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COMMUNICATION FROM MR. FOMINYEN, VILLAGE HEAD OF NYEN VILLAGE  
CONCERNING THE CAMEROONS UNDER BRITISH ADMINISTRATION

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Nyen Village  
Menemo Area, S.W. Federation  
Bamenda Division, S. Cameroons  
under British administration  
West Africa, 8 October 1958

Chairman  
Visiting Mission UN  
to the Cameroons under  
British administration  
c/o The District Officer  
i/c Bamenda Division  
Southern Cameroons

My Lord,

Acknowledgement for the receipt of the United Nations Official Record  
No. T/PET.4/139 of 30 June 1958, delivered on 29 September 1958 for my  
petition of 20 March 1957

I have the honour with great respect to acknowledge the receipt of the above.

1. It is amazingly surprising for the lengthy contents of the record being  
beyond narration for which I cannot express the feeling of my congratulations for  
the burden shouldered during your sessions in examining my petition and can only  
say "Gratitudes to the United Nations Council meetings".<sup>1/</sup>

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<sup>1/</sup> Note by the Secretariat: Resolution 1804 (XXI) adopted on 14 March 1958 by the  
Trusteeship Council agreed with the view expressed by the Chairman of the  
1955 Visiting Mission to the effect that an earlier petition from Chief Fominyen  
Nyen Mfom - on precisely the same subject as the present communication - was  
inadmissible under rule 81 of the rules of procedure of the Council.

2. The contents abridgely gone through in respect of my land case No. 61/42 being in danger of lossing, I have detailed almost everything as regards all obstacles by the Administering Authorities in my petition and still yet to invite your pathetic and generous attention to ask for the Native Courts record of this case of 14/9/53 in respect of the findings by the A.D.O. Mr. J.C. Hughes and that of the D.O. Mr. L. Robert of 1/2/54 which will assure you of the whole cause, if there are doubts in those which I mentioned.

3. Between plff and myself are Sala of Njindom keeping boundary with him at Tiatam and Fonyam V.H. of Zang Tembong also from Tiata down to Tiko-ngum. It beats my imagination why he had intentionally jumped over them for miles to fight to take possession of my smallest land through false evidence and partiality by the Administering Authorities leaving his own which runs for miles over miles and of different sections, namely:

1. Efunonam; which belongs to Mukiawa Q.H. of the said land of Sang clearly known by every individual, where at the starting of this case had wanted to leave for but was encouraged to pursue.
2. Fringyeng; keeping boundary with Osie, Ngaw Area.
3. Mbod; keeping boundary with Bamundom II Ngemba Area.
4. Etu-embeng.
5. Mbeng-tibad.
6. Tikoru and
7. Mbengwi

where plff had wanted to immigrate to; all of fertile soils. May I ask your tenderness to deligate some some inquiries there to find out the truth for you?

4. I think my land is placed under this case for future confiscation; if not so, I could perceive no reason why plff being not a guest in this country is helped by these Administering Authorities to gain my only land in addition to his of various sections as mentioned above.

5. As regards the period of 30 years mentioned in the United Nations official record of the 470th meeting held at Headquarters New York on Wednesday 11/2/58 etc, etc. those of the British reign of the Territory are greater in number that they should have since then been able to know the tradition of the people and so to exercise their influence respectively. Therefore, may it not be misinterpreted to your keen views as if the land is a new one founded by the present generation; but

my ancestors from whom plff is their offspring for further generation which channel should have facilitate matters to them that the present generation had traditional boundaries as shown above in my paragraph 3 which we live to enjoy them respectively.

6. I have never failed appearing before any of their sessions in this case, except after I have delivered my petition to you; they sent several letters to me that I to introduce all documents mentioned in the my petition to help them that they help me in tracing out by grievances and difficulties. With due reasons I feared and failed appearing before them for the introduction of the documents else it turns to the reverse. For instance, if they had meant to do away with partiality for justice sake, none of them should not have given me the question concerning the considerable distance from where you are leaving to this remote part of the world. Reference my letter of 18th October 1957, paragraph 4.

7. My grievances and difficulties had newly been petitioned to you along the line of finding my way very new; therefore, it is your duty to exercise your influence which pulls together with the Power of Grades over it, more especially because of the souls of 272 of Nyen inhabitants which I hope had been increased by births and a continuous increasing for their is nowhere else for them to farm for their living which adds to my victimised and swindled grievances and difficulties.

I have the honour to be,  
With great respect,  
Your Lordships most humble and  
obedient Servant

FOMINYEN

Village Head of Nyen

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