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ANONYMOUS COMMUNICATION CONCERNING THE CAMEROONS
UNDER FRENCH ADMINISTRATION

Note by the Secretary-General: In accordance with rule 24 and supplementary rule F of the rules of procedure for the Trusteeship Council and in accordance with paragraphs 9 and 10 of the Report of the Committee on Examination of Petitions (T/L.243 and Corr.1) approved by the Trusteeship Council at its 397th meeting, on 13 March 1952, the Secretary-General has the honour to transmit to the members of the Trusteeship Council and to the Government of Italy as the Administering Authority for the Trust Territory of Somaliland, an anonymous communication dated 14 July 1952 concerning the Trust Territory of the Cameroons under French administration.

Muangel Elong, 14 July 1952

To the Secretary-General of the United Nations

Sir,

We have the honour to address you concerning the situation of the people of Muangel Elong. Since 1928 the cattle belonging to Mr. Cholier and Mr. Cuilleur have been invading our lands.^{1/} Since 1937 these animals have been coming gradually nearer and nearer to our village, wading in the water and damaging the food and industrial crops; by now the whole village is nothing more than pasture land.

We protest against this situation and draw the attention of all decent people who speak on behalf of France in the Cameroons to the situation of the people of Muangel Elong, who are condemned to famine and disease as the result of pollution of the drinking water because it contains the droppings of the settlers' cattle which wade about in it. We also protest against the statements made by the chef de sub-division of Nkongsamba to the effect that we have no receipt for our native land and that the settlers pay the Domaine for the pasturage; if there is any question of asking for a receipt for the ownership of the land it is for us to ask the settlers to show one. Concerning the allegation that Mr. Cholier and Mr. Cuilleur pay the Domaine for the pasturage, we cannot really believe that they have also paid for the food crops, water and industrial crops used by the Muangel Elong community. We, the undersigned,^{2/} request the competent authority to give us redress by having the cattle removed to a distance of 30 km. from the village of Muangel so that our peaceable population may freely cultivate the land.

We also condemn the regrettable attitude of Ewané Adolph, Chief of the Muangel, who refused to sign the petition to the chef de région dated 13 June 1952.

Hoping to receive a reply, we have the honour, etc.

Muangel Elong

Received at United Nations Headquarters on 21 July 1952.

^{1/} See T/PET.5/118 which deals with the same subject.
^{2/} This communication was received by the Secretariat without signatures.