; still this did not induce them to carry out the High Commissioner's orders. Finally, seeing that his political plan was failing to work, he resorted to arms. Thus he made war on the defenceless Cameroonian people last May.

Several Cameroonians suffered losses as a result of the massacres, imprisonment and, in short, all kinds of criminal outrages.

On Monday, 23 May, I was roughly seized at Mambo where I had gone to buy food for my family. I was severely beaten and thrown into prison at Mbanga. Everything I had on me was taken by the detachment of soldiers: my purse containing the sum of 890,000 francs, 3 pairs of shoes, 1 chest, 6 shirts and 3 pairs of shorts. On the pretext that I was a member of the UPC, I was sentenced to two years' imprisonment. I had left my family, consisting of my wife and five children, all in good health. On my return, two of my children had died of neglect and the others and their mother were seriously ill for the same reason.

Not only my family, but almost all Cameroonians have suffered this fate at the hands of our kind, civilizing masters. I really think that the doctors are making the sick suffer rather than curing them.

I request the present Visiting Mission to effect the release of all political prisoners and the cancellation of the warrants issued for the arrest of the Territory's progressive leaders.

Long live the United Nations! Long live peace! Long live the unification  
and independence of the Cameroons! Long live the right of self-determination of  
peoples!

Copies to:

Chairman of the Visiting Mission  
United Nations General Assembly  
Files

Temdré Joseph  
Cameroonian

9. Petition from Mr. Pierre Tatiokam

Tatiokam Pierre, planter, Chairman of the Local Committee of the U.P.C.; married, with one child; member of the Mombo Central Committee (C.f.N.)

To the Chairman of the Trusteeship Council's Visiting Mission in the Cameroons  
Sir,

Following the request for the immediate unification and independence of the Cameroons, the French colonialist Government unleashed an unjust war against the defenceless Cameroonians last April and May. Countless patriots shed their blood; others were fatally wounded. Most of us are crowded into the prisons of the Cameroons where we are serving savage sentences; some are dead and others are living in the forests like beasts of burden, leaving thousands of families without support or a roof over their heads.

Our property has been savagely looted; our houses have in some cases been destroyed and in others heartlessly burnt by the colonialist executioners. We learn that you are coming to our country to hold a referendum on the burning question of immediate unification and independence. Accordingly we request you to intercede with the French Government in order to ensure:

The immediate release of political prisoners;

The cancellation of the judicial proceedings instituted against the leaders of the democratic organizations in the Cameroons under French administration;

The withdrawal of the troops whom the French authorities are continuing to assemble in the main regions of the so-called French zone.

Only on these conditions can the Visiting Mission proceed objectively with proper consultations.

/The petitioner adds that he supports the joint proclamation./

Hoping that the United Nations will heed our appeals and provide a solution to the Cameroonian problem consistent with the wishes of the Cameroonian people, I have the honour to be etc.

Done in the maquis, 25 October 1955

Tatiokam Pierre

Copies:

To the Chairman of the Visiting Mission in the Cameroons

To the President of the tenth session of the United Nations General Assembly (USA)

Files



	<u>Francs</u>
Cash	100,000
1 Gritzner sewing-machine	25,000
1 Humber bicycle	15,000
1 Singer sewing-machine	15,000
1 gramophone	10,000
1 wooden cupboard	10,000
6 armchairs	9,000
12 chairs	6,000
2 round tables	2,500
1 wrist-watch (19 rubies)	3,000
14 gramophone records	3,500
7 chickens	2,450
1 larder of fresh food	600
1 carton national cigarettes	550
1 carton matches	550
1 leather suitcase	750
/64 miscellaneous articles of clothing	35,750
10 pairs of shoes	11,625
55 miscellaneous household articles	12,250
20 articles of bedding	16,850
59 miscellaneous tools	42,500
Foodstuffs	52,000

10. Petition from Mr. Jean Bassi (Mombo-gare)

In the maquis

Bassi

To the Chairman of the Visiting Mission in the Cameroons

Sir,

I have the honour to bid you welcome. I pay you my highest respects. Despite the bloody repression of the French colonial Government, we shall not remain silent and we again announce our support of the proclamation of 22 April 1955 calling for the immediate unification and independence of the Cameroons.

Long live the United Nations!

Long live the independent Cameroons!

I enclose herewith a copy of the statement of the damage caused by the French Government.

Statement by Bassi Jean, planter (Mombo-gare)

	<u>Francs</u>
1 five-room hut	150,000
Cash	90,000
1 Aida lamp	3,500
8 yards cloth	3,000
12 plates	
1 pocket-knife	2,200
1 full chest	10,000
1 wooden chest	7,000
6 chairs	3,000
2 tables	1,800
4 hens	1,400
3 pairs spectacles	750
2 wooden beds	6,000
1 table clock	700
2 armchairs	750
1 school bag	10,000

	<u>Francs</u>
<u>15</u> miscellaneous articles of clothing	13,100
3 pairs of shoes	4,300
64 miscellaneous household articles	20,000
6 miscellaneous articles of bedding	3,000
10 miscellaneous tools	5,650
Miscellaneous foodstuffs	38,200
Total:	352,250 <sup>7</sup>

11. Petition from Mr. Jacob Djokam

Djokam Jacob, planter, Mombo Gare

I have a family of ten and I speak on behalf of my family and of myself.  
Sir, we wish very respectfully to bid you welcome to the Cameroons. We request the immediate unification and independence of the Cameroons and the adoption of our Cameroonian flag. We have the honour to be etc.

Done in the maquis, 16 November 1955.

Djokam Jacob

Report by Mr. Djokam Jacob, planter, Mombo Gare. On 29 May 1955, the Chief of the Mbanga Subdivision came, accompanied by his troops, to Mombo to kill us. They broke down the door of my hut, entered and took the following articles:

	<u>Francs</u>
Cash	700,000
1 chest of clothes	60,000
8 pieces of cloth	8,000
8 blankets	18,000
7 pillows	2,100
12 sacks of coffee	72,000
12 armchairs	12,000
1 round table	3,000
1 bed	2,000
1 mosquito net	800
5 pairs of shoes	10,000
1 coat	2,500
2 dishes with lids	1,000
12 table plates	600
2 basins	900
2 sun-helmets	1,500
2 hats	1,200
3 cooking pots	3,600
3 dozen spoons	2,000
	891,200

12. Petition from Mr. Joseph Fotso

Fotso Joseph, planter at Mmbo Gare, at present residing at Mmbo, Mbanga Subdivision, Mounjo Region.

Married, with two wives, no children; village of origin, Bandjoun, Baufassam Subdivision; region of origin, Baméléké.

To the Chairman of the International Law Commission at the tenth session of the United Nations General Assembly (USA)

Sir,

I have the honour hereby to lodge a complaint against Mr. Roland Pré, the French Governor of the Cameroons, Mr. Presta Gerare, the Chief of the Mbanga Subdivision, and the priest and director of the Catholic Missionary School at Njombé, charging them with taking and looting my property for no reason during the incidents of 29 May 1955 at Mmbo. I was very surprised to see the armed bands of mercenaries under the administration of the military at Mbanga, whose names are unknown, come and take or confiscate all the property in my house. Considering the atmosphere of terror which prevails at present in the Territory, where the criminals enjoy judicial and administrative immunity and where the victims are prosecuted for their opinions on charges of treason, and considering that the administrative and judicial authority was the instigator of this incident, I consider it useless to submit my complaint to that authority. I request that my case be judged by the International Court of Justice of the United Nations. I reserve the right to produce witnesses at the hearing or before the present Visiting Mission. Hoping that the Visiting Mission's presence will help to replace terrorism with international law, I cannot give my full address because warrants are issued for the arrest of those who demand the application of the law. I am filing a civil claim and I shall send you the security required by law through my lawyer, Mr. Ecouër of the Paris Court of Cassation, or through Mrs. Ecouër, because I cannot make out a postal order locally or appear personally at the law courts to deposit the security without my lawyer, because it seems that the postal service is becoming an adjunct of the police department. I am hoping for a satisfactory outcome through your justice.

