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COMMUNICATION FROM EX-CHIEF BARNABE NTUNGUKA  
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 28 July 1952 from Ex-Chief Barnabé Ntunguka concerning the Trust Territory of Ruanda-Urundi.

This communication forms a supplement to that set forth in document T/COM.3/L.1.

USUMBURA, 28 July 1952

Copy to the Vice-Governor-General,  
Governor of Ruanda-Urundi at  
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NTUNGUKA Barnabé,  
ex Chief of Kaushi,  
USUMBURA.

To the Assistant Secretary-General:

Sir,

Further to my letter of 17 June last, I have the honour to draw your attention to the following points:

You informed me that the matter of the cattle would have to be dealt with by the competent courts of the Territory. As I pointed out in my last letter, there were those to whom I owed money and who owed money to me. The Territorial Court, however, ordered me to pay my creditors first, on the understanding that, should a contrary judgment be given in my favour, the sums improperly paid will be returned.

Some months later, to be exact on 23 July 1952, the Administrator of the Territory of Bubanza summoned me in order to inform me of the decision of the Resident at Urundi.

Since I had, in the meantime, written you my first letter, I asked the Administrator for a short respite, pending the reception of your reply. Strange though it may seem, he forced me to pay the Court costs and asked me to sign a minute of the Court proceedings - which I had not attended - as though the case was already closed. This I firmly refused to do, particularly as I had not had an opportunity to state my case to the Court and could therefore see no reason to sign the document.

Furthermore, as I said in my first letter, before leaving for the plains I asked the Administrator for a copy of the minute which he had had drawn up but this request was refused.

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I have reason to believe that they are trying to trick me.

The documents which you so kindly sent me state that the Special Representative of Ruanda-Urundi reported that my land was not being taken over by farmers. To my great astonishment, however, I see that my land has been staked out. I had already asked the Administrator to inform me of the exact boundaries of my property. So far nothing has been done. Can you explain this? Is this not contrary to what Mr. Scheyven said?

Some considerable time ago about thirty persons occupied my concession. They came from various part of the country, taking over my land apparently on their own initiative, certainly without my permission, and without any instructions from the Administering Authority, a fact which I find difficult to believe. Should there be any trouble, I would be held responsible. I ask that the authority responsible for the territory should remove these people from my land, to avoid any possible dispute.

I apologize for the trouble which I am causing you.

I have the honour to be etc.

Received at United Nations Headquarters on 2 September 1952.

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