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PETITION FROM MEMBERS OF THE ABGAL TRIBE, IUSUF RER, MOHAMED MUSSE SUB-RER  
CONCERNING SOMALILAND UNDER ITALIAN ADMINISTRATION

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transmitted to the Secretary-General by the United  
Nations Visiting Mission to Trust Territories in  
East Africa.

VILLABRUZZI, 9 October 1954

To the United Nations Visiting Mission:

We, the undersigned members of the Abgal tribe, Iusuf rer, Mohamed Musse sub-rer, have the honour to submit herewith to the United Nations a request that it be kind enough to intervene with the local branch of the S.A.I.S. (Società Agricola Italo-Somali) and the Italian Administration. We have asked on various occasions to have a well for our own tribe because the inhabitants are suffering from thirst.

For a time during the British Administration, our tribe was allowed to drink the water from a canal belonging to the S.A.I.S., which today would have been a very close source.

After the return of the Italian Administration to Somaliland, the S.A.I.S. had to destroy the canal and the roads we used to fetch the water. Later, the Italian Administration assured us that in time a well would be dug for the tribe. Now years have passed and there is neither well nor water, while thousands of cattle are suffering from thirst, the population is suffering from thirst together with its cattle and many of the cattle are dying.

In view of these conditions, we have the honour to recommend herewith that the United Nations should consider the foregoing as soon as possible.

We have the honour to be, etc.

Chief of the tribe NUR ALI MUDEI (signature in Arabic)

Chief of the tribe OU MOHAMUD HADJA ( " )

Notable of the tribe MAHAT NUR (thumbprint)

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