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COMMUNICATION FROM THE DEPUTY HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES  
TRANSMITTING COPY OF A LETTER FROM THE VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE  
"COMITE DE DEFENSE DES DROITS DES REFUGIES POLITIQUE DU KAMERUN"  
CONCERNING THE CAMEROONS UNDER BRITISH ADMINISTRATION AND THE  
CAMEROONS UNDER FRENCH ADMINISTRATION

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POUR LES REFUGIES

Palais des Nations  
GENEVE

15/73

15 May 1959

Sir,

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I have the honour to send you herewith for any action that you may  
deem necessary a copy of a letter that was handed to this Office on  
5 May 1959 by Mr. JAZET-BERNARD, Vice-President of the Comité de défense  
des droits des réfugiés du Cameroun, concerning a group of persons from  
French Cameroons who are at present living in British Cameroons.

Accept, Sir, the assurance of my highest consideration.

(Signed) JAMES M. READ

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COMITE DE DEFENSE DES DROITS DES REFUGIES POLITIQUE DU KAMERUN  
(COMMITTEE FOR THE DEFENCE OF THE RIGHTS OF POLITICAL REFUGEES  
FROM KAMERUN)

P.O. Box 101, Kumba  
Southern Cameroons

United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees,  
Geneva, Switzerland.

Sir,

When the United Nations Visiting Mission was in the Territory of Kamerun in October 1958 we put our problem before it and it asked us, during an audience which it granted us, if we could let it have a census of the refugees in this Western Territorial zone. As the matter was an urgent one, we immediately proceeded to make a partial census, a copy of which was sent to you for your information together with a copy of our Statutes. I presume that you have duly received them.

After the Visiting Mission we resumed the census of the refugees in the Territory, which gave the following figures:

Net total of refugees: 16,592 men  
3,521 widows  
2,527 orphans

This, Sir, is the number of refugees in the Western Cameroons officially known to our office.

The Mission likewise requested us, after receiving the partial list of refugees, to submit the matter to you both in person and in writing so that you might give us material and moral assistance. We have accordingly dispatched a delegation to you despite transportation difficulties but I came alone. Some of us can now return but they have no means of transport and I am confident, Sir, that you will do your best to help us in this situation, which is a delicate one for us.

Hoping for your favourable action, I have the honour to be, etc.

For the Comité de Défense des Droits des Réfugiés du Kamerun,

(Signed) (illegible)

JAZET BERNARD-MILORD  
Vice-Chairman

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