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PETITION FROM CHIEF WILLIAM KEMAVO HOUNKPEIOR AND OTHERS CONCERNING
TOGOLAND UNDER FRENCH ADMINISTRATION

Note by the Secretary-General: In accordance with rule 85 and supplementary rule F of the rules of procedure for the Trusteeship Council, the Secretary-General has the honour to transmit to the members of the Trusteeship Council and to the Government of Italy as the Administering Authority of the Trust Territory of Somaliland, a communication dated 19 August 1952 from Chief William Kemavo Hounkpetor and others concerning the Trust Territory of Togoland under French administration.

This communication was transmitted to the Secretary-General by the United Nations Visiting Mission to Trust Territories in West Africa (1952).

Translated from French

Sanguéra, 19 August 1952

WILLIAM KEMAVO HOUNKPETOR

Chief of the Village of Sanguéra

and his notables

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE UNITED NATIONS MISSION
AT LOME (TOGOLAND)

Sirs,

We have the honour first to thank the members of the United Nations Mission and to request them to be kind enough to transmit this petition and consider it justified.

The Chef de Village and the principal notables of Sanguéra thank the French Administration for having carried out certain works in our area of Sanguéra, including:

- (a) the construction of a modern dispensary;
- (b) the construction of a pumping station;
- (c) the construction of a school.

We ask the French Administration to provide also a pumping station at Sagnrako, far from the main centre, and another at Légbassito, where the people suffer greatly from the lack of water.

We ask the members of the Visiting Mission to urge the French Administration to give the question of water supplies priority over all other questions. Furthermore, Sanguéra and the surrounding region were once an independent village and it is only recently that they have been placed under the authority of the Chef de canton at Agouévé.

The present situation is very unsatisfactory and is disadvantageous to the people of Sanguéra, who have to go to Agouévé for every little thing; furthermore, the Administration's greatest efforts are devoted to the chief village in the canton, regardless of the interests of the population. We request that Sanguéra and the surrounding villages should be formed into a separate canton from Agouévé, as they used to be, and that the necessary cantonal institutions should be established at Sanguéra, to wit:

(a) Customary court

(b) Indigenous civil register etc., etc.

In the confidence that you will intervene, we have the honour to be etc.

SIGNATURES:

1. WILLIAM KEMAVO HOUNKPETOR, Chief of the Village (signed) W. Kpétor II
2. ATILA Etant, notable, Chef de quartier at Klémé... fingerprint
3. ATICAN Kodjo, notable, Atigankopé quartier "
4. KONDO Klomegan, notable, Chef de quartier at Amadenta "
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6. VIDZEGLO Kpatima, notable at Sagarako "
7. WONOU Segnon, notable living at Sanguéro "
8. SOWOU Atokou, notable living at Atigankopé "
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10. AMEDAHINVI Apla, notable from the Zomé quartier "
11. KPAMINA Tossou, notable living at Sanguéra "

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