I have the honour to be etc.

Figures in respect of the damage are given below.

Fotso Joseph, planter, Mmbo

The following is a list of my property which was taken or confiscated at Momo on 29 May 1955 by the French Administration and its lackeys in the Cameroons:

	<u>Francs</u>
Cash	150,000
1 iron chest	3,500
1 cupboard	8,000
Trousers	8,000
Shirts	4,400
Shorts	<u>5,000</u>
	178,900

All these losses were sustained during the incidents of 29 May 1955 at Momo.

Fotso Joseph

13. Petition from Mr. Anatole Kamkum

To the Chairman of the Visiting Mission of the tenth session of the United Nations General Assembly in the Cameroons

Sir,

I bid you welcome to our country.

Since the bloody incidents instigated last May by the French colonialist Government of Roland Pré, the Cameroonian people continue to suffer daily from mass arrests and imprisonment and many families are split up. I ask that the French colonial Government be removed from our Territory, that the Mission bring peace to the Cameroons. I ask that those who are being persecuted should be allowed to return to their long-abandoned relatives. I ask for the release of our brothers long held in prison by the Roland Pré Government and its administrators. We recognize the U.P.C., the J.D.C. and the U.D.E.F.E.G. as Cameroonian national movements.

I vote for the joint proclamation of 22 April 1955 calling for the immediate unification and independence of the Cameroons. I attach a statement of the damage caused by the Roland Pré Government last May.

Long live the United Nations Visiting Mission!

Long live the unified and independent Cameroons!

Mr. Kamkum Anatole, residing at Mmbo gare.

Anatole Kamkoun

	<u>Francs</u>
Cash	180,000
1 table	2,500
12 chairs	6,000
4 armchairs	7,800
1 cupboard	16,000
1 Singer sewing-machine	17,500
1 Vesta sewing-machine	35,000
1 chest full of men's clothing	
40,000 coffee shrubs	100,000

	<u>Francs</u>
<u>/</u> Miscellaneous articles of clothing	70,800
8 pairs of shoes	9,000
73 miscellaneous household articles	14,100
6 miscellaneous articles of bedding	8,300
6 miscellaneous tools	2,500
Miscellaneous foodstuffs	<u>196,400</u>
Total:	870,900 <u>7</u>



14. Petition from Mr. Gabriel Kom

Statement of Mr. Kom Gabriel, planter, Mambo Gare, Secretary of the UPC Local Committee

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

Sir,

I have the honour respectfully to inform you of the following:

On 29 May 1955, the Chief of the Mbanga Subdivision arrived in Mambo to engage in warfare accompanied by soldiers armed to the teeth. They broke down the door of my house, entered and took away all my belongings and cash. It is with regret that I list below the losses I suffered at the hands of these "mercenaries".

	<u>Francs</u>
Cash	300,000
3 tables	2,500
9 armchairs	9,000
4 chairs	2,400
1 clothes chest	50,000
1 bicycle (Raleigh)	15,000
2 chairs	1,200
1 plank-bed	1,500
1 sewing-machine	17,000
1 umbrella	600
1 large mirror	1,000
1 small pig	1,000
/107 miscellaneous household articles	14,180
19 miscellaneous articles of bedding	6,950
5 miscellaneous articles of clothing	6,450
11 pairs of shoes	<u>17,500</u>
Total:	<u>445,780</u>

Thus do the French colonialists and their lackeys kill us and loot our belongings, and they say that they have come to civilize us. Are killings, arbitrary imprisonment, looting and unemployment synonymous with civilization? The French colonialists are radically anti-democratic in flagrant violation of the provisions of the United Nations Charter.

We call for the immediate unification and independence of the Cameroons. We urge the United Nations, at the tenth session of the General Assembly, to appoint a COMMISSION of experts to help us to perfect our system of Government; we then call for the termination of the trusteeship regime in our country.

We also call for compensation for the damage caused by the French colonialists, and for their punishment.

In the hope that we may be able to live free and independent in our country, I have the honour to be etc.

In the maquis, 20 October 1955.

(Signed) Kcm Gabriel, planter, Mambo Gare,  
Mbanga Subdivision, Mungo Region.

15. Petition from Mr. Edouard Longué

In the maquis

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

Sir,

In the name of my comrades who have fallen for their country, I bid you welcome. We have been awaiting your arrival in the Cameroons to deliver us from the French colonial yoke. May your Mission bring us what thousands of patriotic hearts have impatiently yearned for: peace in a unified and independent Cameroons.

I call for the release of Cameroonian political prisoners. I call for the return to their homes of patriots persecuted by the French colonial Government. I call for the withdrawal of the warrants issued by colonialist judges for the arrest of true patriots. I vote for the upholding of the joint proclamation of 22 April 1955, calling for the immediate unification and independence of the Cameroons.

I append to this petition a copy of my statement of losses suffered at the hands of the Pré Government and its followers.

Long live the Visiting Mission.

Long live a unified and independent Cameroons.

Long live the United Nations Visiting Mission.

Long live the right of self-determination of peoples.

Longué Edouard, planter, Mambo Gare

Signature

1 5-roomed house	235,375
1 2-roomed cookhouse	28,780
475,000	475,000
16 armchairs	24,000
12 chairs	6,000
2 tables	2,375
6 wooden beds	10,500
3 cupboards	10,750
2 chests containing clothes	50,000
22 bags of coffee	132,000

3 pieces of "barrik" material and plume	25,300
1 sewing-machine (Singer)	17,700
8 metres of fabric	4,000
1 cot	1,500
2 umbrellas	1,600
3 woollen jackets	4,500
12 hens	2,750
4 cocks	1,600
35 chickens	3,500
4 hats	2,000
2 mirrors	1,400
2 goats	3,500
<u>18</u> miscellaneous articles of bedding	11,350
184 miscellaneous household articles	34,300
77 miscellaneous tools	22,550
14 pairs of shoes	14,540
Miscellaneous foodstuffs	61,400
Total:	1,178,370 <sup>7</sup>

16. Petition from Mr. Lucien Mbopda

Statement of Mr. Mbopda Lucien, planter, member of the National Council of the Jeunesse démocratique du Cameroun, and member of the Mombogare Local Committee, Mungo Region.

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

Sir,

I have the honour respectfully to call your attention to the events which took place on 29 May last, involving the population of Mombogare and brought about by the bloody and brutal policy of repression of Roland Pré and his minions. The purpose was to intimidate the people, who are struggling for the immediate unification and independence of the Cameroons. The Cameroonians will not cease their struggle until unification and independence are granted to them. The French colonialists have killed many among the defenceless Cameroonian people. But, all patriotic Cameroonians must assert their right of self-determination. Houses were plundered and looted, and as a case in point you will see below the list of damage caused in my own house, consisting of six rooms and housing six persons who were in my charge. Our brothers are held prisoner, mass arrests become more and more numerous, even under the very nose of the Visiting Mission, as well as everywhere else. Only when the Cameroons achieves unification and independence will the people give up their struggle for national liberation. We call with all our strength for the implementation of the joint proclamation of 22 April 1955 approved by the people of the Cameroons.

You are invited to look through the list of damages appended.

I have the honour to be etc.

Long live the United Nations in the Cameroons.

Long live a unified and independent Cameroons.

Signature

In the maquis: Kumba, 22 November 1955

Statement of Mr. Mbopda Lucien and family, planter, member of the National Council of the Jeunesse démocratique du Cameroun, member of the Mombogare Local Committee, guardian of five boys.

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

Sir,

I wish to lodge a complaint against the French Government of Roland Pré, and against the Administrator, chief of the Mbanga Subdivision, concerning the plundering and looting of my house, which had six occupants, myself and five boys of whom I was the guardian. We demand compensation for the damages caused by the French colonialists in the Cameroons.

