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The Secretary General,
To the United Nations Org.,
New York

Subject; BEGGING THE UNO FOR FREE EDUCATION

Sir,

I beg to put forward the following difficulty which I found myself very hard to solve to which I pray the United Nations for assistance. I am Somali, born in Somalia now under UNO Trusteeship, aged 26 years. In my early life, I never had a good education, for my parents were not enough to provide me schooling, (even Elementary education). What a little I know now, I owe to harding working. In fact, I have been six months only in oral school when still very young, e.i. during the world war 2 where I learnt Elementary principles study. The rest of my study was coached through Correspondence Tuition course in England where I am still studying through Postal Tuition and to which I pay a normal school FEE under the term of : Monthly instalment for each subject of the material lessons. (I did not pay my school fee for this past 8 months because of financial difficulty).

In 1950 I had a misfortune in my left leg and in consequence to this ailment I became LAME, failed to find a normal work where I can work out my living and the tuitions fee. While my present condition is such a harder one, that my physical strength would not permit me to employ myself in manual work, that I have no where to turn for money with which to feed myself and my parents who are in some how

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dependent, the fact that my Tuition Fee become due every month when I have no where to look for money is equally trying. I must state right here, as it is fact, that I am at present time employed as a private Tutor in English, teaching 16 boys. The whole income source which I receive from my work is So.80/- which is equal to four Pounds in English Money. I have a child whose Mother was died through motoring accident in 1953, aged father and Mother. In teaching, I am not qualified but as I am forced to earn my living and that of my family I found it possible in teaching in order to prevent myself from begging.

In view of the above mentioned intricated problems which I am unfit to solve as a direct result of my lemeness (achylosy) I take the liberty to write to you this morning begging the mercies of Nations of the United Nations Organisation to give me free education. I think my education will be fully built in about two years. If I be lucky, the education that may be given to me is not an education given to only a person but to whole my Family as the future of my family largely seem to depend mine. For your information, I am enclosing herewith a copy of the latest test (in 55) of my Correspondence course in: INTERMEDIATE of the CORPORATION CERTIFIED SECRETARIES: - English 67% 2. Commercial knowledge and secretarial practice 68% 3. Local Government law and Admin. 63% 4. Economics 84% 5. Book-Keeping and accounting 80% the 6th subject of my study is General principle of Law of which I do not know the marks up to now, but I believe it will be above 50%.

If my application meets with unfavourable dicision of UNO I shall as well be glad if you consider for employment at any where in the World where I can work out my education FEE as well as the livings.

This letter is written by me and my present Standard in English can be traced out of the modd it is written.

Trusting that my application for education may be such as to cause you to grant me my desire.

I am, Sir,

Yours most obedient Servant:

(Signed) AHAMED ATTO

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