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COMMUNICATION FROM MR. MAURICE MOFFI, REPRESENTATIVE
OF THE IPOUABATO FAMILY CONCERNING THE CAMEROONS
UNDER FRENCH ADMINISTRATION

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Kribi (Cameroons), 15 September 1954

Representative of the IPOUABATO Family

The Secretary-General of the United Nations
Department of Trusteeship and Information
from Non-Self-Governing Territories
NEW YORK

T/PET.5/144

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your Official Records, in which
our petition No. T/PET.5/144¹ is mentioned on page 300, paragraph 36.

I respectfully request you to note that our petition must not be considered
out of date.

The Representative Assembly's decision and the High Commissioner's order
promulgating it have been kept secret, because no palaver was held about the
annexation, with a view to extending the urban perimeter of Kribi, of the land
owned by the indigenous inhabitants we represent.

All individual attempts to oppose the decision, from the pre-war period to
the present, have been brutally repressed.

1/ Secretariat note: See resolution 918 (XIII).

We particularly call the attention of the President of the Trusteeship Council to these arbitrary acts, and hope that equitable measures will be taken to safeguard the interests of the families which have been dispossessed without compensation.

We have also read in a record of the meetings that the Administration of the Territory assigned us EIGHT lots. But we only received TWO small lots, No. 17 and No. 18/E, although practically the whole town, with its Administrative and Commercial Centres, belongs to us by hereditary right.

We request you kindly to transmit to the Trusteeship Council the respects of a family that has been driven to despair, and have the honour to be, etc.

Sch. M. MOFFI
