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PETITION FROM MR. GIAMA ALI MATTAN CONCERNING
SOMALILAND UNDER ITALIAN ADMINISTRATION

Note by the Secretary-General: In accordance with rule 84 and supplementary rules F and L of the rules of procedure for the Trusteeship Council, the Secretary-General has the honour to transmit to the members of the Trusteeship Council, to the Government of Italy as the Administering Authority of the Trust Territory of Somaliland, and to the Governments of Colombia, Egypt, and the Philippines as members of the Advisory Council for the Trust Territory of Somaliland, an undated communication from Mr. Giama Ali Mattan concerning the Trust Territory of Somaliland under Italian administration. This communication was transmitted to the Secretary-General by the United Nations Visiting Mission to Trust Territories in East Africa.

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The U.N.O.'s VISITING MISSION
MOGADISCIO

Sir,

I the undersigned Giama Ali Mattan of the Somali Young League have the honour to state as follows:

I am an ex Sergeant who had served the British Government for past 22 years. I had participated various war and was decorated with the under-mentioned medals:

Marahan Expedition	1913 - 1914
General Service	1914 - 1918
VICTORY	1914 - 1919
African Star	
Star	1939 - 1945

All the serving he gained in military life he made of it a garden, barrack for dwelling and a shop in the Town of Ischia Baidoa, as he had two licence. Whatever he gains from this business he had to mentain a family composting of 12 persons.

On arrival of the Italian Administration, I was in Mogadishu engaged with the case of my brother son who has been crashed by a military vehicle. Whilst still engaged in the aforesaid case, which took place here in Mogadishu, I heard of the trouble occured in Ischia Baidoa and was informed that my shop contents which was amounted to Shs.4500, about 58 corrigated **Iron** valued at Shs.1160, about 36 wooden boards valued at Shs.348, and my garden valued at Shs. 1330, had been looted. My investigation revealed that the garden was pressed to the military Camp Ischia Baidoa, and a wire fence was put around, as it was situated in the neighbourhood of military camp. I forwarded an application addressed to Mr. Benardelli, requesting the return of my property, but informed me to handed over the application to the Provincial Commissioner Ischia Baidoa, which I did, but he referred the matter to the District Commissioner who on explaining my rights had rushed over me and attempted to struck me with his fist.

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I returned the application to Mr. Benardelli who had done nothing for me. The Administration was actually responsible for the killing and looting took place in Ischia Baidoa, because they looted certain property and allowed their followers to loot the rest.

I therefore forward my application to you in order to justify my rights by your special legal aid, as I can point out some of my looted property, which was appropriated by the Government. Thanks.

Your obedient,
(Signed in Arabic)
