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CONCERNING TANGANYIKA

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T.T.  
21st June 1954.

The General Secretary,  
Trusteeship Council,  
U.N.O.  
Lake Success,  
New York,  
(America)

Sir,

With reference to my attached letter dated 7th May 1954, I would advise that the Government called me for interview to discuss all the matters concerning the land and Sultanship on 15th June 1954, between I and the Ag. Land Tenure Adviser (Mr. G.W.Y. Hucks) vide his letter Ref. No. 10849/1699/88 of 7th June 1954. I have to speak the truth as if I am seeing my Lord God for what he told me during our conversation: He said that, I have been directed by the Government to explain you that, how we rule in this world, the U.N.O. have no power to interfere in this country and they will never do anything to the Governor, do not suppose whether the Trusteeship Council will support you to have your right in this country, you have been told since the first time that this is a British Colony and you may prove yourself, on the 14th July 1953, the Trusteeship Council favoured you to have your Kingdom, now how long it is?

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Then H.E. the Governor destroyed your Kingdom and you will never get it, except he allows you to send your petition to the U.N.O. and he continued to say that all nations in the world are powerless to us, and they fear us, nothing they will do to force us: When I asked him the reason why, I cant get me right: he did not reply me, and he started to be very angry, then I saw it is better to leave his office.

Under the circumstances mentioned above, I shall be grateful if you will spare a little time to consider this matter and give what assistance you can.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant.

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KIBWANA CHANZI

copy to: The Colonial Secretary,  
" " : The Member for Lands and Mines, Dsm.

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TANGANYIKA

7th May, 1954

The General Secretary,  
Trusteeship Council,  
U.N.O. New York,  
AMERICA

u.s.f. H.E. the Governor of Tanganyika

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 5th August 1953 file No. T/PET.2/160 and Add/ which directed me to follow the rule 93 of the rules of procedure for the Trusteeship Council.

(1) I hereby inform you that I have sent three notes to the Registrar General, to ask him to explain to me the difference between the freehold land and first Land Registration. But the Registrar General was unable to explain to me, because the Tanganyika delegate was mistaken to say that the land is a Crown Land.

(2) Having noticed that he was unable to explain to me I sent a letter to the H.E. the Governor requesting him to instruct me what to do. If the Trusteeship Council directed me to send my claims to the Registrar General. Since the Governor knew that the land is freehold he did not reply to me. By this reason I am sure that the Governor does not aim me to get my Shamba for the following reasons.

I sent a letter on the 27th September 1951 to explain to him about my case. He replied to me on the 19th November 1951 Ref. N. 10849/1699/32 which stated that I am to suggest that in either case my proper course of action would be to apply to the Registrar General for first Registration in the respect of the Land claimed by me as being freehold and owned by me. If I do not claim freehold land recourse to the legal action. In his paragraph two he added that since the matter might be regarded as sub judice it would be inappropriate for me to make detailed comment on the point made in my letter. In particular he is unable to comment on various conveyances that have been registered in the respect of the plot of land or parts of it.

Except to point out that such conveyances could only convey such interest in the land as was held by the vendors he then stated that I must not send another letter to his office concerning the shamba.

I was amazed by the compulsory given to me that I must buy my land, I am sure that there is no one who is foolish enough to buy property owned by himself, because when I passed through the Land Department, I was not told to make first Land Registration.

The Registrar General was ready to give me my shamba but he is in favour of H.E. the Governor, he ordered me to make first Registration in order to prevent the R.G. from giving the shamba to me, because he is one among those who now hold my shamba. I dare to say so by the search I made on the 10th April 1951 Search No. 51472 and saw various names in the Search appear and also I saw that three plots 5/1, 6/1, 7/1 are held by the Governor, and those plots are held by H.E. the Governor since the month he arrived in this Territory. The portions were once held by Messrs. Hans Borowski and Erich Knachmoss and I am sure these were not officers of the Government because these Messrs. bought the portions from Yahaya (an Arab). In his letter Ref. No. 10849/1699/32 in the Second

paragraph he stated that in particular, he was unable to comment various conveyances that have been registered in the respect of Land or parts of it. This para. shows that no one can harm himself purposely, which means that H.E. the Governor received the conveyance which he was not able to comment. I also noticed that the Tanganyika delegate stated before the Council that neither my father nor my grandfather's names were in the list of those eight persons.

But in 1951 I made an official search to R.G. and saw the names of my father and uncle - are Chanzi Chuma, and Mwalim Chuma, these names were written in the case paper held in 1949 before I started neither of my claims.

(a) I should also like him to tell me where did they get my father and uncle's names, if they were not in the list.

(b) Why had they been included in the case of 1949 while they were dead during that time.

(c) He also spoke that the Shamba is a Crown Shamba, thuse, can he explain me why my father and uncle were included in the case of the land. If the land is a Crown one why were they prosecuted in the case.

