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PETITION FROM MR. LAWRENCE K. B. AMEH

CONCERNING TOGOLAND UNDER BRITISH ADMINISTRATION

Note by the Secretary-General: In accordance with rule 84 of the rules of procedure for the Trusteeship Council, the Secretary-General has the honour to transmit herewith to the members of the Trusteeship Council a communication dated 14 December 1949 from Mr. Lawrence K. B. Ameh concerning the Trust Territory of Togoland under British administration.

This communication was transmitted to the Secretary-General by the United Nations Visiting Mission to Trust Territories in West Africa.

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Lawrence K.B. Ameh,

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14th Dec. '49.

MALADMINISTRATION OF TOGOLAND

Dear Sir,

I am very sorry that we Togo people have not got the following things.

1. Hospitals.
2. No railway
3. No comfort transports
4. No secondarys.

Those things which will improve our knowledge or those which will make us civil are not here. Another thing which makes me very sad is that we are called Togo but there is a boundary between both Togos. Therefore when you are to go to French Togo you are to have a permission. When a person comes from British Togo to French Togo with a car he has no right to spend a single night on either side. But we are being called Togos. Please, is there such a country at England? We are very much annoyed with that for we are all Togos.

I am very sorry that I am no more attending any school owing to my father's poverty. He was once a school lad but there was no work for him to do for we get no. Secondarys and he attended none. Therefore he is now a farmer and as he got no business he could not look over us in schooling. He could not get enough money to send us to Gold Coast for Secondary Schools or Colleges.

There are no working machines to work with on our farms. Therefore our crops are very poor. We are cocoa farmers and coffee farmers, but, the price which the English government will buy it with a very low price about £2 4/9 (two pounds four shilling and nine pence) and the highest price is £3: 4/9. (three pounds four shillings and nine pence).

We are paying treasuries, schoolfees, but when you are sick and go to the hospitals you will be charged at a very high price. Therefore when we are sick we just die for we got not enough money to go to hospitals.

Therefore I beg you most humbly to consider those things for me.

Yours obediently,

(signed) Lawrence K.B. Ameh.

Received at the United Nations Headquarters, 3 January 1950.