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COMMUNICATION FROM MR. HOUNSOUGLO TAMEDE CONCERNING
TOGOLAND UNDER FRENCH ADMINISTRATION

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TAMEDE Hounsouglo, farmer,
living and domiciled at Yohonou,
(Amégra - Anécho Cercle)

LOME, 2 September 1953

To the Procureur de la République,
Court of First Instance,
LOME

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you of the following: On 23 August 1953 AKAKPO-KU, Chief of my village, caused all the inhabitants to be advised that he wished them to come to the courtyard of his palace to receive the Governor and the Commandant of Anécho Cercle. The town crier clearly announced that what was taking place was simply a gathering of all taxpayers in the village.

Subsequently the whole village realized that this was a trick and that the Chief's real purpose was to get our finger-prints on blank sheets of paper. In view of the blows that are constantly inflicted on us because of our political affiliations, I too was obliged to put my finger-print on one of the sheets of paper in question.

Apparently these finger-prints are going to be used by the Chief to prove that all the inhabitants are henceforward members of the Parti togolais du Progrès and no longer wish for the unification of the two Togolands and the reconstitution of the Joint Council.

Sir, I beg you to take action so that the measures taken by our Chief may be regarded as null and void.

I have the honour, etc.

Finger-print of the person concerned,
who is illiterate,
TAMEDE HOUNSOUGLO