	<u>Francs</u>
1 house built of "carabottes" and occupied by six people	158,735
1 cupboard containing various articles and 180,000 francs in cash	280,545
3 suitcases and 1 chest containing clothes	48,610
5 plank beds, with bedding	49,675
1 booklet of coupons of the family association of which I am banker	179,430
2 tables, 14 chairs plus 1 iron	16,955
3 pairs of shoes left by 3 persons	9,875
3 bags of pulped coffee berries and 12 bags of groundnuts	66,500
12 drums of palm-oil, 3 cooking pots (5g, 4g, 3g), 2 basins	18,750
24 plates, 6 dozen glasses, 16 dozen spoons and forks	6,875
85 bags of "macabos", 10 bags of beans and 12 bags of maize	120,600
389 "carabottes", 285 stakes, 9,258 coffee seedlings	74,440
6 pigs, 10 ducks, 12 hens	47,500
10 "coupe-coupes", 12 hoes, 8 files, 1 Aida lamp, 3 lanterns	13,800
3 hats, 4 caps	8,785
6 pairs of overalls, 3 pairs of boots, 4 pairs of clogs	11,225
1 bicycle, 1 gramophone, 2 portable stoves	<u>29,895</u>
Total:	<u><u>1,185,795</u></u>

17. Petition from Mr. Pierre Meabo

In the maquis

Report by Meabo Pierre, Mmbo-Gare

Damage caused by the French colonialist Government on 29 May 1955

	<u>Francs</u>
1 cupboard	5,000
1 rifle	7,000
4 basins	4,000
4 armchairs	4,500
1 table	1,300
4 bowls	1,600
12 plates	360
Cash	60,000
1 suitcase with contents	10,000
1 mahogany bed	<u>3,700</u>
Total:	97,400

18. Petition from Mr. Casimo Noubissi

To the Chairman of the Visiting Mission to the Cameroons

Petition

Sir,

I bid you welcome.

I call for the termination of the trusteeship regime in the Cameroons and its replacement by immediate unification and independence.

Long live the Chairman of the Visiting Mission.

(Signed)

Report of comrade Casimo Noubissi, member of the Mombo Gare Local Committee

During the May incidents I lost:

	<u>Francs</u>
1 table	600
4 chairs	2,000
1 suitcase with contents	12,000
1 pair of shoes	1,500
1 hat	600
1 cupboard	10,000
1 cooking pot	800
8 plates	220
1 soup-tureen	340
2 machetes	400
1 file	100
1 axe	500
1 plank bed	2,600
2 blankets	900
1 sheet	500
1 mattress	600
Total:	<u>35,660</u>

(Signed)



19. Petition from Mr. Zacharie Techami

Statement of the articles and cash looted from the house of Mr. Tchami Zacharie, planter, owner of three plantations, Treasurer of the Mambo Gare U.P.C. Local Committee (M'banga Subdivision) during the tragic massacres of May 1955. To the Chairman of the United Nations Visiting Mission to the Cameroons.

Sir,

During the killing of May last organized and directed by the French colonialists against the Cameroonian population, I personally suffered manifold losses which I have the honour to bring to your attention.

I have two wives and several children and am the owner of three plantations. The list of my losses, and their value, is as follows:

	<u>Francs</u>
1 house (completely destroyed)	225,000
2 cupboards	18,500
6 tables	8,050
1 Aida lamp	3,500
1 wcmn's sewing-machine	15,000
2 chests	3,500
15 armchairs	16,500
12 chairs	6,750
1 large mirror	1,000
3 umbrellas	2,100
1 sideboard	8,500
1 bicycle (English make)	18,000
1 gramophone with records	12,000
150 boards (spares)	67,500
32 bags of unpulped coffee	192,000
Savings over more than three years	1,000,000
5 two-year-old pigs	25,000
7 goats	7,250
/104 miscellaneous articles of clothing	58,450
105 miscellaneous household articles	31,770
44 miscellaneous articles of bedding	24,100
67 miscellaneous tools	14,100

	<u>Francs</u>
30 metres of women's dress material	4,500
12 hens	4,400
15 ducks	6,000
Money forming part of a National Subscription, and cards of the Liberation Movement	<u>110,000</u>
Total:	1,870,145

[The petitioner endorses the Joint Proclamation and calls for the immediate unification and independence of the Cameroons, the termination of the trusteeship regime and the appointment of a United Nations commission of experts "to help us to form our government".]

Finally, we call for compensation for the losses sustained at the hands of the French colonialists during the bloody events of recent months, and the punishment of the criminals involved.

Hoping that you will take my request into consideration, I have the honour etc.

In the maquis, 10 October 1955.

Tchami Zacharie, planter, Mambo Gare (Mbanga  
Subdivision) Mungo Region, at present in the  
maquis at Kcumba (Cameroons under British  
administration)

20. Petition from Mr. François Tchoumbia

Report of goods and cash lost by Mr. Tchoumbia François, planter, Mambo-Gare, Assistant Secretary of the UPC Committee.

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

Sir,

On 29 May last, the Chief of the Mbanga Subdivision, Presta-Geras, and his troops, with reinforcements from the Chad, killed many peaceful Cameroonian citizens, men and women, and in the course of this action destroyed my house and took away all my belongings. You will find below a list of my losses.

	<u>Francs</u>
1 house (seven rooms)	313,850
Cash	435,900
1 typewriter	16,000
1 gramophone and 68 records	47,000
1 cupboard containing miscellaneous clothing	20,000
2 tables and 10 chairs	12,200
12 armchairs	12,000
24 bags of unpulped coffee berries	144,000
30 bags of cocoa	300,000
3 pairs of shoes	10,400
1 wrist watch	3,600
1 large mirror	800
1 bicycle (Humber)	16,000
1 cacao drier	93,000
3 pigs	15,000
4 goats	4,800
16 chickens	4,600
8 ducks	2,800
3 pairs of tennis shoes	900
1 sewing-machine	160,000
12 miscellaneous articles of clothing	9,600
10 miscellaneous pieces of bedding	14,200
99 miscellaneous household articles	13,990

	<u>Francs</u>
5 miscellaneous tools	1,150
Miscellaneous foodstuffs	<u>54,600</u>
Total:	1,908,230 <sup>7</sup>

21. Petition from Mr. Jean Tchuente

Reports of Tchuente, Jean, planter, at Mombo-Gare

To the Chairman of the United Nations General Assembly, Tenth Session, New York

Sir,

I wish to lay before your Assembly my deeply-held convictions, and to submit a list of the losses which I suffered at the hands of the French Government in the person of Mr. Presta Gerard and of the Catholic priests at Mombo on 29 May 1955.

The French colonialists continue their mass arrests of Cameroonian progressives. Patriots arrested over six months ago are still in prison. The supporters of progressive movements, persecuted for their political opinions, are still wandering in the forests of the zone under British administration. In all parts of the Cameroons, there are soldiers from the Chad to prevent patriots from openly voicing their demand for the immediate unification and independence of this country. I vote, and shall always vote, for the unification and independence of this country.

Long live the Cameroonian flag.

Long live the Visiting Mission.

Tchuente Jean, planter and Chairman of the UPC Local Committee, Mombo-Gare.

Statement of losses sustained in destruction of hut by Mr. Roland Pré,  
French colonialist Governor.

Francs

30 bags of coffee	150,000
1 table	6,000
1 cupboard with six compartments	15,000
1 large mirror	750
25 chickens	6,235
1 sewing machine and 1 maize-milling machine	46,000
1 bicycle, six wooden beds	32,000
6 cotton mattresses and 3 woolen blankets	34,500
6 blankets and 4 basins	5,650
6 large soup-tureens, 4 medium-size soup-tureens	4,200
Cash	750,000

	<u>Francs</u>
3 caps, various colours	2,750
2 hats, 12 plates, 24 spoons, 24 forks	5,100
5 bags of beans, 8 bags of groundnuts	36,000
3 pigs and 20 ducks	32,500
3 cooking pots and 35 drinking glasses	4,975
4 pairs of shoes, various colours	10,600
12 spades, 2 metal suitcases	18,200
3 suitcases with articles belonging to my wives	157,500
3 pairs of tennis shoes, 3 coats, 2 raincoats	6,250
Hut, worth	375,000
Clothing in cupboard	<u>250,000</u>
Total	1,971,800

Tchuente Jean

22. Petition from Mr. Joseph Téguem

Statement by Mr. Téguem Joseph

Planter and member of the UPC Local Committee, Mambo-Gare

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

Sir,

I am most gratified to learn of your arrival in the Cameroons to ascertain the views of the people of both parts of the Territory concerning the question of immediate unification and independence, and the war launched by the Roland Pré Government in the Cameroons under French administration. I wish, therefore, in this petition to inform you of the course of the war in Mambo-Gare, my normal place of residence before the bloody events of May last.

