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COMMUNICATION FROM MR. BARNABE NTUNGUKA CONCERNING RUANDA-URUNDI

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Bubanza District
Ruanda-Urundi

To the representative of the United Nations, New York
c/o the Vice-Governor-General of Ruanda-Urundi

Usumbura, 15 October 1956

Sir,

I take the liberty of informing you that the review of my case mentioned in the document attached to the letter of 3 July 1956 has not yet taken place.

Despite your orders, I was sentenced on 3 to a term of imprisonment for three and a half months.

I would also inform you that I am requesting a hearing by a court of appeal to be attended by your representative. As the Government of Ruanda-Urundi is unable to settle my case I should like you to do so. They seek to drive me from my property by inflicting constant suffering on me. In this way they manage to immobilize my brothers who would like to complain, as I have done, but who, seeing how I am being treated, are fearful of so doing and hold back.

Awaiting your favourable reply I have the honour to be, etc.

(Signed) (Illegible)

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Ntunguka Barnabé
Your letter No. T/PET.3/L.7 of 3 July 1956

Usumbura, 27 August 1956

To the representative of the United Nations, New York
c/o the Prison Warden

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 3 July 1956 and to thank you for the arrangements you are prepared to make to have this dispute settled.

At the same time I wish to inform you that the letter of 24 April, referred to in your above-mentioned letter, has not yet reached me. I should be grateful if you would tell me how it was sent and to whom it was addressed.

In anticipation of your visit to Ruanda-Urundi in July 1957 I am suspending all my claims. As it is very likely that you will visit the Territory at this time I shall take the opportunity of re-submitting this case to you in the presence of the competent authorities involved in this dispute. As this question will be dealt with face to face, will you please take, or arrange for the necessary steps to have this dispute closed.

At the present I am living at my normal place of abode. I shall not leave this place until the case is completed, as I hope it will be, during your next visit. I am forwarding a copy of this letter to Mr. SCHEYVEN, the Resident in Ruanda-Urundi, and all these letters have been sent through the Prison Warden.

I would inform you that a decision has just been taken to drive away all my subjects. I beg you to intervene to ensure that this decision is not put into effect or applied before your arrival.

I should be very grateful if you would ask the United Nations delegation which will shortly visit Africa to inform the authorities about my concession, my cows and all my property.

I would also inform you that the matters which Mr. Scheyven brought up in the United Nations during the last session of the Trusteeship Council in connexion with my case seem to have been somewhat inaccurately stated. I cannot subscribe to any of his points.

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I should like the same questions to be raised again and reviewed in all their details. As you are coming quite soon it is possible that you will find me at liberty. If by any mischance I am sent back to prison in the meantime, I would request your assistance to enable me to see you in person and I shall then tell you all my troubles.

Thank you for the attention with which you always examine my affairs. I have the honour to be, etc.
