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COMMUNICATION FROM MR. PIERRE SIMON NKEN TJALE CONCERNING
THE CAMEROONS UNDER FRENCH ADMINISTRATION

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rules of procedure of the Trusteeship Council)

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ESEKA

ESEKA, 19 January 1955

The President of the Trusteeship Council
c/o the Secretary-General,
United Nations
New York

Sir,

With reference to our petition (T/PET.5/126) I would bring the following
to your notice:

Further to the French Government's statement claiming that we are
foreigners to the Territory and that we settled in the village of Ngouangouanda
after the 1918 War, I am enclosing a photograph^{1/} in support of our contentions.

The persons shown in the photograph represent the seventeenth generation
resident in Ngouangouanda village. I leave it to you to judge whether there
could be seventeen generations between 1918 and 1955. I regard the French
Government's statement that we came to the Territory in 1918 as false and
utterly without foundation. I would inform you that our ancestors were born
in the Territory in the Ngouangouanda locality. I therefore maintain that the
land of Ngouangouanda belongs unconditionally to the people of NKOSSIM.

1/ Note by the Secretariat: The photograph referred to as an enclosure has
been placed in the Secretariat files and is available to members of the
Trusteeship Council on request.

Although the photograph shows only a few of the NKOSSIM people I give below the names and dates of birth of my compatriots shown thereon:

1. MBEN GILVERT	born about 1913 at NGOUANGOUANDA
2. NJOK GABRIEL	" " 1901 "
3. MBELLE BERNARD	" " 1900 "
4. NJOK KOKAN	" " 1869 "
5. SANJOK NJOK	" " 1912 "
6. MANYE NANE	" " 1901 "
7. NANE NANE	" " 1869 "
8. NGOUNDE KOKAN	" " 1895 "
9. ENANEKOKAN	" " 1916 "
10. TANGAN BAYEMI	" " 1913 "
11. NJOK MBELLE	" " 1911 "
12. TUNA BUN	" " 1914 "
13. NKEN TJALE	" " 1911 "

These persons represent two generations, the seventeenth and the eighteenth.

A mere glance at the photograph is sufficient to show that these indigenous inhabitants were born before 1918. In view of the yield of the land of Ngouangouanda, the Administration saw fit to hand it over to BAYEK ROBERT. Bayek, who lived 65 kilometres from Ngouangouanda, then occupied the land under French Government protection.

I would therefore ask you to recommend the Visiting Mission to visit the land in question when it is next in the Territory. I maintain my original statements and continue to ask for 300,000 francs for the repair of 180 houses and as compensation for the deaths of 184 people and many cattle.

I should be grateful if you would kindly inform me of the Trusteeship Council's decision in this matter.

I have the honour to be, etc.

(Signed): (illegible)

NKEN TJALE PIERRE SIMON
