

UNITED NATIONS TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL



Distr.
GENERAL

T/PET.5/906
1 October 1956
ENGLISH
ORIGINAL: FRENCH

FORTY-SIX PETITIONS CONCERNING THE CAMEROONS UNDER FRENCH ADMINISTRATION

(Circulated in accordance with rule 85 of the rules of
procedure of the Trusteeship Council)

Note by the Secretariat

The petitions circulated in this document are those mentioned in paragraph 6 (a) of the Final Report of the Committee on Communications from the Cameroons under French Administration (T/L.671). They all contain complaints concerning material damage and loss of property resulting from the incidents of May 1955 in the Bamiléké region, Bafoussam, Bansa and Bangangté subdivisions. The petitions have been collected into one document in order to facilitate their examination by the members of the Trusteeship Council. The Secretariat has grouped together the various articles enumerated in the unduly long lists attached to some of the petitions. Where this has been done, the abridged lists are given in square brackets. Moreover, some unnecessarily long parts of the petitions have been summarized; the paragraphs thus summarized are placed in square brackets.

<u>Section</u>	<u>Page</u>
1. Petition from Mr. Paul Kueangué	4
2. Petition from Mr. Daniel Ndéno	5
3. Petition from Mr. Pascal Thuété	9
4. Petition from the <u>Syndicat des petits planteurs;</u> Bafoussam	11
5. Petition from Mr. Samuel Youmbi	12
6. Petition from Mr. Pierre Menobah	13
7. Petition from Mr. Joseph Wanbo	14
8. Petition from Mr. Salomon Sob	15
9. Petition from Mr. Angelbert Wambo	16
10. Petition from Mr. Michel Pengué	17
11. Petition from Mr. Abraham Chekam	18
12. Petition from Mr. Louis Yapta	19

<u>Section (cont'd)</u>	<u>Page</u>
13. Petition from Mr Daniel Nouwou	21
14. Petition from Mr. Abel Tchendjé	23
15. Petition from Mr. Basile Choupo, Mr. G. Foto, Mr. Michel Fotso and Mr. Jean Sop	24
16. Petition from Mr. Dzuta Tchomdjo	25
17. Petition from Mr. Richard Kapi	26
18. Petition from Mr. Richard Kapun	28
19. Petition from Mr. Komguem	30
20. Petition from Mr. Thomas Mopo	31
21. Petition from Mr. Ngene Jean, Gardener	33
22. Petition from Mr. Jean Nguen	35
23. Petition from Mr. Maurice Nguotué	37
24. Petition from Mr. Gabriel Nocke	38
25. Petition from Mr. Joseph Noléfo	39
26. Petition from Mr. Maurice Notchué	40
27. Petition from Mr. Jean Marie Sol	42
28. Petition from Mr. Simo Fidèle	44
29. Petition from Mr. Kuissu Noah	46
30. Petition from Mr. Sylvestre Fouassono	47
31. Petition from Mr. Kué Josué	48
32. Petition from Mr. François Mbepac	50
33. Petition from Mr. Jean Nengou	52
34. Petition from Mr. Ianjo	54
35. Petition from Mr. Mba Mathias	55
36. Petition from Mr. Oumbé Tanmauché	56
37. Petition from Mr. Sb. Takouchoum	57
38. Petition from Mr. Tché Bajaimin	58
39. Petition from Mr. Tenekou Datrel	59

<u>Section (cont'd)</u>	<u>Page</u>
40. Petition from Mr. Sylvestre Fongué	60
41. Petition from Mrs. Youngué	61
42. Petition from Mr. Jean Téito	62
43. Petition from Mr. Moutchoukoua Lucas	63
44. Petition from Mr. Joseph Sango	64
45. Petition from Mr. Paul Ketat	66
46. Petition from Mr. Paul Leubatchou	68

1. Petition from Mr. Paul Kueangué

Bafoussam, 24 April 1955.

My statement

I should like to tell you all that has happened at Nione since Mr. Hom Norbert visited Mr. Danieul Nzenau at Bafoussam, where I gave him the battery to turn the gramophone.

This official from the Bafoussam office has made my life wretched from that day, when he learned that I was a member of the UPC. My lorry is seized every day and I have to pay a fee to get it out of pound; I have lost my garage, all my spare parts and all my tools; I have lost my family and I do not know where they are. My losses are as follows: 1. my family; 2. my spare parts; 3. my tools, and two cash boxes with 2,000 francs at Bafoussam. I should also like you to know that at Mekénéné, Béné Gorge and more than eight enemies of Fionchem Siakam Tomas are still looking for me even to day in order to kill me because had it not been for me Tomas Siakam would have been killed by those enemies of his. In Mr. Tomas Siakam's hut at Mékénéné, I have tools, two boxes of clothes and 800,000 francs which are being looked after by Chief Tomas. My dear brothers, I greet you all, I, Paul Kueangué, Secretary of the jeunesse démocratique of Mekené Diki, and a native of Bafoussam.

I greet all my comrades; God sees all.

(Signed) Kueangué Paul

2. Petition from Mr. Daniel Ndeno

Ndeno Daniel, married, one wife (children living in hut 69), Bafoussam
Urban Centre, Famla 1 Quartier

To the President of the International Court at the Tenth Session of the
United Nations General Assembly,
c/o the Chairman of the Visiting Mission to the Territory.

Sir,

I have the honour hereby to approach your august self to lodge a complaint
against Mr. Roland Pré, French High Commissioner to the Cameroons, Mr. Borne,
Chief of the Dschang Subdivision, Bamiléké Region and Mr. Bacon Pierre, Chief of
the Bafoussam Subdivision.

Subject: destruction and pillaging of my hut

On 24 April 1955 at 9 o'clock in the morning, I was surprised to see armed
troops arriving, under the orders of the men mentioned below.

[There follows a list of 14 names]

These hirelings said: we have been authorized by the Administration to hurt
you, even to kill you. After hearing this I prudently made my escape. They divided
up into groups; some went to my hut and cookhouse to destroy them, others seized
my property and others again attacked our comrades who were standing by watching
the destruction; they beat them to death and inflicted many wounds. I made my
way secretly to the police, but all in vain. After his return from Bafoussam,
Chief Kanga, on reaching Bandjoun, confiscated my concession, which I had already
developed, and gave it to his royal sister Kapché.

In view of the atmosphere at present prevailing in the Territory, where
criminals are protected by the judiciary and the administration and their victims
are brought to court for high treason because of their opinions, and in view of the
fact that the judicial authorities are responsible for these events, I feel that
it would be useless to lodge my complaint with them. I wish my case to be
judged by the United Nations International Court of Justice. I reserve my right
to summon witnesses before the court or before the present Visiting Mission.

Hoping that the Mission's presence will enable terror to give way to international equality, I have to say that I cannot give my full address because warrants of arrest are issued against those who demand the application of the law, and I am starting an action for damages. I shall send the security required by the law through my lawyers, Mr. And Mrs. Cevaër, to the Court of Cassation at Paris, for I cannot make the deposit through the local postal authorities because they have apparently become agents of the police, nor can I present myself in person before the court to do this.

I have the honour to be etc.....

(Signed) illegible

Ndèno Daniel, planter with one wife, six children living in hut 69, Bafoussam Urban Centre

Full statement

	<u>Francs</u>
4 does'heads without horns	1,200
1 buffalo head	750
1 panther skin	3,000
1 Foulbé make fan	250
1 large alarm clock	750
1 Primus stove	2,500
1 pair of oilskins	3,500
2 large African tom-toms	4,525
2 boxes containing phials of liquid medicine	560
1 large mirror mounted on 2 pieces of wood	1,500
1 Bamoun make ornamental bag	600
9 flutes for African music with attachments (Ndoun)	1,450
1 large trunk belonging to Takongué Joseph, contents unknown	
1 cupboard containing various books the prices of which I cannot remember	

	<u>Francs</u>
1 large HMV gramophone and 60 records	24,000
1 new Singer sewing machine	16,000
1 old Singer sewing machine	8,000
28 dining-chairs made of Abang wood, worth 3,000 francs each	84,000
2 mahogany easy chairs worth 4,000 francs each	8,000
1 large table measuring 1 metre 50 and its oilcloth covering	4,000
1 large round table and four stools	3,000
2 bamboo beds	400
2 files containing incoming and outgoing mail	
1 Remington typewriter	19,000
National subscriptions given by UPC committees	
Bamougoum Central Committee	175,000
Bahouang Central Committee	50,000
Baham Local Committee	25,000
Batoufam Local Committee	10,000
Bandjoun Central Committee	225,000
Bafoussam Central Committee	60,000
Baleng Central Committee	80,000
My personal cash	18,000
My personal cash taken by Mouthemi André	80,000
Central Committee of Bansoa, Dschang Subdivision	160,000
Central Committee of Bameka	150,000
Local Committee of Bangoua, Bangangté Subdivision	35,000
From sale of leaflets	8,000
Various subscriptions	12,000
A sum held by Defo Koué for Teni Mathia	200,000
For Mbouda Emmanuel, my boy	18,000
For the destruction of my hut and cookhouse which were built in peace-time	98,000