It was on Sunday, 29 May, that Mambo's turn came to undergo the same fate and to suffer the same consequences of a "civilization" of death and of the sword, as had already befallen Douala, Loum, Manjo and Nkongsamba on 25 May, and Yaoundé, Babimibi, etc. on 26 May. It should be noted that the Priest of Njombe had arrived at Mambo the day before the killings with his scout troops in order to do some training pending the arrival of the mercenaries who were to come a few hours later. But, unanimously repudiated by the population of Mambo, this arrant mercenary, passing himself off as a disciple of Jesus, was compelled to leave the town without carrying out his designs on that occasion. It was to be left to the Chad soldiers under the leadership of five Whites and three priests, all of them armed to the teeth, to put the quarter to fire and sword. They were brought in a special train, which unloaded one contingent of troops 500 metres before the station and a second one 300 metres beyond the station. It should be pointed out that the stationmasters were strictly forbidden to report the arrival of troops.

Led by the Priest of Njombé, who had been at Mambo the day before, and brought up in the manner I have described, the troops surrounded the whole quarter. The extent of the damage and casualties was such that I cannot at the present stage hope to give you the number of the dead, wounded, imprisoned and missing. I should, however, like to point out that both the material losses and the toll of human lives were heavy. It is regrettable to have to note that there were Catholic priests killing defenceless people, those same priests who as "ministers" of God preach that "thou shalt not kill, and shalt love thy brother as thyself". Of

course in the eyes of these Catholic priests, they are not committing evil, for it is not wrong to kill Blacks; it is a minor matter. -On the other hand the Whites are the children of a white God, and therefore to kill the Blacks, the children of a black Satan, is to obey their God. Moreover, when they speak of their brothers, they are thinking only of other Whites and therefore they cannot see that there is anything wrong in what they are doing.

Those are the people who seek to live by the sweat of our brows, who kill us and plunder our dwellings and then expect to pass as disciples of Jesus. It would seem that the gates of eternal life are open to brigands, and that the gates of hell are there to let in the innocent. In fact we now know that it is under the cloak of religion that these murderers came to our country to use us as an economic and political material for their colonialist administration. Having failed to win us over by ideology, they think they can perpetuate their colonialist rule by the use of armed force.

Let it suffice to say that we are firmly decided to put an end to the exploitation of man by man, and to the colonial régime.

I append a list of my belongings plundered by Roland Pré's men, and their value.

IN CONSEQUENCE: the immediate unification and independence of the Cameroons are and will remain our first objectives. That being so, we call for the appointment, by the General Assembly, of a United Nations Commission, whose task will be to initiate us in self-government.

In the hope that we may be able to live in freedom and independence, I have the honour, etc.

Téguem Joseph, planter, Mambo-Gare

	<u>Francs</u>
1 6-roomed hut	100,000
Cash	25,910
3 tables	6,900
6 armchairs	9,000
12 chairs	6,000
3 full suitcases	28,500
2 cupboards	8,700
6 piglets	18,000



	<u>Francs</u>
1 wrist watch	1,500
5 wooden beds	6,800
3 hats	1,950
/18 miscellaneous pieces of bedding	19,600
137 miscellaneous household articles	21,850
8 pairs of shoes	11,600
8 miscellaneous tools	2,400
Miscellaneous foodstuffs	<u>134,530</u>
Total:	573,240 <u>7</u>

23. Petition from Mr. Daniel Tochié

Report of Mr. Daniel Tochié, planter, at Mambo-Gare, Chairman of the JDC Local Committee, and member of the CGT. Father of six children.

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

Sir,

For nearly six months now, that is to say ever since the bloody events of last May, we have been living in the bush hunted by the French colonialists and their lackeys. The latter have embarked on a policy of brutal slaughter directed against peaceful citizens who have done no more than claim their most legitimate rights. The damage caused by this massacre is so great that we dare hardly inform you of it. The killing was followed by looting, and by the prosecution of all the leaders and important members of the progressive organizations in an attempt to conceal the results of the policy of bloodshed practised by Roland Pré's Government in the Cameroons. But it is impossible to halt the forward march of a country towards a better future by the use of armed force and plunder. Let it suffice to say that we are wholly determined to put an end to the colonial regime (the modern form of slavery).

Below you will find evidence of the good work being done by French "civilization" in the Cameroons. The French colonialists are doing their best to convince us that killing, mass imprisonment, plunder and unemployment are the signposts to a better life for the people of the overseas territories. In such circumstances, how is any kind of argument possible?

	<u>Francs</u>
1 6-roomed hut	200,000
8 armchairs	8,000
Cash	150,000
2 tables	7,000
1 cupboard	8,000
1 chest containing men's clothes	35,000
1 chest containing women's clothes	20,000
1 cot	2,000
1 maize-milling machine	29,000
1 sewing-machine (Singer)	15,000

	<u>Francs</u>
1 tribal dance costume	8,000
4 plank beds	6,000
4 mattresses	8,000
1 English made bicycle (Humber)	15,000
1 coat	2,000
/124 miscellaneous household articles	17,520
6 miscellaneous pieces of bedding	12,000
13 pairs of shoes	14,500
22 miscellaneous tools	5,500
Miscellaneous foodstuffs	150,000
Total:	722,520 <sup>7</sup>

(The petitioner goes on to protest against the "civilization" which France is bringing to the Cameroons. He calls for the immediate unification and independence of the Cameroons and for the assistance of a United Nations commission of experts to "initiate the Cameroonian people in self-government".)

In the hope that we may be able to live in freedom and independence, I have the honour, etc.

Long live the United Nations.

Long live a unified and independent Cameroons.

In the maquis, 24 October 1955

Tochié Daniel, planter, Mambo-Gare (Mbanga Subdivision) Mungo Region

24. Petition from Mr. François Wembé

Wembé François, Head of family, father of two children, polygamous; planter, member of the Mombo-Gare Central Committee

To the Chairman of the Trusteeship Council Visiting Mission to the Cameroons

Sir,

Last April and May, the French colonialists in the Cameroons launched an unjust war against the defenceless Cameroonian people, in the course of which many of our brothers were killed and countless persons were wounded in every region. The Cameroonian people suffered innumerable acts of plunder; some had their houses ransacked, while others had their houses burnt down by these butchers. The Cameroonian people no longer wants to live as it has done in the past; it wants to live unified and independent.

I append a detailed list of my belongings that were damaged or destroyed during Roland Pré's war in May.

<u>Articles</u>	<u>Francs</u>
Cash	150,000
6 doors	
16 windows	
12 armchairs	1,400
6 wooden beds	9,000
7 woollen blankets	16,000
2 wooden armchairs	600
1 empty chest	3,200
<u>39</u> miscellaneous articles of clothing	48,200
5 pairs of shoes	9,100
76 miscellaneous household articles	28,950
50 miscellaneous tools	8,200
Foodstuffs	235,000
Doors and windows	25,000
13 tables	<u>9,000</u>
Total:	506,750 <u>7</u>

Sir,

When the colonialists kill us and plunder our homes, they refer to us as "malcontents and misfits" or as rabble without a roof over their head or a job to their name. What grounds are there for treating us planters and down-and-outs or for using the term "boy" in speaking to us? We, as the true Cameroonian people, condemn the false petitions submitted by the lackeys of the French administration claiming to speak on behalf of the Cameroonian population, for they are merely carrying out the instructions of the French Government. The colonialists would have us believe that killing, looting, arbitrary imprisonment and unemployment are signposts towards a better future. How is it possible to explain away this kind of thing? In extending a welcome to the United Nations Mission, we wish to show that our people still has confidence in the United Nations. We demand immediate unification and independence.