(d) He said that plot No. 1 was held by eight persons, so can he tell me where they got it from? By what means did they come to get it? Have they bought from someone? If the answer is affirmative, can he tell me why they are out of their plot? If the answer is negative I should like him to explain why they are out of their plot, I should like then to be explained each ones history which led him out of his property.

(4) In the case of 1949 these eight persons were written in the case paper including my father and uncle's names, why was it so, if they were not in the list? I should like him to explain to me how did he come to know that my father was not in the list? Why did Govt. not telling me before that my grandfather or father is not in the list of the eight persons?

(5) Some officers have told me that the shamba is forsooth mine but they are unable to give me because H.E. the Governor passed on an order to - saying that I must not have the land unless I make first Registration whether it is freehold or not. He passed this law because he knew that I will not do as the land is freehold, so he will be able to remain with his three portions.

(6) The Tanganyika delegate stated also, that if I do not want to make first Land Registration, I have to send my claims to the High Court. But I did not and still I do not want to go to the High Court Because:

(1) In 1933 the High Court sent a police force to chase us from our shamba, our houses and other things were destroyed and a few of us were badly injured and in 10 days's time two men died,

(2) We did not inform the Govt. about this because we were uneasy by that time, we were also amazed as we did not notice why the police force was sent to us.

I have the honour to be Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

K. CH  
(KIEWANA CHANZI)

cc. Colonial Secretary, M.P. London.  
cc. Hon Chief Secretary to the Government, Dar es Salaam.  
cc. Hon. Registrar General, Dar es Salaam.

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Tanganyika  
East Africa.  
25th June 1954

The General Secretary  
Trusteeship Council U.N.O.  
Lake Success, New York  
U.S.A. America

Sir,

I am very humble to bring this short note of letter to you informing that after the past of three days since I posted my letters to you, I received a letter from the Government therefore I enclose the letter with another letter which was sent by me to the Government.

I have the honour to be

Sir

Your obedient servant

KIEWANZA CHANZI

From: Kibwana Chanzi.

c/o P.O.Box 1056,  
Dar es Salaam,  
20th April, 1954

The Honourable,  
The Acting Chief Secretary  
to the Government,  
Secretariat,  
DAR ES SALAAM.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter Ref. No. 10849/1846/41 of the 31st March, 1954 enclosed with copies having same facts spoken by the U.N.O.

I regret to say that I had understood all the information since I received same copies of the minutes from the U.N.O. but I was very astonished when I realized that the Vote notes was not enclosed with the copies, while it was enclosed with the copies received by me from the U.N.O. So I am quite confident that the vote was forwarded to you.

I get to state that I have not sent that letter to ask for the Government to explain me again the information given by the U.N.O. but I have sent it for the purposes of knowing the exact month or date on which I may sit on my chair. My brain has been drawn to say so because I feel that the days are passing on, and now it takes approximately a year since the decision of the U.N.O. of 14th July 1953 but I am sorry to say that nothing is told to me by my government for this reason I pray to my government to give me my chair on the 15th May 1954 if it is possible.

MY SHAMBA

With regard to the Shamba, I have been directed by the U.N.O. to send my claims to the Registrar General for performance of Land Registration, in order to follow their request mentioned in they minutes. I had sent three letters to the Registrar General asking full detail of Land Registration, so that I might do it if it is fully understood to me. But he was unable to reply to me,

so that I sent a letter to the Governor to explain to him about the Registrar General and that I may do; but he was too unable to reply me, therefore, I have to say that I will again remove my case concerning the shamba to the U.N.O. in addition to paragraph 3 I shall be very pleased if you will kindly pass the news to the Governor regarding my History which I will send to the U.N.O. shall conclude some information about him if I am to get my shamba.

Under the circumstances mentioned above, I shall be very grateful if you will favour me with a reply before the above date.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant.

(signed) K.CH.

K. CHANZI.

Tanganyika

No. 10849/1846/59

THE SECRETARIAT

DAR ES SALAAM

19 June, 1954

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to your letter of the 20th April, 1954, addressed to the Chief Secretary.

2. With regard to your claim to be Sultan of the Eastern Province on the grounds that you are the grandson of Sultan Pazi Killama Lukali Mwingankamba, who you state was the "sultan of Tanganyika", I am to inform you that I have nothing to add to my letter No 10849/1846/41 of 31st March, 1954, which enclosed a copy of the paper giving details of the consideration of your petition by the United Nations Organization and their decision that no action was possible.

3. With regard to your claim to land at Temeke, it is noted from your letter of the 7th May, 1954, addressed to His Excellency the Governor that you are

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now referring the matter once again to the United Nations Organisation and therefore as you were informed in letter reference No 10849/1699/85 of 15th May, 1954, no further action is being taken on your letter of the 20th April, 1954.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

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for CHIEF SECRETARY TO THE  
GOVERNMENT.

MR. KIEWANA CHANZI,  
C/O P.O. BOX 1056,  
DAR ES SALAAM.

JJ.

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