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COMMUNICATION FROM MR. ABEL MIMBIANG NYUBATA CONCERNING  
THE CAMERCONS UNDER FRENCH ADMINISTRATION

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Abel Mimbiang

In custody at the prison of Saa

Saa, 3 March 1954

To

The Secretary-General  
United Nations  
New York

Subject: TRI 130/5/03

Ref: My registered letter No. 045 of 16/6/53.

Sir,

With reference to my above-mentioned letter<sup>1/</sup> I have the honour very respectfully to ask you what action you have taken concerning my long-standing case, which has been before you since 1950.

I should like to inform you that on 24 September 1953 I was summoned to the office of Mr. G. Barnicaud, General Deputy of Mr. Laborde, Chief Law Officer of the Cameroons, who asked me to withdraw my request for a review of my case if I wished to be released on parole. He showed me a request from the Secretary of the FCM asking me to withdraw my request for a review of my case, in the hope of other provision being made; for while I was a prisoner nothing would be done for me.

1/ Note by the Secretariat: The Secretariat has not received any letter from Mr. Mimbiang dated 16 June 1953 but his letter of 5 June 1953 was circulated to members of the Trusteeship Council as document T/CCM.5/L.19.

Mr. Barnicaud told me that I might be freed on 7 November 1953 but he was not sure. But I could expect to be freed between November 1953 and January 1954.

Well, yesterday, 1 May (March ?) 1954, I was informed that I had been summoned by the prison authorities at Yaoundé, when the prisoners were being freed. I do not know what this means, for here I am at Saa, 74 kilometres from Yaoundé, the capital. Mr. Quet, the Governor of the Yaoundé Prison, did this purposely because of our old hatred for one another.

So much for the promises made to me in connexion with this extraordinary case, which has destroyed my family - for my wife has already instituted divorce proceedings at Ebolowa.

Furthermore, the Administering Authority is withholding my money from the ARC and about ten months' half-pay, plus the second instalment of the maternity allowance for my child.

I can assure you that both the judicial authorities and the High Commissioner promised that I should be released on parole in January 1954. But I have again been tricked and wronged and may not be released before July 1954.

What would you do in my place in the face of such persecution, if nobody answered your appeals for help?

I have the honour to be, etc.

(Signed) Abel Mimbiang Nyubata

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