Long live the Trusteeship Council Visiting Mission.

Long live the United Nations.

Long live a unified and independent Cameroons.

In the maquis, 27 October 1955

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25. Petition from Mr. Zacharie Yomb

Report of Mr. Yomb Zacharie, master-housepainter, married, father of two children, Mambo-Gare (Mbanga Subdivision) Mungo Region.

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

Sir,

I have the honour respectfully to submit to you a list of my belongings, and their value, plundered by Pré's mercenaries during the ruthless massacre of May 1955. During the incidents of last May, Presta Sérare, Chief of the Mbanga Subdivision, and his mercenaries came to Mombo and caused frightful damage. My own losses were as follows:

	<u>Francs</u>
Cash	45,000
2 chests	5,000
1 bicycle (English make)	15,400
2 pairs of spectacles	700
1 suitcase	750
2 umbrellas	1,350
1 drum of oil	1,000
2 plank beds	900
/119 miscellaneous articles of clothing	56,500
5 pairs of shoes	7,860
44 miscellaneous household articles	13,010
17 miscellaneous articles of bedding	9,040 <sup>7</sup>

You can judge for yourself the wrongs that are being perpetrated from day to day in our country. By what arguments do they expect to convince a people that brutal killing, arbitrary mass imprisonment and looting are means of guiding it towards self-government and a better future? We are determined that military repression shall not deter us in the struggle to throw off our chains.

In consequence, we demand the immediate unification and independence of the Cameroons, and an opportunity to form our own Government with the help of a United Nations commission of experts to be appointed by the United Nations General Assembly at its tenth session.

We call for the termination of the trusteeship regime in our country as from the end of 1955.

I have the honour to be, etc.

Long live the United Nations.

Long live an independent and unified Cameroons.

In the maquis, 5 November 1955

Yomb Zacharie

26. Petition from Mr. Justin Djcmatchoua

Djcmatchoua, Justin, head of a family of ten, married to two wives, planter, tailor, and cashier of Sociban member of the UPC Executive Committee of the CPN.

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

Sir,

On behalf of my family of ten, I bid you welcome to our country.

In April and May, Roland Pré launched an unjust war against the defenceless Cameroonian people. Many of our patriots were killed. Some are in prison, and others are living in the forests like wild beasts. The Cameroonian people call for the immediate unification and independence of the Cameroons. I am in the maquis, where I have no news of my family. I do not even know whether they are still alive or whether they have been killed by Roland Pré's mercenaries.

Having escaped from the hands of the enemy last May, I don't know whether the French colonialists have looted my belongings and made off with the Sociban cash-box, which contained the sum of five hundred thousand francs. I am sure, however, that my house has been ransacked by the French colonialists. At the time of my escape they took 400,000 francs from my briefcase. Once again we declare our support of the joint proclamation of 22 April 1955. We are certain that the Visiting Mission of the Tenth Session of the General Assembly will give the most careful consideration to the memorandum drawn up by the Committee for the Reunification of the Cameroons set up on 24 August 1955 by the most representative organizations from the two parts of our country.

Finally we call for compensation for losses suffered by all the partisans of Cameroonian liberation last April, May and June. The Cameroonian people condemn all petitions inconsistent with Cameroonian national aspirations, for such petitions are written by people from old French colonies in the name of students, planters, notables, or traders in an attempt to distract attention from our national claims. Those who are not in favour of the immediate unification and independence of this country are men that Roland Pré has brought in from abroad, plus a handful of Cameroonian lackeys.



Long live the Visiting Mission to the Cameroons.

Long live the United Nations for the defence of world peace.

Long live a unified and independent Cameroons.

Long live the progressive movements of the world over.

in the maquis, 5 November 1955.

(Signed) Djcmatchoua Justin

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27. Petition from Mr. Nikolas Foléfang

Foléfang Nikolas, planter, member of the UPC Local Committee, Njembé  
(M'bangá Subdivision, Mungo Region)

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

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you of the following:

During the month of May last, the Government of Mr. Roland Pré, representative of France in the Cameroons, launched an undeclared war throughout the Cameroons against Cameroonians who claimed the legitimate rights of their country.

Several of our compatriots were arrested and imprisoned because they openly supported texts advocating the IMMEDIATE UNIFICATION AND INDEPENDENCE of their country.

In spite of these incidents, I call for the immediate unification and independence of our country, the Cameroons,

The release of political prisoners

The termination of the trusteeship agreements in the Cameroons

The establishment of a Cameroonian Government

A United Nations High Commissioner in the Cameroons

The adoption of a Cameroonian flag.

The termination of the trusteeship agreements in our country

I append a list of my property damaged during the incidents:

	<u>Francs</u>
1 cupboard and 2 chests	5,600
1 family chest and contents	180,000
1 money box containing a sum of	200,000
6 pairs of shoes, 4 gabardine suits	21,000
8 woollen blankets	16,000
1 table clock, 1 AIDA lamp	4,000
8 men's <u>boubous</u>	<u>6,600</u>
Total	433,200

These are the benefits which the French have brought to us. I have the honour to be, etc.

Foléfang Nikolas, planter

Maquis, 1 November 1955

28. Petition from Mr. Antoine Ngamégni

Report of Mr. Ngamégni Antoine, planter, Njombé, Treasurer of the UPC Central Committee

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

Sir,

In this petition I venture respectfully to bring to your notice the atrocities organized in the Cameroons in recent months by the French colonialists and their accomplices and directed against the Cameroonian people. A savage series of murders was instigated by the Roland Pré Government in May 1955. The effects of this military repression are manifold. There were many deaths and so many people were imprisoned and houses looted that we cannot at this stage give you all the details. We can only give you some idea of what happened. The brutal abuses being committed throughout our country reflect the continuing desire of the French colonialists to perpetuate their domination over our country

We vigorously protest against this policy which has become the rule in our country. We do not want to live as in the past under foreign domination. We want the immediate unification and independence of the Cameroons. We unreservedly support the JOINT PROCLAMATION of 22 April 1955.

Although the criminals of Mr. Pré did not sack my house, they entered it and took everything.

	<u>Francs</u>
A sum of money kept in my cupboard	500,000
1 tablecloth	500
3 wooden doors, broken	11,000
3 locks	3,500
2 cutlasses	700
1 large <u>boubou</u> and trousers	7,000
1 velvet <u>boubou</u>	3,500
4 goats	6,400
5 chickens	1,500

	<u>Francs</u>
1 kitchen door	1,500
16 articles of furniture	52,000
6 miscellaneous household articles	7,300
3 pairs of shoes	5,000
3 miscellaneous articles of bedding	12,000
Miscellaneous foodstuffs	18,400
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Total	612,300

29. Petition from Mr. Mathieu Nguénang

NGUENANG Mathieu, planter and member of the UPC Central Committee,  
NJOMBE-ECNANDAM, LUM Sector, MPANGA Subdivision, MUNGO Region

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

I have the honour respectfully to inform you of the following:

The French colonialists continue their prosecutions of the leaders and important members of the Cameroonian progressive movements and warrants for arrest are still being issued.

I am a father of a family of six persons whose names are as follows:  
NGUENANG Mathieu, Njanpa Jeanne, Yombi Jean Mari NGASSA Hélène; NOUMI Emilie, NKOCH Marie. We call for the immediate unification and independence of the Cameroons, the release of our comrades and brother Cameroonians who are languishing in prison, the withdrawal of the warrants for the arrest of our brothers, and the cessation of legal proceedings. We call for the adoption of the Cameroonian flag under the direction of a United Nations High Commissioner.

My family and I are in a constant state of alarm because of the colonialist oppression which weighs upon the Cameroonian people for the simple reason that they have requested the immediate unification and independence of their country.

