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COMMUNICATION FROM MR. NICOLAS ESSOUA CONCERNING  
THE CAMEROONS UNDER FRENCH ADMINISTRATION

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N'Kongsamba Subdivision

MELONG, 10 August 1954

To the Registrar of Lands (Receveur des domaines) at Douala,  
c/o the Chief of the MUNGO Region, at N'KONGSAMBA,  
c/o the Chief of the N'KONGSAMBA Subdivision.

Sir,

I have the honour most respectfully to submit this letter of protest for  
your consideration.

On Friday, 30 July 1954, Mr. EKKINGLO Ebenezer, Paramount Chief of the  
Mbcs at MBOURKOU, N'Kongsamba Subdivision, took the liberty of bringing surveyors  
to my land at Nkongsung to measure it against my will.

This plot of land which has an area of about 6.2 square kilometres has  
come down to me from my ancestors. This land has been cultivated for a long time  
and has cash and food crops growing on it which belong to my fellow-countrymen  
whose names are given below in the attached list.

The Chief lives 15 kilometres away and has to pass through several villages to reach my land. This is the reason for my categorical opposition.

I have the honour to be etc.

Copies to:

1. Registrar of Lands at Douala
2. Chief of MUNGO Region
3. Chief of the N'Kongsamba Subdivision
4. Delegation at Yaoundé
5. Chief Law Officer at Yaoundé
6. United Nations, New York

LIST OF MY FELLOW-COUNTRYMEN WHO OCCUPY THIS LAND

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|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. LANKO, Raphael            | 19. Basile            |
| 2. NDODIE, Barthelemy        | 20. WAMBA, Paul       |
| 3. NJIENICHEU, Raphael       | 21. NDONGTSA, Janvier |
| 4. MONTIEU, Léon             | 22. TENGUM, Fidèle    |
| 5. KOTCHOP                   | 23. TCHOUNDENOU       |
| 6. BOUANI, Gabriel           | 24. FAMBOUE, Augustin |
| 7. NDENTOU, Thomas           | 25. NGANDJUI, Isai    |
| 8. MONKAM, Michel            | 26. TCHIAPI, Norbert  |
| 9. MBOUNGEM, Moïse           | 27. MONKAM, Alexandre |
| 10. MBEXAGAN                 | 28. DAODA             |
| 11. TIESSEU, Mathieux        | 29. TCHANGOU, Thomas  |
| 12. SYERI, Sinkam (deceased) | 30. NKANGOUE, Thomas  |
| 13. TIENCTHEU, Joseph        |                       |
| 14. TINKO, Josué             |                       |
| 15. SIEWE, Clément           |                       |
| 16. NOUANEU, Thomas          |                       |
| 17. MICHI, Charles           |                       |
| 18. KAMENI, Frédéric         |                       |

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