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Catholic Mission at Bipindi  
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Catholic Mission at Bipindi (via Lolodorf)  
To the Secretary-General

Sir,

I gratefully acknowledge receipt of your letter of 5 November 1953.<sup>1/</sup>

I wish to inform you forthwith that my case was settled on 16 January 1954 at the Yaoundé Court of Appeal. I employed a barrister, Mr. Henri Battu, to represent me. I came out of it safe and sound, for I was innocent as I told you before.

Now I should like to claim damages; I have been tortured for three years and am to receive nothing. It was ruled simply that I should be set free for good and all and nothing was said about the sufferings I have undergone without cause.

So I have lost on all sides: first, three years of torment, then I had to engage a barrister and you know how much that costs, what expenditure one is led into, and to cap it all, no damages have been paid me.

(If you think it advisable, apply for damages on my behalf; if not, let the matter drop.)

I have the honour to be, etc.

(Signed) illegible

1/ Note by the Secretariat: This letter acknowledged receipt of petition  
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