Francs

Effects, the list of the prices of which was lost in the maquis, although I believe that the United Nations Permanent Commission and Mr. Cevaër, my lawyer, have already received this document

1 pair of scales, Roverbale make

3 large tables

1 large cupboard

250 planks mixed with rafters

5 sacks of quinquina bark

1 wheelbarrow

2 shelling sacks

5 spades

The fixed property confiscated on 26 May 1955

1 : my concession in my native village of Bandjoun

/There follows a detailed list of trees, saplings, sown fields, etc./

19,100,535

1 2-roomed hut made of dry bricks

15,000

1 stone foundation

25,000

80 loads of firewood, worth 50 francs each

4,000

15 sacks of coffee which I would have gathered this year from 2800 coffee shrubs on my land at Noun and Bamougoum

120,000

2 large pigs which I have been raising for 4 years, seized at Lé N

20,000

4 full sacks of fertilizer worth 1,500 francs each

6,000

6 wooden bedsteads worth 1,500 francs each

9,000

158 miscellaneous articles of clothing

77,260

24 pairs of shoes

30,100

47 items of bedding

48,700

239 miscellaneous household articles

31,188

69 miscellaneous tools

16,700

Miscellaneous foodstuffs

93,740

Books papers, cards etc.

61,785

Total:

21,502,523

3. Petition from Mr. Pascal Thuété

Report from Comrade Thuété Pascal of Bandjoun,
Mbem-Utum at Bafousam, Bamiléké Region,
in the maquis at Kumba, Three Corner.

	<u>Francs</u>
1 house of 8 rooms with a stone foundation	400,000
5 cupboards	41,000
4 tables	8,250
1 sum of money in tokens	460,000
1 postal order worth	150,000
2 iron bedsteads	9,125
3 mahogany bedsteads	6,025
500 loads of firewood	375,000
100 bundles of bamboo	5,000
180 rafters	36,000
2000 canes	30,000
32 chairs	17,600
12 easy chairs	24,000
3 small tables	22,175
67 precious pearls	134,000
4 ivory bracelets	34,000
3 large mirrors	2,400
3 wooden children's beds	6,500
45 sacks of groundnuts	67,500
2 tons of tobacco	25,000
3 tons of French tobacco	450,000
2 gelded pigs	20,000
20 hens	3,000
4 cocks	1,400
57 chickens	6,675

	<u>Francs</u>
50,000 seedlings	250,000
1 hectar of sugar cane worth 15,000 francs per annum	15,000
10 sacks of candlenuts	12,000
10 blankets	9,850
1/2 heactare of carrots	25,000
1,000 coffee shrubs planted cut	50,000
20,000 cardle berry-tree saplings	100,000
1 two-room cookhouse	29,000
1 ton, approximately, of taro	10,000
5 sacks of groundnuts	22,500
1 sewing machine	17,500
1 corn-grinder	38,000
1 rifle	7,000
12 locally made cola baskets	48,000
2 pairs of spectacles	750
2 antelope traps	8,300
1 ton of potato-cakes	50,000
2 tons of yam preserves	80,000
1/2 a carboy of various condiments for the local sauce	19,000
Miscellaneous items of clothing	70,990
23 pairs of shoes	20,050
292 miscellaneous household articles	37,730
Miscellaneous foodstuffs	85,800
Books, papers, etc.	24,000
Total:	<u>2,799,075</u>

I claim damages on behalf of a family of 90 members which has been in the maquis since 24 April 1955.

I would also like to vote on their behalf for the immediate unification and independence of the Cameroons.

4. Petition from the Syndicat des petit planteurs, Bafoussam
Thuété Pascal, Secretary of the Syndicat de l'Agriculture, Bafoussam
To the Chairman of the Visiting Mission to the Camero ns.

Sir,

I should like hereby respectfully to extend to you a warm welcome to the Territory.

I am writing on behalf of 1,052 small planters to inform you of the loses caused by the French Government in the person of Mr. Bacon Pierre, Administrator-Mayor of the Bafoussam Subdivision, on 24 April 1955.

For seven months I have been in the British Zone on behalf of the small planters whose official representative I am in the subdivision; I raise my hand in favour of the immediate unification and independence of the Cameroons.

Attached is a list of the damage caused by the French colonialist Government.

Long live the United Nations

Long live a unified and independent Cameroons.

(Signed) illegible

On behalf of the Syndicat de l'agriculture, Bafoussam, from the responsible secretary, Thuété Pascal

	<u>Francs</u>
A sum in cash	10,000
4 sacks of coffee	44,000
1 table	1,000
5 blankets, 3 woollen	7,555
1 aida lamp	3,700
1 bicycle	15,000
9 pairs of shoes	18,735
miscellaneous articles of clothing	44,395
books, papers, stamps, etc.	405,315
Total	<hr/> 639,475

5. The Union des populations du Cameroun,
Cameroons Branch of the Rassemblement Démocratique Africain,
Bafoussam Central Committee

On the orders of Roland Pré's government the Administration's hirelings, led by Kanga Joseph, Chief of the Bandjoun Group, Nambot Thomas, Chief of the Baleng Group, and Noutcheu Jean Baptiste, executive agent of the Bafoussam Subdivision, butchered us with the help of sticks, machets and spears during the general assembly of the UPC at the house of our comrade Deno Daniel on 5 April 1955.

In particular, they searched me and took my notecase containing 87,000 francs (eighty-seven thousand francs), money belonging to my elder brother from his fiancée's dowry.

On 5 April these same hirelings came and destroyed my house which was built of brick, bamboo and straw and on which I had spent 500,000 francs (five hundred thousand francs).

The total sum seized, therefore, some 597,000 francs (five hundred and ninety-seven thousand francs).

Done at Bafoussam on 15 June 1955

(Signed)

6. Petition from Mr. Pierre Ménobah

Statement of damage caused on 24 April 1955

	<u>Francs</u>
1 trout	7,200
1 pig	7,800
2 sows	15,000
40 hens	32,000
5 cocks	2,000
20 sacks	80,000
38 boxes of tobacco	24,000
4 tons of corn	24,000
Various products	8,050
a sum of	<u>12,000</u>
Total:	215,050

7. Petition from Mr. Joseph Wanbo

Statement of losses suffered on 24 April 1955

Wambo Joseph, Bafoussam, Badjoun

	<u>Francs</u>
1 hut	150,000
2 tables	5,000
8 chairs	4,800
two bowls	1,400
4 saucepans	5,000
12 plates	4,000
7 drums of oil	7,300
2 sacks of rice	8,000
a suitcase containing clothes	12,000
2 pairs of shoes	3,500
2 hats	1,000
a chest containing miscellaneous ornaments	15,000
a chest containing women's clothing	14,000
5 pairs of shoes	7,000
3 wooden beds	6,500
kitchen utensils	8,000
Total:	<u>387,500</u>

8. Petition from Mr. Salomon Sob

Statement of losses suffered on 15 May 1955

Sob Salomon, Baleng, Bafoussam	<u>Francs</u>
2 boxes of tobacco	8,000
5 cases of peanuts	500,000
12 dozen spoons	1,440
5 barrels of maize	42,000
plum trees	6,000
100 stands of sugar cane	11,000
36 hens	14,000
a chest	46,200
a child's crib	1,000
a full-sized bed	3,600
4 chairs	1,600
2 tables	4,000
4 saucepans	6,000
12 plates	1,200
7 blankets	4,800
2 caps	1,400
2 pairs of shoes	2,900
2 jackets	2,600
4 shirts	2,400
1 pullover	2,000
3 pairs of trousers and two pairs of shorts	2,100
	<hr/>
Total	664,240

9. Petition from Mr. Angelbert Wambo

Statement of losses

	<u>Francs</u>
The house destroyed	700,000
15 chairs	7,500
2 cupboards	21,000
2 tables	5,500
8 wooden beds	16,000
16 blankets	20,000
2 gramophones	24,000
4 headdresses	4,500
cash	150,000
9 bags of coffee	52,500
5 goats	10,000
1 Singer sewing machine	15,000
60 empty sacks	6,000