We request the Chairman of the Visiting Mission to the Cameroons to intervene immediately to secure the establishment of a regime which will recognize the establishment of our legitimate government.

P.S. My two plantations have been held by the Chief of the Lum Sector since 22 July 1955. I have the honour to be etc.

Long live the United Nations.

Long live a unified and independent Cameroons.

Long live the right of self-determination of peoples.

I attach a report of my material losses.

Written in the maquis, 13 October 1955

Signature

NGUENANG Mathieu, member and official of the UPC Central  
Committee, NJOMBE-Bonadam, LUM Sector, MBANGA Subdivision  
MUNGO region

Destruction of my hut by French armed forces

22 July 1955

	<u>Francs</u>
Cash	158,000
1 six roomed hut	255,000
28 bags of unpulped coffee beans	360,000
3 tables	3,000
6 wooden armchairs	15,000
3 cupboards	15,000
1 drawing room table	3,000
1 pantry table	875
14 bags of cacao	147,000
5 ducks	2,250
5 chickens	1,150
2 books in <u>dja</u> language	225
10 chairs and tables	3,000
1 chaise longue	800
3 wooden beds	5,400
2 goats (male and female)	6,400
<u>62</u> miscellaneous articles of clothing	43,550
7 pairs of shoes	9,025
128 miscellaneous household articles	27,510
8 miscellaneous articles of bedding	17,850

Total

1,073,035<sup>7</sup>/<sub>8</sub>

13 October 1955

Signature

30. Petition from Mr. Ippolythe Teyamnou

Statement of Mr. Teyamnou Ippolythe, planter and Chairman of the UFC  
Central Ccmmittée, Njombé, Mbanga Subdivision Mungo Region concerning  
property damaged by the Pré mercenaries in April, May and June last  
in the Cameroons

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

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you of the following facts:

The petitioner protests against the "savage and flagrant war" which was  
waged in the Cameroons in May 1955. He calls for the immediate unification and  
independence of the Cameroons, the termination of the Trusteeship System and  
the establishment of a United Nations committee of experts "to help us form a  
Government". The petitioner stresses the need for respect for "public freedoms"  
and asks for compensation for the losses suffered by Cameroonian patriots.7

I submit herewith a list of my personal losses.

Although my hut was not destroyed like those of certain of my brothers, it  
was searched after we had been forced to flee.

	<u>Francs</u>
Reserve of cash	180,000
2 two-year old goats	3,600
1 three-year old billygoat	2,500
2 large woollen blankets	4,300
3 lamps	4,200
117 miscellaneous articles of clothing	57,690
24 pairs of shoes	20,860 <u>7</u>

This is the work of Roland Pré in the Cameroons. These are the methods  
he used to oppose the Cameroonian national liberation movement. We are entitled  
to say with pride that he has failed lamentably for we are more than ever  
determined to break with France.

In the hope that the United Nations will find a satisfactory solution to the  
Cameroonian problem in accordance with the Charter, I have the honour to be, etc.

26 October 1955

Teyamnou Ippolythe, planter, Njombé,  
Manga Subdivision, Mungo Region.

Signature



31. Petition from Mr. Jean Tchipochi

Report of property losses by Tchipochi Jean, foreman, plantation of  
Guillaume Robert and Mr. Mercier, Bouba 2 Penja Mouataba, Chairman of the  
Penja Mouataba Central Committee (M'targa Subdivision  
Mungo Region.)

Losses

	<u>Francs</u>
2 Cupboards	11,700
6 Pairs of choes	11,200
5 Walking out suits	42,000
12 Shirts and 7 pairs of trousers	17,200
4 Ties	2,100
4 Head-dresses	3,500
Cash	865,000
1 Bed and bedding	15,700
1 Tablecloth	4,640
1 Tea machine and 1 small Stove	2,500
36 Chairs and 6 Armchairs	27,000
3 Tables	7,000
2 AIDA Lamps and 2 oil lamps	6,900
20 Hens	6,000
1 Gramophone and records	22,500
4 Khaki working suits	7,080
2 Lady's SINGER sewing machines	36,000
1 Brand new suit of clothes	60,650
13 Pairs of shoes, 6 Pairs of tennis shoes, and 3 Pairs of sandals	26,800
1 two-rocmcd kitchen	27,350
1 Set of underclothes	4,390
13 Pairs of earrings and 6 Lady's hats	7,900
1 Set of children's clothes	8,400
Total	1,251,020

TCHIPOCHI Jean, foreman, plantation of Mr. Guillaume Robert and  
Mr. Mercier, Bouba Penja 2 Mouataba.

In the maquis 17 November 1955.

32. Petition from Mr. Michel Paméni

PERSONAL REPORT

Paméni Michel, Chairman of the UPC Local Committee, Boupé Panja II  
To the Chairman of the United Nations Visiting Mission  
to the CAMEROONS

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Sir,

It was on 24 May last that the curfew was at its height at Nkongsamba. Having received a warning, I left my house and went to the place where I spend my nights defending ourselves against this evil destiny.

In my absence, a thief entered my house, broke open my cupboard and stole my wife's sewing machine which cost 25,000 francs (twenty-five thousand francs) six suits of gabardine, four blouses of the same material, and two hats.

He ruthlessly took my money - a sum of 30,000 francs (thirty thousand francs) - and all my personal documents.

In desperation, I asked the Chairman of the Visiting Mission and its members to help me. Otherwise you will not find a Cameroonian alive.

I call for immediate Unification and Independence of our country, the Cameroons.

I call for the release of our brothers who were arrested and imprisoned during the May incident.

I call for the withdrawal of the warrants for the arrest of officials of the Cameroonian progressive movements.

LONG LIVE THE UNITED NATIONS

LONG LIVE the Unified and Independent Cameroons

LONG LIVE PEACE.

Paméni Michel

33. Petition from Mr. Pascal Tchatat

TCHATAT PASCAL, Secretary of the UPC, Boupé Penja

to

The Chairman of the United Nations Visiting Mission

to the Cameroons

Sir,

I beg to inform you that, on 24 May 1955 at Nkongsamba, the colonialist soldiers beat me and took from my pocket a sum of (30,000) thirty thousand francs, a wrist watch worth 2,000 francs (two thousand francs), a pair of shoes worth 5,000 francs (five thousand francs) and left me half dead.

I also make the following requests:

1. Immediate Unification and Independence of the Cameroons.
2. The release of persons imprisoned as a result of the war unleashed in May by Roland Pré.
3. The withdrawal of the warrants for the arrest of the leaders of our Cameroonian movements.

I have the honour to be etc.

TCHATAT Pascal

34. Petition from Mr. Joseph Moubé

Family petition

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

Sir,

On behalf of my family and myself, I wish to inform you of the following:

The French Government unleashed a merciless war against the poor defenceless population in May last.

During this colonialist terror there were thousands of dead and wounded, mass imprisonments and deportations to we know not where.

In spite of this terrible attack we request

The immediate unity and independence of the Cameroons.

The assistance of a United Nations High Commissioner to help us establish the Cameroons Government.

The adoption of a national Cameroonian flag.

The payment of compensation by Roland Pré.

I attach a list of the property looted by the French colonialists.

In the hope that you will give this petition your favourable attention, I have the honour etc.

Moubé Joseph, head of a family of 100 persons.

Done in the maquis Penja-gare, 10 November 1955.

Signature: Moubé Joseph.

Moubé Joseph, member of the UPC Local Committee, Penja-Gare

The list of my property is as follows:

	Francs
1 cupboard, which cost	20,000
2 woollen blankets	5,000
10 pieces of cloth	5,000
2 pairs of shoes	5,000
Cash	775,000
Total:	810,000

35. Petition from Mr. Joseph Nguétchun

To the Chairman of the Visiting Mission to the Cameroons

Sir,

I have the honour respectfully to bid you welcome to our poor unhappy country today.

