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COMMUNICATION FROM MR. ANTON WEBER CONCERNING TANGANYIKA

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To the
Chief of Petitions Section,
Division of Trusteeship,
United Nations,
New York, U.S.A.

Anton Weber,
Postrestante,
Ibadan, Nigeria,
Brit. West Africa.

2.7.1954

Sir,

T/PET.2/162 and Add.1-3

With reference to my returning to Tanganyika for the purpose of escorting Marita Salim and our child to Switzerland, I wish to draw the attention of the United Nations to the following events:

While the fulfilment of the conditions put up by the Tanganyika Government is taking several months as it is most impractical to do it from here, I fear that this long period is used by certain elements in Iringa to disrespect the decision of the United Nations by influencing or possibly oppressing Marita Salim to drift away from me. Her stepfather Mr. E.A. Pembah with who's family she lived when she was a child, after her mother died, used to write to me on Marita's behalf, while his attitude was always friendly as well as mine to him. Since your decision became known that Marita is to be given freedom to marry and join me with the child, I suspect that somebody in Iringa started to influence Mr. Pembah and Marita to drift away from me, as for months I have no more heard from them. Mr. Pembah all of a sudden turned against me in an unfriendly way, blaming me for causing all the delay of not returning to Marita, while in deed I have done my utmost to return as soon as ever possible, and warned me that

should I not return now, Marita will be tired of waiting for me. Lately he has stopped writing at all, not even confirming the receipt of Shs. 40/- I sent to him for Marita and the child on the 31st of May last. How unfair that is, since I am so anxious to return to Tanganyika, but kept away by the Tanganyika Government. Though I have now fulfilled all the conditions, I am still not in a possession of an entry permit.

I appealed to the District Commissioner of Iringa to see that such dirty actions cannot take place again as it may be detected one day when Marita given a chance to speak freely. As she is an illiterate and fearful girl, she easy could be abused by giving her entirely false informations about me, such as were passed to you, that I am frequenting bars and consuming beer, while in fact there is no truth in it at the slightest.

I further noticed indications here in Nigeria, that Offices were ill informed about me, what resulted already in not replying my letters at the Bank and Travelling Agency, and with that hindering my journey to Tanganyika.

I trust that the United Nations would not tolerate such an undermining of their decision, and promise to report again as soon I notice further indications of such actions.

I appeal to the United Nations to hold form on their decision that Marita Salim should be brought to Dar Es Salaam or myself allowed to reach Iringa, so that I can tell Marita and our child the truth of my desire to return to them, even if she now is forced to marry somebody else quickly.

Yours faithfully,

(sgd.) WEBER