Statement of losses pertaining to my plantation

a hut containing foodstuffs destroyed	25,000
3 wooden beds	8,500
5 plates	250
1,000 coffee trees equivalent to the yearly pay of a labourer	10,000
200 coconut trees yielding 300 kilos per year	30,000
500 banana trees at 50 francs the stem	25,000
10 sacks of macahos	5,000
8 sacks of maize	12,000
4 sacks of peanuts	3,200
10,000 young coffee trees at 5 francs each	60,000
35 miscellaneous tools	10,650
18 miscellaneous household articles	4,130

Total: 195,280

10. Petition from Mr. Michel Pengue

Pengue Michel, mechanic

Statement of losses

	<u>Francs</u>
1 coffee berry huller	25,000
2 Singer hand sewing machines	32,000
2 Siemas treadle machines	50,000
3 Peugeot cars	22,000
2 Hercules bicycles	33,000
4 Beehive bicycles	72,000
4 Aida pressure lamps	14,000
10 wrist-watches	35,000
8 alarm clocks	4,000
15 torches	3,500
4 gramophones	52,000
1 kiln	6,000
1 box of watch gears	15,000
1 box of machine tools	20,000
1 box of bicycle parts	26,000
1 crate full of tools	15,000
2 blow-lamps	14,000
2 soldering-irons	6,000
1 large crate containing tools	45,000
2 vices	35,000
cash amounting to	250,000
5 flat irons	3,000
4 saucepans	6,000
2 heaters	2,500
2 tires	6,500
2 drinking fountains	8,000
Total:	<u>783,000</u>

11. Petition from Mr. Abraham Chekem

Statement of losses

	<u>Francs</u>
1 sewing machine	26,000
1 maize grinder	25,000
1 table	2,000
10 chairs	6,000
5,000 colas	25,000
1 box of tobacco	6,000
1 cupboard	14,000
2 wooden beds	6,500
5 hats	1,500
4 drums of oil	4,500
6 blankets	6,500
1 suitcase containing my wives' clothing	20,000
1 hut	40,000
13 pairs of shoes	19,500
12 miscellaneous tools	3,800
56 miscellaneous household articles	6,600
	<hr/>
Total:	830,000

12. Petition from Mr. Louis Yapta

Union des Populations du Cameroun - Cameroonian Branch of the
Rassemblement Démocratique Africain

Yapta, Louis, Chairman of the 24 October Local Committee, in the maguis
c/o The UPC Office at Kumba

To the Minister for Overseas France

Sir,

I have the honour respectfully to remind you that since 24 April 1955 my Renault car has been impounded at Bafoussam by the Chief Subdivisional Officer. My car had all the papers authorizing its use. On that particular day I had carried passengers who were members of the Cameroonian national movement.

I know that a car should not carry stolen goods or thieves, but it is entitled to carry as many passengers as it has room for.

Sir, I am very much bewildered by the system followed by the French Government:

The Governor has his own laws;

Every Chief Regional Officer has his own laws;

The Chief Subdivisional Officers make their own;

The rules of the gendarmeries differ according to the areas or towns where they are stationed;

As for the police stations, let us not even speak of them, for every station manufactures its laws every second of the time.

The Chief of the Bafoussam Subdivision has been holding my car for reasons unknown to me.

When the mercenaries - all of them officials in the Bafoussam Subdivision like Nitchou Jean and others - seized the car, they looted everything in it down to its registration papers, and gave it all to the Chief Subdivisional Officer.

When I came to get my car after it had been looted, the Chief Subdivisional Officer told me that there were no papers. I rushed back to Douala and had copies made of all the papers. Then the Douala gendarmerie gave me a note authorizing me to get the car back, but the Chief Subdivisional Officer said he could not give it to me.

Sir, here is what my car is worth: it cost me, all expenses included, 861,500 francs, and that day, the following articles were stolen from it:

	<u>Francs</u>
1 fitted travelling case	3,500
1 silver and gold wrist-watch	3,600
cash for the rental of the boss's lorry	35,000
1 jack for three-ton lorries	4,600
1 live cock	300
1 Gilcan containing 20 litres of gasoline	4,600
1 empty Gilcan worth	800
15 miscellaneous articles of clothing	11,100
	<hr/>
Total:	59,560

That, sir, was the handywork of your employees in the colonies.

My car earned me 5,000 francs a day. From 24 April last until today, 5 July 1956, a total of 437 days of forced idleness, at 5,000 francs a day, it cost me 2,185,000 francs.

What I am now asking for my car comes to:	861,500 francs
	2,185,000 francs
	<u>59,560 francs</u>
	3,105,560 francs

That is the loss which I have incurred since 24 April 1955.

I hope, sir, that you will give my case careful study and settle it in my favour.

I have the honour to be, sir

(Signed) Yapta Louis

Yapta Louis, Chairman of the 24 Octobre Local Committee

c/o the Union des Populations du Cameroun Office
Kumba.

13. Petition from Mr. Daniel Nouwon

Nouwon Daniel,
Bandenkop Village,
Batsela II Quarter

Bandenkop, 13 November 1955.

To the Chairman of the Visiting Mission to the Cameroons

Complaint

Sir,

I have the honour respectfully to address to you a complaint against Mr. Massou, Commandant of the Bafoussam Gendarmerie, Bamiléké Region, on the following grounds:

On the 13th of this month, at 12.30 p.m. exactly, the Commandant, accompanied by six policemen and two auxiliary gendarmes, dared to enter my property in my absence and to remove all my family possessions:

	<u>Francs</u>
1 English-made motorcycle	85,000
1 woollen blanket	3,500
cash amounting to	180,000
1 five-year old sow, very fat, worth	8,500
1 flintlock rifle	4,500
2 complete ceremonial costumes	16,000
a number of sets of clothing worth	8,000
Total:	<hr/> 305,500

What is more, my pregnant wife is being held in the jail or prison of Bafoussam, where she is being savagely tortured at the risk of causing a miscarriage if God does not come to her aid.

All these crimes are taking place in the presence of the United Nations Mission. I wonder whether the French glance even once a year at the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

I have the honour to be, sir

(signed)

Copies to:

Chairman of the Mission (1)

Political Office of the UPC (1)

Files (1)

14. Petition from Mr. Abel Tchendjé

Tchendjé Abel,

Former Secretary of the Registry Office of Bandenkop, now resigned,
Bafoussam Subdivision, Bamileké Region

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

Sir,

Our guardians, the French colonialists, have so treated me that I have become a bird without wings, without a nest, without a crust of bread. Yet they were among the signatories of the Declaration of Human Rights and recently celebrated its anniversary; they were also among the signatories of the Trusteeship Agreements and they are also familiar with Article 76 of the Charter. Such is the state of civilization to which our French guardians brought us in May 1955 through the Government of Roland Pré and his lackeys.

This is what they stole from me on 28 May 1955:

	<u>Francs</u>
3 large pigs	15,000
5 sheep	11,750
7 goats	12,145
13 chickens	3,575
cash amounting to	<u>38,500</u>
Total:	80,970

signature illegible

15. Petition from Mr. Basile Choupo, Mr. F. Foto, Mr. Michel Fotso and
Mr. Jean Sop

Petition from: Choupo Basile, trader, Badjoun
Foto Gody lif
Fotso, Michel, no occupation
Sop Jean, trader

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

Sirs,

We respectfully bid you welcome. We also wish, by this petition, to support the proclamation of 22 April 1955 calling for the unification and independence of the Cameroons. Our father was the innocent victim of the May incidents. All his belongings were stolen by Chief Kanga Joseph, and his hut was destroyed. We are sending you our petition through Douala because in our region, the persecution is such that we could not get it to you.

We have the honour to be, etc.

Long live the Visiting Mission to the Cameroons!
Long live world peace!
Long live a unified and independent Cameroons!

(Signed)

16. Petition from Mr. Dzuta Tchomdjo

Douala, 11 November 1955

Dzuta Tchomdjo, Chef de quartier and carrier
to the United Nations Mission.

Long live the United Nations.

Long live the Independence of the Cameroons.

Long live the senior maquisard (I am 72 years old).

I wish to inform you that my village was destroyed on 24 April 1955 by the Chief of Bandjoun (Bafoussam). My nine wives and twenty-three young children have disappeared. Kamga, the Chief, took 942,000 francs from my house and all my property, and I was obliged to resume the hard life of the maquis, despite my age. All that happened because I supported the Joint Proclamation of 22 April requesting the independence of the Cameroons.

