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COMMUNICATION FROM MR. LEOPOLD KAMANZI
CONCERNING RUANDA-URUNDI

Note by the Secretary-General: In accordance with rule 24 and supplementary rule F of the rules of procedure for the Trusteeship Council, the Secretary-General has the honour to transmit to the members of the Trusteeship Council and to the Government of Italy as the Administering Authority for the Trust Territory of Somaliland, a communication dated 30 January 1952 from Mr. Léopold Kamanzi concerning the Trust Territory of Ruanda-Urundi.

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Mbazi, 30 January 1952

KAMANZI L.
Mbazi
Astrida, Ruanda

Mr. Ch. d'Adesky
Colonist
Mbazi, Ruanda

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that the land which you are at present occupying belonged to my father, KATABIRORA, who lived on Mbazi Hill in 1930, and it was subsequently occupied by his heirs until you took possession of it.

I have just brought an action against the persons to whom our fields were leased but who took possession of them and now refuse to return them in accordance with the usual custom. As soon as that case has been settled, if you are unwilling to return the land to my brother and me, I shall bring an action against you or against the Chief or Assistant Chief who, taking advantage of the fact that my brother Ruhinguka was unaware of the new policy followed by the United Nations at New York, which protects the inhabitants of Ruanda-Urundi, handed the land over to you.

Now that the Belgian Government is better aware of this new policy I venture to state my objection to the previous order.

I shall therefore be very grateful if you will sign this to show your agreement.

Thanking you etc.

(Signed) KAMANZI

Copy sent on 6 February 1953 for information to
His Excellency the Governor of Ruanda-Urundi, USA
The United Nations, New York, America (by air)
The Territorial Administrator, Astrida, Ruanda.

Agreed

(Signed) Ch. d'Adesky

Received at United Nations Headquarters on 16 February 1953.