To learn the complete details of all our difficulties since Roland Pré's arrival in this country you would have to stay with us one year to give us time to tell you everything. So in order not to trouble you I merely wish to say that I support the joint proclamation of 22 April 1955 for the immediate unification and independence of our country. I attach a list of the losses I have suffered at the hands of the French who have sought to profit from their war in the Cameroons, a Trust Territory of the United Nations.

I have the honour to be, etc.

Long live the United Nations, the protector of the world.

Long live the immediate unification and independence of the Cameroons.

Nguétchun Joseph.

Report of my losses resulting from the crimes committed against us by the French between 22 and 26 May 1955 when the French soldiers carried out patrols throughout the Cameroons.

They took away from my workshop the following articles of clothing belonging to my customers:

	Francs
585 short-sleeved shirts	263,250
58 suits	348,000
256 trunks	89,600
85 trousers	36,000
43 long-sleeved shirts	<u>21,500</u>
	758,350

Nguétchun Joseph, Secretary of the UPC Central Committee, Penja-gare,  
Mbarga Subdivision.  
Mungo Region, southern line

36. Petition from Mr. André Nongni

Nongni André, Secretary of the UPC Central Committee  
Mouataba and tailor at Penja(M'banga Subdivision, MUNGO Region)

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

Sir,

I wish respectfully to inform you of the following:

During the incidents of last May my hut was searched by Tchad military units and nearly all my belongings were taken away. The reason for this was that I belong to the Cameroonian national liberation movement.

The French have now ruled over us for over forty years and we cannot see any improvements that they have made. They ill-use us like beasts of burden. Last May French colonialists unleashed an undeclared war against a Trust Territory of the United Nations because the Cameroonian people claimed THE IMMEDIATE UNIFICATION AND INDEPENDENCE OF THE CAMEROONS.

Although we have been living in poverty since May because of the war, I shall untiringly call for THE IMMEDIATE UNIFICATION AND INDEPENDENCE OF OUR COUNTRY. I request the establishment of our Cameroonian Government and the appointment of a United Nations High Commissioner to the Cameroons. I request the adoption of our Cameroonian flag.

I append a list of the property taken from my hut by the colonialists and their lackeys.

	<u>Francs</u>
2 cupboards containing my possessions . . . . .	40,000
Cash..... .	175,000
1 RUDGE bicycle and 1 HMV gramophone . . . . .	27,000
5 pairs of shoes including 2 pairs of lady's shoes, 35 records .	13,000
12 dresses, 6 handkerchiefs, 10 chairs, 3 tables . . . . .	<u>10,000</u>
Total	265,000

These are the benefits which glorious France has brought to a United Nations Trust Territory.

I have the honour to be, etc.

Nongni André, tailor and secretary of the UPC  
Maquis, 5 October 1955

37. Petition from Mr. Noumbi Janvier Bon Fils

Noumbi Janvier Bon Fils, representative of the JDC, father of 2 children, one wife, trader, Penja gare C.F.N.

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

Sir,

After having oppressed our people for thirty years the Germans were driven out by the English and French colonialists who divided our country into two zones and have been exploiting it for forty years.

In April and May last the French colonialists unleashed a cold war against our defenceless brothers and killed thousands of Cameroonian patriots who like us were struggling for the immediate Unification and Independence of the Cameroons. As a result of the attacks by the colonialists more and more people are taking to the forests every day and the hunt for members of the UFC continues throughout the Territory. Since the start of the recent incidents in the Cameroons the Catholic Church can no longer be regarded as the Catholic Church of Rome. The Priests as well as the Government are scurrying to all corners of the country to stifle the demands of the Cameroonian people who are firmly decided to have done with this sorry regime which brings civilization to an international Trust Territory in the form of cannon and machine guns. We declare our solidarity with our brothers in prison and in the forests. We learn that you have come to our country to hold a referendum on the burning question which means so much to us: immediate Reunification and Independence. Since the months of April and May last I have been without news of my wife and children. As regards my shop, I am sure that my capital amounted to 875,000 francs (eight hundred seventy-five thousand) plus 600,000 francs (six hundred thousand), belonging to compatriots which I was keeping in my house.

/The petitioner states his conviction that this "policy of repression" is designed to stifle the legitimate demands of the Cameroonians. He supports the joint proclamation, demands the immediate unification and independence of the Cameroons and the appointment of a committee of experts. Finally he requests compensation for the losses suffered by the patriots in April and May 1955



Long live the Trusteeship Council Visiting Mission to the Cameroons  
Long live a reunified and independent Cameroons  
Long live the United Nations for the reign of world peace

Written in the Maquis, 20 November 1955

(Signed) Noumbi Janvier Bon Fils, Penja

Copies to:

Chairman of the Visiting Mission  
President of the Tenth Session of the  
General Assembly  
Files

38. Petition from Mr. Joseph Tekam

Report of losses in money and property suffered by Mr. Tekam Joseph, planter and trader, Chairman of the UPC Local Committee, Penja Gare, M'bunga Subdivision, Mungo Region, as a result of the looting during the bloody incidents of May last in the Cameroons.

To the Chairman of the United Nations Visiting Mission to the

CAMEROONS

Sir,

I have the honour to submit herewith a list of my belongings which were looted by the French colonialists and their lackeys who go under the name of guardians of law and order. The recent historic events in the Cameroons resulted in thousands of casualties, imprisonments and arrests and also much looting. I am the head of a family of eighteen persons who were hunted by the police and I am still without news of them.

You will find below a detailed list of my losses. Although my house was not destroyed it was searched and looted by troops armed to the teeth.

	<u>Francs</u>
1 cupboard	25,000
4 woollen blankets	10,000
1 lady's SINGER sewing machine	15,000
Personal capital	564,000
2 sheets	1,300
2 suits, 12,000 francs each	24,000
2 ordinary blankets	2,000
1 typewriter	17,000
24 soup tureens with lids	8,400
35 lady's dresses	22,750
4 woollen blankets	6,000
6 plates	600
10 pairs of lady's shoes and 4 pairs of men's shoes	22,000
4 pagnes (lady's)	2,800
2 pigs 7,500 francs each	<u>15,000</u>
Total	735,150

These are the benefits which France the "beautiful" has brought to our country. These are the fruits of the labours of those who have come to "civilize" us. We are determined to have done with a civilization based on guns, death and looting.

Consequently:

We bid welcome to the members of the United Nations Visiting Mission to the Cameroons. We request the payment of compensation for the losses suffered by all the supporters of the Cameroonian progressive movements campaigning for immediate unification and independence.

Signature

39. Petition from Jérémie Kamgain

KAMGAIN Jérémie, Chairman of the UPC Central Committee, Penja, planter, Penja.

In the maquis, 15 April 1956

Report of losses of life and property during the bloody riots of May 1955 in the Kamerun.

To the Secretary-General of the United Nations,

NEW YORK (USA)

Sir,

I wish to inform you that my wife, NINGUEM Elisabeth Kamgain Jérémie, who was arrested on 13 December by the military, died on 20 December as a result of torture. I also wish to report the material losses I suffered as a result of the bloody incidents instigated by Mr. Roland Pré, High Commissioner of the colonies in the Kamerun.

After I had fled, all the belongings described below were taken by the military reinforcements sent by air from Gaboon, Dakar and Paris.

	<u>Francs</u>
1 eleven-roomed hut	475,000
1 six-roomed hut	210,000
1 eight-roomed kitchen	160,000
<u>Contents of the first hut</u>	
1 maize grinder	46,000
2 sewing machines	49,000
3 cupboards	24,550
7 coat hangers	1,800
various tools	174,000
<u>Contents of the first cupboard</u>	
28 miscellaneous articles of clothing	159,650
jewels	2,850
1 horse-tail, decorated	3,900
leather bag and belt	2,250
1 packet of screws	1,300
<u>Contents of second cupboard</u>	
364 miscellaneous household articles	16,075
1 table-cloth	750

Francs

Contents of the third cupboard

All my various files and plantation contracts	
<u>6</u> vouchers	138,000
Cash	45,000
2 knife handles	1,500
1 tarpaulin for truck	22,000
3 tires	48,000
12 suitcases and chests	15,150
<u>49</u> miscellaneous articles of bedding	52,450
59 miscellaneous tools	39,425
82 miscellaneous articles of clothing	115,950
4 tables, 52 chairs, 3 mirrors and 13 beds	63,450
22 miscellaneous household articles	46,250

I have no idea of the contents of the chests and the suitcases belonging to my wives.