In spite of the hard life of the maquis and various privations, I support that proclamation and wish to die in the independent Cameroons.

(Signed)

17. Petition from Mr. Richard Kapi

Kapi Richard, head of a family of thirty-two persons,
Chairman of the Local Committee at Njebentim Njague,
Bandjoun Bafoussam.

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

On behalf of my ten wives and my twenty-two children, whom the colonialists
have prevented me from bringing up, I welcome the Visiting Mission, and especially
Mr. Dorsinville, Chairman of that Mission, to the territory. We request the
immediate Unification and Independence of the Cameroons. Since the months of
April and May 1955 I have never known the whereabouts of my ten wives or my
twenty-two children, some of whom are very young. While in the maquis I was
informed of the death of two of my children.

We support the Joint Proclamation of 22 April 1955. We request that
the trusteeship system be terminated in our country at the end of 1955 and
replaced by a United Nations Committee of Experts to help us to form our government.

Done in the maquis, 25 October 1955.

Long live the United Nations for the reign of peace.

Long live the unified and independent Cameroons.

(Signed) Kapi Richard

Statement of Mr. Kapi Richard, planter, Notable, father of twenty-two
children at Bandjoun

Francs

1 solidly built house	
7 African huts	
3 tables and 21 chairs	27,000
100 pieces of sheet-iron of 12 kg., 100 planks and 33 rafters	158,000
8 beds complete with bedding	45,000
3 <u>machetes</u> , 6 shovels, 3 sporting rifles and 2 pickaxes	5,500
1 large mirror, 3 crowbars, 1 hammer, 1 axe and 3 bowls	6,400
3 soup-tureens, 3 twenty-litre demijohns, 1 bucket with cover	2,450
4 saucepans, 1 hatchet, 20 baskets of cola and 4 empty sacks	85,700
600 eggs, 24 hens, 3 pairs of shoes and 1 cupboard	29,400
24 drinking glasses, 28 spoons, 33,000 francs in cash	71,640
6 dresses, 6 jackets, 5 khaki shirts and ox tails	13,000
1 portfolio, wooden door, 1 piece of material in square yards	2,750
12 women's dresses, 1 tarboosh and Bamiké costume	13,000
12 head scarves, 1 bead necklace and 2 children's berets	24,750
3 knives for pruning vines, 2 empty barrels and 17 plates	2,480
50 bamboo faggots, 400 wood faggots, 2 pigs and 6 goats	44,400
5 drums of palm oil, 2 Aida lamps and 3 pairs of drill trousers	30,000
1 pair of shorts, 1 black jersey and 1 flat-iron	2,700

For my wives:

3 saucepans, 2 gourds, 2 blankets	6,300
1 mattress, 1 chest, 6 dresses and 6 head scarves	28,350
1 beret, 2 pairs of shoes and 6 plates	3,850
1 drum of palm oil, 3 bowls and 1 loin-cloth	2,950
1 hurricane lamp, medium-sized saucepan and 1 purse	1,750

Total:

594,140

18. Petition from Mr. Richard Kapun

Statement of Mr. Kapun Richard, planter, Notable, father of twenty-two children, of Bandjoun Village

To the Chairman of the Visiting Mission to the Cameroons

Sir,

I am a victim of the incidents of May 1955 which were instigated by the French Authorities of the Cameroons under United Nations trusteeship, and have been living in the maquis since that time, without news of my family. Moreover, the losses and damages caused by the armed troops under the command of Governor Roland Pré were innumerable in the Territory. I give below a list of my own.

	<u>Francs</u>
1 large house built of sheet-iron, looted	
10 huts built of earth, looted	
2 tables (2 metres by 90 cm.)	14,000
1 round table	9,500
20 chairs and folding chairs	10,000
100 twelve-kg. pieces of sheet-iron	75,000
100 planks	70,000
33 rafters	13,200
2 beds	14,000
1 bed	3,000
1 large mirror	2,500
3 indigenous rifles	21,000
5 wooden and bamboo beds	8,400
5 mattresses of African cotton and straw	9,600
5 woollen blankets	10,000
20 baskets of cola	80,000
600 eggs	6,000
3 pairs of shoes	7,500
17 hens	8,400
1 cupboard filled with clothing	15,000
2 black ox tails	4,000
1 traditional tarboosh	7,000

	<u>Francs</u>
1 necklace of indigenous beads	22,000
50 bamboo faggots	2,000
400 firewood faggots	1,400
2 pigs	20,000
6 goats	12,600
5 drums of palm oil	6,000
2 Aida lamps	3,000
44 articles of miscellaneous clothing	21,750
119 miscellaneous household articles	16,770
21 miscellaneous tools	8,100
	<hr/>
Total:	493,670

Statement of Mmes Kapun Richard - Makoupae and Madzâk at Bandjoun

	<u>Francs</u>
3 four-gallon saucepans	3,900
1 one-gallon saucepan	400
2 casseroles	1,400
2 blankets	1,000
1 door broken	1,000
1 mattress	600
1 filled chest	22,000
6 dresses	4,400
6 head scarves	1,350
1 beret	100
2 pairs of shoes	2,350
1 hurricane lamp	350
3 bowls	1,050
10 plates	1,400
1 loin-cloth	700
1 drum of palm oil	1,200
	<hr/>
Total:	43,200

I request the immediate Unification and Independence of the Cameroons
and a United Nations High Commissioner to form our Government.

(Signed)

19. Petition from Mr. Komguem

Comrade Komguem Bandjoun

Njeleng Yom Quarter

Statement of what the mercenaries took from my home

	<u>Francs</u>
	80,000
20 sheep	14,000
8 plates	14,000
4 blankets	4,000
4 saucepans	14,800
32 hens	8,400
1 <u>poubou</u> with head-dress	6,000
my wallet containing	8,000
	<hr/>
Total:	168,800

My family

/A list of forty names follows./

etc...

There are more than 5,000 of us.

(Signed)

20. Petition from Mr. Thomas Mopo

Thomas Mopo of Bandjoun Village,
living in the Muelé Quarter,
Bandjoun Group,
Bafoussam Subdivision.

Bandjoun, 28 April 1955

I, Mopo Thomas, married, with a wife and six children, living in the Muelé Quarter - Bandjoun Group - Bafoussam Subdivision, make this declaration.

I declare that my three huts were destroyed - I was pummelled and beaten until the blood ran. I therefore had to go to the Bayagam Hospital.

Organized by the Chief of the Banjoun Group and by the following persons:

1. Fotso François
2. Thoma Pierre
3. Fotso Tadjouchié
4. Youmto André
5. Simo Chiekama
6. Fotso Tafoyoné

As well as many others whose names are unknown.

My property taken by those people is as follows:

- 4 wooden or plank doors
- 4 wooden window-frames
- 1 table measuring 1 metre, 35
- 12 chairs with backs
- 1 wooden packing case (1 m. by 4 cm.)
- 30,000 francs (thirty thousand francs)
- 1 long piece of plain material
- 2 wooden beds
- 2 mattresses of cotton and cloth
- 3 woollen blankets
- 1 barrel of honey
- 5 kg, of rice
- 2 bars of soap

The hut of my wife Tchuendèm Elène was destroyed when she had just given birth to a baby. These groups of people ate my wife's cooked food.

2 three- and five-gallon cast-iron saucepans

1 basin for washing the baby

1 barrel full of palm oil

2 wooden doors for the hut of the wife who had the baby

1 paraffin oil lamp

10 large sacks of unshelled ground-nuts

1 barn for food crops - macabos - maize - yams

21. Petition from Mr. Ngene Jean, gardener

Ngueno Jean, gardener, Njeleng Quarter,
Now living at Bandjoun, Bafoussam Subdivision, Bamilike Region.

My huts at Bandjoun were destroyed and all my property was looted or
confiscated on 24 April 1955

	<u>Francs</u>
1 house comprising four rooms 8 metres square	250,000
1 two-room hut	70,000
2 suitcases containing a total cash sum of	800,000
6 doors and locks	18,000
4 windows	4,000
20 chairs	10,000
4 tables	12,000
6 pieces of material	7,020
3 towels	2,100
1 dozen cakes of toilet soap	750
10,000 young coffee bushes	50,000
2 Haoussa towels	4,000
2 horse's tails	5,000
3 mahogany beds	7,500
3 mattresses	4,500
6 blankets	6,000
10 boxes of leek seeds	5,000
10 boxes of carrot seeds	5,000
2 pigs	30,000
5 bundles of sheet-iron	29,000
1 Rhuger bicycle	14,000
1 panther skin	5,000
5 one-kg. packages of sugar	400
3 fountain pens	1,500
97 articles of miscellaneous clothing	58,970
8 pairs of shoes	10,000

	<u>Francs</u>
110 miscellaneous household articles	20,200
27 miscellaneous tools	10,255
Total:	<u>1,440,195</u>

Nguèno Jean, gardener at Bandjoun, Njeleng, Yem Quarter,
Bafoussam Subdivision, Bamiliké Region.

