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PETITION FROM MR. YAN KAM WING CONCERNING NEW GUINEA

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TO

The Secretary-General,
United Nations Organization,
NEW YORK, U.S.A.

THE HUMBLE PETITION of YAN KAM WING of Rabaul in the Territory of New Guinea sheweth:

1. Your Petitioner who is of Chinese Nationality, was born at Rabaul in the Territory of New Guinea on the 14th day of July, 1911.
2. In the year 1923 your Petitioner left Rabaul and proceeded to Canton, China, for the purposes of extending his education, and then returning to Rabaul in the year 1931.
3. During the year 1933 your Petitioner returned to China with the view to being selected for the Chinese Air Force was successfully examined and admitted to the Kwangtung Aviation School, where he graduated in 1936, commissioned as a Pilot Officer and was then attached to the Chinese Air Force.
4. Your Petitioner continued to serve with the said Air Force right throughout the Second World War, in the various theatres of operation, and was wounded on four occasions in air combat, was mentioned in despatches, and received six active service decorations.
5. In the year 1944 your Petitioner was selected together with certain other officers of the Chinese Air Force, to proceed to America for advanced training and remained there until the year 1946 when he returned to China and was assigned to the position of Instructor with the said Air Force, where he remained until June 1953, when he was honourably discharged with the rank of Lieut. Colonel, and was granted permission to return to Rabaul.

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6. Whilst serving with the said Chinese Air Force, and, in the month of February, 1941, your Petitioner was married at Chingtu, China, to Miss Gin Tak Fong, and there is now issue of the said marriage five (5) children, namely:

YAN CHUNG LING born at CHENG TU, China, on
22nd February, 1942 - Son.

YAN CHUNG KUN, born at CHENG TU, China, on
30th October, 1943 - Son.

YAN KWAI YING born at CHUNGKING, China, on
30th September, 1947 - Daughter.

YAN SOOK YING born at CHUNGKING, China, on
6th February, 1949 - Daughter.

YAN CHUNG CHEONG, born at TAIPEH, Formosa, on
17th February, 1954 - Son.

7. Your Petitioners said wife and five children are at present living in Formosa and are earnestly and most anxiously awaiting permission to join and be reunited with your said Petitioner in Rabaul.

8. Your Petitioner has since his return to Rabaul taken over the Management and control of a Merchandising Business and Trade Store in the sincere hope of rehabilitating himself in his hometown, having his wife and children there with him and settling down to a happy normal life together.

9. During the past year your said Petitioner has made a number of requests and applications to the proper Authorities both at Canberra, A.C.T. (Australia) and in the Territory of Papua and New Guinea, seeking permission to bring his wife and children to Rabaul in order that they may resume their happy home life but up to the present time all such requests and applications have been rejected.

YOUR PETITIONER THEREFORE HUMBLY ASKS AND PRAYS that you will:

1. Place his case before the proper Tribunal or Committee of the United Nations for consideration and with the view to his obtaining official sanction or permission to bring his said wife and five children to Rabaul in the Territory of New Guinea to reside here with him, and in order that he, your Petitioner, may give to them the care and attention and security of a normal happy family and homelife.

2. That in dealing with his case and application your Tribunal or Committee will be pleased to take into consideration

(a) The fact that your Petitioner was born at Rabaul in the Territory of New Guinea and is classified as a "protected person".

(b) His war record and service in the Allied Cause during the Second World War.

(c) The humanitarian aspect, so far as relates to the reunion with his family - and

(d) The four great principles laid down by the United Nations Charter and the Articles embodied therein, particularly the observance of human rights and fundamental freedoms for all - and

3. That this Petition may be received accepted and considered in the humble spirit in which it is presented to you.

D A T E D at RABAUl in the Territory of New Guinea this 31st day of May, 1956.

Signed YAN KAM WING
.....
Petitioner.

Witness to
signature of Petitioner (Signed)

HAROLD F. JAMES
Barrister
Rabaul.
