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PETITION FROM MR. ELIAS MBOK AND OTHERS CONCERNING THE CAMEROONS  
UNDER FRENCH ADMINISTRATION

Observations of the French Government  
as Administering Authority

The Administering Authority regrets that it is unable to make any observations with regard to the petitioners' complaints concerning the prices of products, which vary according to world market prices.

The tax rates for 1955 appear in the annual report. The basic personal tax for Edéa and Eséka Subdivisions was Fr. 1,345, to which should be added the social development contribution, amounting to Fr. 200.

It is true that elephants are numerous in the forest in the Messondo area, but there is rarely damage to plantations. Well-tended plantations are hardly ever attacked. The competent services organize an elephant hunt whenever the plantations are in need of protection.

With regard to the former airfield at Messondo, explanations have already been given in connexion with petition T/PET.5/511.<sup>1/</sup>

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1/ Note by the Secretariat: See document T/OBS.5/93.