22. Petition from Mr. Jean Nguen

Nguen Jean, living at Banadjoun, Djelang Yom Quarter

Statement

The mercenaries removed the door of my hut and took my things from me;
the names of the articles are

	<u>Francs</u>
My hut with four rooms 8 metres square	200,000
Another hut (7 by 5 metres)	70,000
2 suitcases containing	800,000
6 doors and 6 locks	18,000
1 window	4,000
20 chairs	10,000
4 tables	12,000
6 pieces of material	7,000
3 large towels	2,100
12 cakes of toilet soap	2,800
10,000 young coffee bushes	50,000
1 leopard skin	13,000
24 drinking glasses	1,200
2 Haoussa towels	4,000
2 horse's tails	5,000
3 wooden beds	7,500
3 mattresses	4,500
6 blankets	6,000
4 kg. of sugar	400
4 belts	600
10 boxes of carrots	5,000
10 boxes of leeks	5,000
2 pigs	35,000
5 bundles of sheet-iron	29,000
1 Ruger bicycle	14,000
92 articles of miscellaneous clothing	63,700

	<u>Francs</u>
8 pairs of shoes	10,000
110 miscellaneous household articles	20,200
94 miscellaneous tools	<u>24,950</u>
Total:	2,259,300

My family	name and given name	Signed
Nguéno	Jean Bandjoun	
Married	one wife and four children	Njeleng Youm Quarter

[A list of forty-one names follows.]
etc. There are more than two thousand of us.

(Signed) Nguen

23. Petition from Mr. Maurice Nguotué

Comrade Nguotué
Maurice Bandjoun
of the Batze Quarter
Farmer.

	<u>Francs</u>
My 2 huts destroyed	
the first one with 4 rooms 8 by 7 metres	
containing an amount of	200,500
3 doors	500,000
16 chairs	8,400
3 suitcases containing my clothing and that of my wife	300,000
my shoes and those of my wife	75,000
2 tables	6,500
a sum of	25,000
7,000 coffee bushes	150,000
Kitchen utensils, saucepans, etc.	250,000
Total:	<u>1,798,900</u>

(Signed)

24. Petition from Mr. Gabriel Nocke

Statement of everything pillages from my house or removed from my pouch
by Chief Kamga Joseph

	<u>Francs</u>
1 cupboard with 30 plates and 34 spoons	9,640
2 beds and 4 mattresses, 7 chairs, 3 rakes	19,300
32 baskets of cola, 1 Aida lamp	132,000
1 table, 100 sacks of maize, 6 sacks of white haricot beans	540,000
I paid the carpenters for 150 planks	90,000
10,000 coffee bushes removed, 1 case	62,000
From my case they took 350,000 francs, 16 pairs of trousers	17,000
7 pairs of shoes, 13 goats, 5 jackets	51,000
13 pairs of shorts, 1 manioc patch at 25,000 francs	39,650
I built my house for 168,000 francs, 7 sacks of pepper	193,000
7 hats, 35 hens, 1 sugar-cane patch	34,450
4 saucepans, 5 pairs of sandals, blankets	11,250
1 loin-cloth, 2,375 faggots of wood taken by Chief Kamga Joseph	142,500
Samuel Kuate took 57,000 francs and 14 baskets of tobacco from me	85,000
10 bars of soap, 1 grinding machine	26,500
1 bottle of <u>Dengnam</u> taken from my house, 7 pull-overs	9,450
2 pairs of boots, 7 pigs, 1 tiger trap	42,600
5 red calico sacks, 1 gramophone and 35 records	25,000
13 bags of ground-nuts, 11 sacks of potatoes	96,000
25 boxes of <u>Dengnam</u> taken from the Banassam market by 3 policemen on 11 September 1955; I paid them 5,000 francs before they gave me the <u>Dengnam</u>	255,000
10 sacks of <u>macoloque</u> in the ground at my home in my village	12,000
30 plant stems and 25 stems of bananas	12,500
my two kinds of <u>Mléés</u> , indigenous medicine	55,000
My witnesses: Anthanas Choupo, Etienne Wafo Noché, Noché Gabriel	
100 <u>toches</u> tablets	200,000
2 for my parents' savings, from which 2,000,000 in money was taken	200,000
Total:	7,970,680

Noché Gabriel, Bandjoun Village, Djeben Gagué Quarter

(Signed)

25. Petition from Mr. Joseph Noléfo

Comrade Noléfo Joseph
Bandjoun Quarter
Njeleng Yom

Statement:

Francs

My house at Foaleng was destroyed	
My house was 8 metres square - it cost me	500,000
There were chairs inside worth	80,000
Decoration of the house cost	40,000
With the photographs there were two all-purpose chests	
Their contents was worth	100,000
1 crushing machine	30,000
2 sows	25,000
my 370 coffee bushes	2,000

The person who was inside to destroy and throw things out was Djenô Menôham.

The person who took away the coffee bushes was Frahé, son of Nafo; he took the village from me to give to his child Wafo Youguela. They drove me out with all my children because he is the younger brother of Kamga Joseph, Chief of Bandjoun.

(Signed)

I have a family of 500.

To the Chairman of the United Nations Mission.

We request the immediate Unification and Independence of the Cameroons. We support the people's delegates, the UPC, JDC and UDFC. Please accept, Mr. Chairman, the assurance of our respect. Long live the United Nations, long live the three democratic movements of the Cameroons.

26. Petition from Mr. Maurice Notchué

Notchué Maurice, farmer, married, 3 wives, one child, residing at Bandjoun, Tsen-Njeteham Quarter, Bafoussam Subdivision, Bamiliké Region, in the maquis

To the Chairman of the Committee of Justice of the tenth session of the General Assembly of the United Nations, New York (U.S.A.)

Sir,

I hereby have the honour to complain against Mr. Roland Pré, the French Governor of the Cameroons, Mr. Borne, Chief of the Bamileké Region, Dschang, and Bacon Fierre, Chief of the Bafoussam Subdivision.

The reason is the destruction and pillage of my home.

On 24 April 1955, I was surprised when armed troops of the Administration, led by the men whose names are given below, came and destroyed my huts and looted my property.

1. Kanga Joseph, Chief of the Bandjoun Group, Bafoussam Subdivision
2. Wafo-Madefo, blood brother of Kanga Joseph "
3. Ndedou Njuindja, " " " " "

As the judicial and administrative authorities are the perpetrators of this crime, I see no point in lodging my complaint to them; that is why I wish my case to be heard by the United Nations International Court of Justice. I reserve the right to call witnesses during the hearing or before the Visiting Mission, in the hope that the Mission's presence will cause the reign of terror to give way before international equality. I can give my full address because warrants are issued for the arrest of those who ask that the law should be enforced.

I hereby institute a civil action and shall send you the deposit required by law through my lawyer, Mr. Cevaër or Mrs. Cevaër, practising at the Court of Appeals in Paris, as I cannot send a local postal order or come in person to make my deposit, because the post office has apparently become part of the gendarmerie.

I have the honour to be etc..

(Signed)

A list of my losses is attached.

Notchué Maurice, farmer, married, 3 wives, 1 child, residing at Bandjoun,
Tsue Njeteghem Quarter, Bafoussam Subdivision, Bamiléké Region.

Statement of property damaged and looted on 24 April 1955 by the
mercenaries of Roland Pré, Borne, Bacon, Kamga Joseph, Wafo-Madefo and Dedou

	<u>Francs</u>
2 mud-brick huts destroyed	125,000
2 large tables	6,500
16 dining-chairs	8,000
1 cupboard	4,500
4 wooden beds	8,000
60 bundles of firewood	3,000
7,000 young coffee plant bushes	70,000
1 Singer sewing machine	18,000
10 baskets of groundnuts	10,000
6 goats	6,000
4 large pigs, fattened for 4 years	48,000
700 UPC membership cards	70,000
Cash	450,000
20 articles of bedding	18,850
84 miscellaneous articles of clothing	53,800
50 miscellaneous household articles	11,240

Also the concession and real property confiscated and given to Foamno
Marcelin, blood brother of Kamga Joseph, Chief of the Bandjoun Group.