Contents of the second hut

3 hens with chickens	1,050
2 pigs, one of each sex	8,000
1 case of books	50,000
1 kit for French Ford	7,650
<u>miscellaneous furniture</u>	16,750
159 miscellaneous household articles	14,900
26 miscellaneous articles of bedding	16,800
8 miscellaneous articles of clothing	6,300
210 miscellaneous tools	30,475
50 bags of coffee	200,000
loss of production in my plantations - coffee, cocoa, bananas etc., estimated at:	1,935,000
Total	<u>4,216,025</u>

To the above should be added a kitchen containing the belongings of my six wives and children (contents unknown).

I also suffered a personal loss - one of my wives, NIM Elisabeth, died on 20 December 1955, after being arrested on 13 December and tortured by troops.

I request the French Government to restore my six wives and the belongings listed above.

I have the honour to be etc.

KAMGAIN Jeremie - planter and  
Chairman of the UPC Committee,  
Penja Moutchom

40. Petition from Mr. Raphaël Ngoupeiyou

NGCUEYOU Raphaël, tailor, planter and member of the UPC Local Committee\*  
Eangui-Chari quarter Samba ville

To the Secretary-General of the United Nations, New York (USA)

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you of the following:

In May 1955, on the orders of Mr. Roland Pré, High Commissioner of France in the KAMERUN, a cowardly war was unleashed against the Kamerunian people, under United Nations Trusteeship, for the sole reason that they had supported the JOINT PROCLAMATION SIGNED ON 22 APRIL 1955 for THE UNIFICATION AND INDEPENDENCE OF THE KAMERUN.

During these events, I was arrested in my workshop by a band of Chad troops. They threatened me with their rifle butts and it was only by chance that I escaped them.

Everything that I possessed in my workshop was taken. Since the start of this war I have only just been able to find means of sending a petition. I am the father of a family which comprises eighteen persons and I have not heard anything of their whereabouts since the unleashing of this shameful war.

Consequently

1. My family and I continue to support the JOINT PROCLAMATION signed on 22 April 1955 for THE IMMEDIATE UNIFICATION AND INDEPENDENCE OF THE KAMERUN.
2. We request a United Nations High Commissioner for the Kamerun.
3. We request the release of all political prisoners.
4. The adoption of a Cameroonian flag, having a red background with a crab in the centre.
5. The withdrawal of the warrants for the arrest of our leaders.
6. We condemn the "general law" and demand negotiations with the qualified representatives of the Kamerunian national liberation movements with a view to the immediate recognition of a Kamerunian

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\* Note by the Secretariat: In a letter dated 23 June 1956 to the Secretary-General of the United Nations, the petitioner gave his address in the maquis as: c/o Mr. Nkemdem Louis, Ebondji quarter, near Tombel, Cameroons under British administration.

State and the establishment of a Kamerunian Government of national union.

7. Revocation of the Decree of 13 July 1955 dissolving progressive movements.

Losses suffered during the incidents

	<u>Francs</u>
15 pairs of trousers	12,750
23 shirts	8,050
60 metres of cloth for shirts	7,200
47 metres of poplin	5,405
15 pairs of trunks	4,500
1 large chest full of customers' clothing	50,500
Cash in this chest	765,000
1 SINGER sewing machine	25,000
1 wrist watch	4,500
Workshop equipment	15,000
1 large mirror	750
Total	898,655

I have the honour to be, etc.

In the maquis, 15 June 1956.

(Signed)

NGCUPEYCU RAPHAEL

41. Petition from Mr. Lucas Ngoula

Report of the property belonging to Mr. Ngoula Lucas, planter, looted during the tragic events of May last in the Cameroons.

Secretary of the UPC Local Committee, Ninong (Mungo Region)

To the Chairman of the United Nations Visiting Mission to the

CAMEROONS

Sir,

On the occasion of your arrival in the Cameroons to assist with the "referendum", to ascertain the freely expressed wishes of the Cameroonian people concerning the immediate unification and independence of the Cameroons and to learn about the cold war which has had such serious repercussions in our country, I have the honour to submit to you herewith a list of my possessions which were looted by mercenaries under the direction of the French colonialists and their lackeys. During the night of 10 June last I was hidden behind my house and saw a patrol of soldiers, led by the chief of the Mélong sector, enter it. My belongings were then looted and carried off by the colonialists and their lackeys.

	<u>Francs</u>
5 UPC cards	500
2 cockerels	600
5 hens	1,250
2 pigs	10,000
3 goats	5,100
4 sheep	5,200
Cash	<u>78,000</u>
Total	100,650

There are the benefits conferred upon us by the French Union after forty years of domination. This is the good work done by France the beautiful in the Cameroons.

How can France prove that lootings, killings, massive and arbitrary imprisonments and illegal prosecutions are signposts to a better future? We are absolutely convinced that no arguments can be advanced along these lines.



CONSEQUENTLY:

1. We call for the abolition of the Trusteeship System in our country and would like to improve our system of Government with the help of a United Nations High Commissioner.
2. We urge the approval of the JOINT PROCLAMATION of 22 April last for the IMMEDIATE UNIFICATION AND INDEPENDENCE of the Cameroons.
3. We call for the payment of compensation for the losses suffered by the partisans of Cameroonian freedom during May last.
4. As the release of political prisoners and the withdrawal of warrants of arrest remain the only means of ensuring a satisfactory inquiry, we extend a welcome to the members of the United Nations Mission and hope they will enjoy their stay both in the Cameroons under French administration and in the Cameroons under British administration.

Ngoula Lucas, Secretary of the UPC Local Committee, Ninong.

Signature

42. Petition from Mr. Nzéyen Amos

Nzéyen Amos, planter, member of the UPC Local Committee, NKount Ndoum Bakossi  
Cameroons under British administration

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

Sir,

As a result of the war unleashed by the French Government against the defenceless Cameroonians in April and May last the blood has been shed of countless Cameroonians struggling like us for the immediate unification and independence of their country. On 14 June the French Administrator at Nkongsamba accompanied by his lackey, Keuni Atoine, foreign chief of Kolla, crossed the frontier arbitrarily imposed on the Cameroons by the former League of Nations in 1918 and burned down my village at Nkount Ndoum in the so-called British Cameroons. The British Government at Kumba was immediately informed by the foreign chief of our locality. I submit below a list of my property damaged by the French Government of Nsamba:

	<u>Francs</u>
1 6-room hut	60,000
miscellaneous furniture	8,500
miscellaneous foodstuffs	17,000
6 miscellaneous articles of bedding	2,000
72 miscellaneous household articles	9,620
25 miscellaneous tools	<u>3,900</u>
Total	101,070

One plantation contract drawn up in 1952 at Nkount

One marriage certificate belonging to my wife drawn up at Bafang in 1946

Together with our brothers in the Cameroons under French administration, we call for the immediate reunification and independence of the Cameroons.

We request the cessation of the Franco-British administration of the Cameroons by the end of 1955.

We request the establishment of a United Nations committee of experts to help us form our Government. We reiterate our approval of the joint proclamation of 22 April 1955 requesting immediate reunification and independence.

I am sure that the Mission and the tenth session of the General Assembly of the United Nations will pay close attention to the memorandum drawn up by the Committee for the Reunification and Independence of the Cameroons, set up on 24 August 1955 by the most representative organizations of the two parties of our country.

Copies to:

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|---|---------------------------------------|
| 1. Visiting Mission to the Cameroons    | Long live the United Nations Visiting |
| 2. President of the UN General Assembly | Mission                               |
| 3. Files                                | Long live the United Nations          |
|   | Long live a Reunified and Independent |
|   | Cameroons                             |

Nzéyen Amos

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