(Signed)

27. Petition from Mr. Jean Marie Sob

Sob Jean Marie, labourer in the Transport Service, son of the late Tomayoun and Sino of Bandjoun, Nguinké Njeleng Quarter, Bafoussam Subdivision, Bamileké Region. Living in hut No. F. 364, New-Bell, Douala.

To the Chairman of the Committee of the International Court of Justice, tenth session of the General Assembly, United Nations, New York (U.S.A.)

Sir,

I have the honour hereby to lodge a complaint against Mr. Roland Pré, French Governor in the Cameroons, and Mr. Bannot, Chief of the Douala Subdivision.

On 26 May 1955, the above gentlemen ordered their soldiers to fire at me and the bullets broke the bone of my right leg. I spent 116 days in the Laquintinie Hospital at Douala, from which I was discharged on 19 September 1955. Although I am still young, I can no longer work because of this injury.

I beg you, Sir, to have my case brought before the great International Court of Justice, as French justice, which is responsible for the whole matter, will not provide a satisfactory settlement. As an example, Sir, take the case of the incident of 25 March 1955 at Foumban.

I reserve the right to call witnesses during the hearing or before the Visiting Mission; I hereby institute a civil action and I shall send you the deposit required by law through my lawyer, Maître Cevaër or Mrs. Cevaër, practising at the Court of Cassation in Paris, as I can neither send a local postal order or come in person to bring the matter before the courts, as the post office has apparently become an annex of the police.

In the hope of obtaining a satisfactory settlement through your exalted justice, I have the honour to be etc.

(Signed)

A statement of my losses is attached

Sob Jean Marie

Statement of property damaged and looted on 25 May 1955 by the mercenaries sent by Mr. Roland Pré, Governor of the Cameroons under French Administration, and Mr. Bonnot, Chief of the Douala Subdivision.

Francs

Bone of my right leg broken by bullets, for reasons
unknown to me

2 nylon shirts

5,000

	<u>Francs</u>
8 pairs gabardine trousers	7,600
2 nylon hats	3,000
6 soup-tureens	2,150
12 plates	900
4 woollen blankets	10,000
2 sheets	1,000
6 long-sleeved shirts	3,600
6 pairs khaki drill shorts	1,150
1 wrist watch	2,500
1 dozen socks	2,100
2 dozen drinking glasses	735
1 dozen spoons	1,020
Cash	<u>35,000</u>

(Signed)

28. Petition from Mr. Simo Fidèle

Simo Fidèle, Commercial traveller, residing at Bandjoun, Yom quarter, Bafoussam Subdivision, Bamiliké Region, married, three wives, four children.

To the Chairman of the Committee of International Justice of the United Nations, New York (USA)

Sir,

I have the honour hereby to lodge a complaint against Mr. Roland Pré, French High Commissioner in the Cameroons, Mr. Borne, Chief of the Bamiliké Region, Dschang, and Mr. Bacon Pierre, Chief of the Bafoussam Subdivision.

The reason: destruction and looting of my home.

On 26 May 1955 I was surprised when a group of men armed by the Administration and sent by the above-named gentlemen came to my concession; these troops were led by the following people:

1. Kamga Joseph, Chief of Bandjoun, Bafoussam Subdivision
2. Tochen Foman of Bandjoun, Pete quarter, Bafoussam Subdivision
3. Wafo Modefo, blood brother of Kamga Joseph, Chief of Bandjoun, Bafoussam
4. Nguessom Ponoue of Bandjoun, Njeleng quarter, Bafoussam Subdivision.

There were also others whose names I do not know.

Owing to the atmosphere of terror which now reigns in the Territory, where criminals enjoy judicial and administrative immunity and their victims are prosecuted for the offence of lèse Majesté because of their opinions, I think it would be useless for me to lodge my complaint with the Authority. I want my case to be judged by the International Court of Justice of the United Nations; I reserve the right to call witnesses at the hearing or before the Visiting Mission

I hope that the Mission's presence will cause the reign of terror to give way before international equality. I can [not?] give my full address because warrants are issued for the arrest of those who ask that the law should be applied.

I hereby institute a civil action and I shall send you the deposit required by law through my lawyer, Mr. Cevaër or Mrs. Cevaër, practising at the Paris Court

of Cassation, since I cannot send a local postal order or come in person to make the deposit because the post office is apparently becoming a police annex.

I have the honour to be etc.,

(Signed)

Statement attached.

Simo Fidèle, Commercial Traveller

<u>Losses and damage</u>	<u>Francs</u>
2 four room mud-brick huts	250,000
2 pigs fattened for four years	24,000
1 maize-grinding mill	30,000
Cash	92,000
8 pairs of tennis shoes	2,000
8 chickens and 1 cock	1,900
1 large field with various crops	200,000
2 large tables	3,000
16 dining chairs	24,000
1 case of miscellaneous foodstuffs	110,000
1 Singer sewing machine	15,000
166 miscellaneous articles of clothing	68,900
107 miscellaneous household articles	13,406
10 articles of bedding	19,800
13 miscellaneous tools	6,310
various food products	<u>24,950</u>
Total:	884,466

29. Petition of Mr. Kuissu Noah

Baham, 20 August 1955

Kuissu Noah
Baham, Bafoussam Subdivision
Bamiliké Region
Trader, residing at Garoua, Beunoué Region

I Kuissu Noah, father of a family of thirty, residing in Baham (in the maquis), married, three wives, residing at Garoua, hereby make the following statement:

In July 1955, the following people came into my hut:

Mr. J. Roy, deputy administrator - mayor of Garoua.

1 white man from the Sûreté

2 European superintendents

and some Cameroonian guards.

They all came into my hut at Garoua and took five chests, broke them open, searched them and took all my documents, two U.P.C. cards belonging to my children, my wife's identity card and nine hundred and fifty thousand (950,000) francs. My wife was arrested and detained for three days, with my baby.

My witnesses are:

Jean Wankam, chauffeur

Fotso Janvier

Sarakion Daoudoula

(Signed)

30. Petition from Mr. Sylvestre Fouassono

Fouassono Sylvestre of the village of Bahouang,
Residing at Bahouang
Bafoussam Subdivision,
Bamiléké Region.

Bahouang, 28 April 1955

I hereby declare that I am Fouassono Silvestre, father of a family of eight, residing in the Bahouang Group, Bafoussam Subdivision, Bamiléké Region.

I hereby declare that the following persons came into my house on 24 May 1955:
The Chief of Bahouang, named Fugué, with a group of people, some of whom
are:

Wambo - Singdjoum

Tamwo, of the Tchaghen quarter

They came into my hut and took four chests containing:

37 dresses belonging to my wife and daughters,

18 men's suits, all my administrative documents and

ninety thousand (90,000) francs in cash.

Then they arrested me and Guenhou and shut us up in a criminal's cell.

Not content with this, they tied our feet and threw us into the water,
saying: "You have no hope of living".

My witness to all this is Guenhou.

Signature of victim

(Signed) signature illegible

31. Petition from Mr. Kué Josué

Sir,

April and May were the months when the blood of the Cameroonians flowed in torrents.

[The petitioner goes on to protest against the "policy of repression" of the French Administration. He calls for the immediate unification and independence of the Cameroons, the termination of the Trusteeship System and the "establishment of a United Nations High Commissioner". He declares his adherence to the Joint Proclamation and claims damages for losses suffered in April, May and June 1955 by the partisans of liberation.]

Done in the maquis, 30 October 1955

Kué Josué, mechanic, secretary of the
Baleng Local Committee of the UPC

Copies to:

1. The Chairman of the Visiting Mission to the Cameroons
2. The President of the tenth session, United Nations, New York
3. File

Kué Josué, mechanic, secretary of the Baleng Local Committee of the UPC

Loss of property due to the war launched by Roland Pré in April and May 1955

	<u>Francs</u>
Cash I kept in my hut	18,000
1 ton of tobacco	100,000
9 wristwatches	13,000
4 clocks	1,500
1 "Aida" lamp	3,500
1 chest of mechanical tools	100,000
1 drum containing mechanical spare parts of vehicles	100,000
1 wooden bed and mattress made of sacking	1,300
2 pigs	9,000
1 round table	600
2 machetes	150
2 mirrors, 1 large and 1 small	700

	<u>Francs</u>
2 cans of palm oil	2,200
1 Singer sewing machine	15,000
7 drinking glasses	280
3 pairs of shoes, size 10, and 1 pair ladies' shoes	6,500
3 sacks of groundnuts	3,900
29 fowls	4,000
3 pairs of tennis shoes, size 10	900
various articles of clothing	11,400
miscellaneous tools	300
55 miscellaneous household articles	8,020
books, papers etc	1,520

32. Petition from Mr. François Mbepac

Mbepac François,
Tobacco planter, Baleng,
Bafoussam Subdivision

Report of damage done by the Chief of Baleng and the following villagers:

I Nkamdoun Tatye, Fegang, Metse, Wafe-Nkamte and Kussigne. The Chief of Baleng, accompanied by these men, deliberately set fire to my hut and made me leave the district.

My hut contained four rooms and measured eight square metres all told.

	<u>Francs</u>
Building costs	100,000
The hut contained my property, as follows:	
24 packets of tobacco,	1,000 per packet
2 wooden beds	2,500 each
2 mattresses	1,500 each
8 easy chairs	3,000 each
8 cushions for above	500 each
1 cupboard	14,000
4 doors	2,000 each
6 windows	1,000 each
1 table	3,000
2 sheets	300 each
12 plates	150 each
8 dresses	700 each
1 wooden bed	700
8 pairs of gabardine trousers	1,500 each
8 singlets	250 each
8 shirts	1,500 each
2 pairs of shoes	3,000 per pair
8 drinking glasses	150 each
12 spoons	5 each
8 sheep	2,000 each
1 plot of potatoes	50,000

	<u>Francs</u>
1 plot of manioc	100,000
1 plot of sugar cane	50,000
15 five-metre planks	500 each
2 pillows	150

Also my wife's field, with various crops, 50,000 francs including labour, and a plantation with 700,000 stems of bamboo, 900,000 francs. Since the day of the riot, I have been unable to find out where my wife and my six little brothers are.

I have the honour to be, etc.,

(Signed)

Baleng, 6 April 1955

33. Petition from Mr. Jean Nengou

Mengou Jean, trader and planter, member of the Balengsap Local Committee of the UFC.

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

I welcome you to the Cameroons on behalf of my family, which has been scattered by the war that took place in Bafoussam in April. We ask for the Unification and the immediate Independence of the Cameroons. We support the Joint Proclamation of 22 April 1955. The Visiting Mission and the tenth session of the General Assembly of the United Nations will pay serious attention to the Memorandum drafted by the Committee set up on 24 August 1955 for the Reunification of the Cameroons by the most representative organizations of the two parties in our country. The following list shows what the French colonialists have done to a poor family like mine:

	<u>Francs</u>
6 mud-brick houses	264,000
Cash amounting to	25,015
1 cash register containing	115,020
1 cupboard	3,000
1 Raleigh bicycle	15,500
1 gramophone	10,000
2 wooden suitcases	975
bundles of tobacco	30,000
four Morris armchairs	6,000
6 dining chairs	3,000
3 wooden tables	3,100
3 horse-tails	3,000
2 large traditional loincloths	10,000
8 beds, 3 large and 5 small	12,000
8 mattresses, one of cotton	8,500
9 pillows	3,500
1 plantation with food crops	
8 pigs	56,000

	<u>Francs</u>
10 chickens	2,500
5 goats	7,500
123 miscellaneous articles of clothing	62,350
21 pairs of shoes	15,450
21 miscellaneous tools	13,275
148 household articles	<u>15,020</u>

Sir, the Cameroonian people draw your attention to these damages, so that you can see what Roland Pré's war has really done to us. We ask for damages for the losses suffered by the partisans of Cameroonian liberation.

Long live the immediate Unification and Independence of the Cameroons.

(Signed) Nengou Jean

34. Petition from Mr. Lanjo

Bager, 6 September 1955

Lanjo, Chief of Bager, Baleng, married, thirteen wives, thirteen children

The ringleaders of the destruction of my village are:

Mr. Roland Pré, the Chief Regional Officer of Dschang, Bacon, who is the Chief of the Bafoussam Subdivision, Nebot Thomas, Chief of Baleng, and his followers, two of whom I know; they are called Ndé Tamaka of Lago Baleng and Soh Gnowa of Lago Baleng. They destroyed the communal hut on my land and took away my property, as follows:

	<u>Francs</u>	<u>Francs</u>
3 rifles	4,000	12,000
7 sacks of groundnuts	1,000	7,000
200 sticks of sugar cane cut down on my land	15	3,000
13 goats, fattened for 3 years	1,300	16,000
6 three-year old pigs	500	30,000
2 drums of palm oil	1,500	3,000
2 sacks of salt, 30 Kg each	500	1,000
The four doors of my hut	1,500	6,000
5 windows	700	3,500
3 drums of honey, 60 litres	150	9,000
5 dishes with covers	400	2,000
30 plates	50	1,500
1 basin	800	800
10 beads for native necklaces known as <u>totchés</u>	1,000	10,000
Taken from my hut	500	<u>5,000</u>
		109,800

I have been in hiding ever since that day.

Please give a favourable hearing to my complaint

35. Petition from Mr. Mba Mathias

Mba Mathias,
Residing at Bamougoum,
Balassi quarter

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

Sir,

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

On 20 April 1955, Mouafo Kougne and Oumbé Sob, accompanied by some others, came and searched my hut on the pretext that I belong to the UPC.

They took 12,000 francs, 60 plates, 12 planks and one pig. The witness who was present is called Sob-takouchou Mathias.

Long live the United Nations, long live the Unification and immediate Independence of the Cameroons.

(Signed)

36. Petition from Mr. Oumbé Tanmouché

Oumbé Tanmouché; residing at Bamougoum 2, Left Bank,
Bafoussam Subdivision

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

Sir,

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

On 7 July 1955, the Sub-Chief, accompanied by a regional guard named Keugne Mathieu and some other people whose names I do not know, came and destroyed my village on the pretext that I belong to the UPC. They took away all my property, clothes, cooking utensils, hens, a pig, goats, maize, groundnuts, a leopard skin and three rifles.

What they took away from me is worth 300,000 francs in all.

Thank you, Sir, for the Unification and Independence you are bringing us.

Oumbé Tanmouché, aged approximately 80 years.

(Signed)

37. Petition from Mr. Sb. Takouchoum

Sb. Takouchoum
Residing at Bamougoum
Balassi quarter
Bafoussam Subdivision

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

Sir,

I have the honour to welcome you and to inform you of the following:

On 20 April 1955, Oumbe Sob and Mouafe Kougni came and looted my hut, taking 12,000 francs, one pig, eight hens and my tax money for 1955, on the pretext that I belong to the UPC.

Long live the United Nations,

Long live the Unification and Immediate Independence of the Cameroons.

(Signed)

38. Petition from Mr. Tché Bajaimin

Tché Bajaimin,
Residing at Bamougoum, Left Bank,
Bassé quarter
Bafoussam Subdivision

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

Sir,

I have the honour to appeal to your high authority and to inform you of the following:

On 7 July 1955, Bamougoum Bassé, the Sub-Chief, accompanied by a regional guard called Kougni and some other people, came and destroyed my hut and took away a sewing machine, a pig, a grinder and the sum of 20,000 francs.

Their pretext was that I am Secretary of the U.P.C.

Long live the United Nations.

Long live the unification and immediate independence of the Cameroons.

(Signed)

39. Petition from Mr. Tenekou Datrel

Tenekou Datrel, Coffee planter,
at Bamoungoum
Batchoo quarter,
Bafoussam Subdivision

Account of losses inflicted on 14 May 1955 by the following Chiefs: Conu, Viamga Joseph, Chief of Bandjoun, Achide Joseph, Chief of Banssoua, Nebotz Thomas, Chief of Banleng, Nitcheu Jean, Scribe of Bafoussam, and Mothémie André, Chairman of the R.P.C. at Bafoussam.

They seized me in our meeting hall at Bafoussam.

	<u>Francs</u>
1. My purse, containing	25,000
2. A pair of shoes	2,500
3. A gabardine jacket	1,000
4. A pair of gabardine trousers	1,250
5. A white hat	750
6. A gabardine shirt	650
7. Underclothing	100
<u>Total</u>	<u>31,150</u>

40. Petition from Mr. Sylvestre Fongué

Statement of Damages

Statement by Fongué Sylvestre, Bandjoun Teghem
Tehem Bandjoun Local Committee

	<u>Francs</u>
2 huts	150,000
1 table	1,500
6 chairs	3,000
1 cupboard full of tools	17,295
3 saucepans	3,000
1 basin	700
1 hatchet	500
2 wooden beds	7,000
700 mats	1,800
3 pairs of shoes	3,250
1 pair of boots	800
1 trunk full of clothes	14,125
1 cash box containing UPC funds	70,000
1 suitcase, full	25,445
1 pig	7,000
25 bundles of wood	1,875
700 mats for roofing	3,700
1 pair of balaphones	1,000
Total	<u>311,990</u>

I request the rebuilding of my huts.

II. restoration of my property

III. payment of damages.

Arising from the incidents of 24 April 1955, provoked by Roland Pré, the Governor, at Bafoussam.

41. Petition from Mrs. Youngué

Statement of damages by Comrade Youngué, Bandjoun Teghem

	<u>Francs</u>
1 two-room hut	50,000
3 blankets	2,250
1 bed	4,300
2 pairs of shoes and boots	2,100
1 basin	700
8 dishes with covers	3,900
12 plates and 10 dishes	2,500
3 saucepans	2,750
21 spoons and forks	315
1 casserole	550
1 suitcase	550
12 dresses	6,000
8 scarves	2,000
14 children's garments	2,600
3 children's caps	2,350
6 sets of ladies' underwear	2,000
1 umbrella	800
5 calabashes	500
10 traditional dishes	1,600
	<hr/>
Total:	89,765

I request: I. the rebuilding of my hut
 II. the restoration of my property
 III. payment of damages

24 April 1955 by Roland Pré, the Governor, at Bafoussam.

42. Petition from Mr. Jean Téito

Statement by Téito Jean Mangué
Bandjoun, at Bafoussam

Damages resulting from the incidents of April 1955

	<u>Francs</u>
1 four-roomed house	100,000
1 cupboard containing goods	50,000
12 chairs	6,000
2 wooden beds	15,000
4 small beds	1,300
2 pigs	30,000
37 hens	8,000
67 planks	20,100
100 bundles of firewood	10,000
1 bag of indigenous medicine	80,000
2 tables	6,000
2 lanterns and one Aïja lamp	4,800
	<hr/>
Total:	331,200

- I claim: I. The rebuilding of my house
 II. Restoration of my goods
 III. Damages from the French Government.

43. Petition from Mr. Moutchoukoua Lucas

Moutchoukoua Lucas
Coffee planter at Banssoua
in the Bakassa quarter

Report concerning 7 May 1955

I suffered the following losses when Saakgang Tchoumessi with
Saakdeux Pogang and Pokoudoupec arrested me and took from me the following:

	<u>Francs</u>
1 purse	4,240
1 white hat	900
4 cards at 100 francs each	400
1 receipt for national subscription	1,000
1 blue coat	700
1 pair of blue trousers	700
1 pair of shoes	3,000

(Signed)

44. Petition from Mr. Joseph Sango

Sango Joseph, merchant, chairman of the Bangante local committee, Bamiliké Region

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

Sir,

I would respectfully impose on your goodwill to submit the following account:

Last May, by order of Mr. Roland Pre, colonial High Commissioner in the Cameroons, a cold war was unleashed against the people of the Cameroons - a country under the Trusteeship of the United Nations - for one reason alone, that they were claiming their legitimate rights.

I am 45 years old; I have lived with the French for all these years and seen how they exploit our country. I am the father of a family of eighteen but since the outbreak of this war I do not know where my children are.

Consequently, I and my family will continue to ask for the immediate Unification and Independence of our country, the Cameroons;

the setting up of a Cameroonian Government;

the appointment of a United Nations High Commissioner to the Cameroons;

the adoption of a Cameroonian flag;

the cancellation of the warrants issued for the arrest of the leaders and active members of progressive movements;

the cancellation of the trusteeship agreement in our country.

You will find attached a list of my property taken by the French colonialists.

I have the honour to be, etc.

(Signed) Sango Joseph

Done in the maquis, 30 September 1955.

Sango Joseph, aged 45, merchant, Chairman of the Bangatnte local Committee of the UPC (Bamileke Subdivision)

List of goods damaged by the colonialists and their lackeys with the help of Chad troops on 28 May 1955

	<u>Francs</u>
1 seven-roomed cabin of mud brick	
1 large table	3,000
4 round tables	8,000
Personal capital	60,000
6 Maurice armchairs	15,000
12 dining chairs	6,000
2 large cupboards	10,000
2 small cupboards	6,000
2 cupboards	8,000
6 wooden beds	7,200
1 wooden bed	1,100
2 Singer sewing machines	30,000
2 large mirrors	3,000
31 miscellaneous articles of bedding	47,400
102 miscellaneous articles of clothing	168,850
8 pairs of shoes	18,000
154 miscellaneous household articles	49,030
Total:	<hr/> 1,047,080

45. Petition from Mr. Paul Ketat

Ketat Paul, watchmaker, Treasurer of the Bangante committee of the U.P.C.,
Bangangte Subdivision, Bamileke Region

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

Sir,

On 25 May 1955 Mr. Roland Pré, of the French Government in the Cameroons, launched an undeclared war against a people asking for the immediate Unification and Independence of their country.

At Bangangte on 25 May a detachment of Chad troops, accompanied by the Chief of the Bangangte Subdivision, came into our district.

A number of my fellow-countrymen were arrested, carried off, killed, wounded or imprisoned.

On my own behalf and on behalf of my family, I call for the immediate Unification and Independence of the Cameroons.

I am the father of a family of twenty-five and since the May incidents in the Cameroons I do not know what has become of them.

We call for the appointment of a United Nations High Commissioner to the Cameroons; the cancellation of warrants issued for the arrest of the leaders and active members of the Kameroonian progressive movements; the end of the trusteeship system in our country;

The adoption of a flag, red background with a crab in the centre.

List of property

	<u>Francs</u>
32 chairs	18,000
3 tables	6,000
2 dozen plates	1,200
3 dozen tumblers	1,260
4 dozen spoons and forks	2,400
2 cupboards	10,000
2 dishes, 2 buckets, 2 saucepans and 2 bowls	6,200
16 beds, bedding, 16 blankets and 24 pillows	39,000

Francs

5 trunks containing dresses and various women's and children's garments	50,325
10 saucepans, 5 bowls, 15 dishes, 15 plates	30,835
cash savings and one wrist-watch	12,500
Total:	<u>178,020</u>

(Signed) Ketat Paul

done in the maquis,
12 March 1956

46. Petition from Mr. Paul Leubatchou

Leubatchou Paul, Catechist of the Kameronian Protestant Mission, married, with one wife and six children, native of Bangoulap, Bangangté Subdivision, Baméliké Region. Catechist at Mombo Gare, Mbanga Subdivision, Mungo Region.

To the President of the Trusteeship Council of the United Nations, through the Secretary-General of the United Nations, New York.

Sir,

I have the honour to present to the Council a statement of my property damaged or looted by the administration of Mr. Roland Pré, High Commissioner of the French Government in the Kameroons, during the incidents of May 1955.

Hoping to obtain justice at the hands of the Council, I have the honour to be, etc.,

(Signed)

Leubstchou Paul, Catechist, married, with one wife and six children, native of Bagoulap, Bangangté Subdivision, Baméliké Region, living at Mombo Gare, Mbanga Subdivision, Mungo Region

Statement: of property looted or confiscated on 5 June 1955, during the 1955 incidents, by the French Government in the territory of the Kamerouns with the help of Mr. Roland Pré, High Commissioner, the Chief of the Mbanga Subdivision, the priest from the Njombé Catholic Mission and a detachment of soldiers.

	<u>Francs</u>
1 Singer sewing machine	15,500
28 miscellaneous pieces of furniture	16,850
45 miscellaneous articles of bedding	22,950
148 miscellaneous articles of clothing	125,800
31 pairs of shoes	25,750
151 miscellaneous household articles	27,265
6 miscellaneous tools	1,750
miscellaneous foodstuffs	13,000
goods in stock (from the stall in front of the house)	165,385
1 alarm clock	350
1 gramophone (His Master's Voice)	9,000
30 gramophone records	10,000
Society funds in cash	52,850
1 Canticle in the Douala language	100
1 Bible in the Douala language	300
1 Canticle of Isaiah in the Douala language	150
1 catechism	100
1 catechism in the Bali language	100
Other miscellaneous books, of which I do not know the value, belonging to the stall in front of my house	
Cash belonging to the stall	123,000
Total:	<hr/> 610,980