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COMMUNICATION FROM MR. MANERED MANJE CONCERNING THE
CAMEROONS UNDER BRITISH ADMINISTRATION

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Manfred Manje
c/o Mr. Mutale S.N.
Basel Mission
Tiko

15-8-59

The General Secretary
U.N.O. New York

Sir,

With reference to your reply on the 13, 29, 17-1959 on my petition dated to
your Office on the 13th September 1958.^{1/}

I was molested and thought of such reply, I could not understand the way, the
reference was been made. I am not satisfied with the reply or observation made by
the Administering Authority.^{2/} The Commissioner of the Kamerun.

There is no knowing how and in what manner, you as the Supreme Authority
accepted upon such faults allegation.

Mr. F. O. Field said that I left work on my own, and I was not been dismiss
by the corporation.

1. How could I desist work from the corporation where every one living is made.
- (b) You can live work when you are being paid compensation or grautuity. (c) A
person like myself have got ten children in the plantation, if you could reffer to
my first petition. (d) What in fact could compose me to desist work with such
families behind me? This will cause me to slauder. (e) How many Eaeuropean gave
complain to the Department, that I desist work?

^{1/} T/PET.4/158, resolution 1945 (XXIII).

^{2/} T/OBS.4/47.

I have been in the plantation since 1918 as stated in the first petition. C.D.C. met me in the plantation. Why must I refuse work?, what made me to live my own home Town which is about 380 miles Mbonge Kumba Division to Tiko? The answer is simple I came to work for money. If I am not paid gratuity how could I manage to pay my way back with my children.

When I was removed from the department, I include here the first letter or application, which I wrote to them requesting that, I may be re employed. Dated 22nd October 1958 (A). If I desist work by my self, what then made me to write an application to the sam Department?

Mr. F. O. Field said that he had no information when I involve in an accident. I include here the reply from my department Bota when they had a letter from corporation, head quarter Lagos, which indecates the very matter. I also include here my own letter adress to the personal Office Bota following my accident. Leter dated 26th July 1958. Kasoke and Nesoka as manegers of the department, if they could be sincer, could stand as cround witness on that matter of the accident. The driver was an Ibo man named John. I include here also the C.D.C. huspital . card.

This is an appeal for the reply which I received from the first petition. I disagreed with the Statement made by the Administering Authority; and the decision taken by the Council.

Since I know that I shall not be down before this matter will be settle, Mr. F. O. Field will say all fauls statement, which will satisfied him. I include all document to proof facts. His first stament to the council was prestige. Now here are document.

I suppose that the council will take a decision which will be preliquisist and could not lead me to be molested, and remain slander.

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In conclusion of your reply to petition that I have examine, it is said that petitioner's attention should be drawn to the observations of the Administering Authority. No action of the surch manners had taken place for any person who had written petition.

The commissioner regards people like us being primitive.

Thank

Your faithfully

(Signed) MANFRED MANJE

c/o S.N. Mutale

Basel Mission

Tiko

N.B. I was working like a watchboy in Tiko

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RECORD No 11366/57

C.D.C. MEDICAL SERVICE
Patient's Identification Card

Tiko Hospital

Name Manfred Manje

Sex M

Occupation Lab

KEEP THIS CARD CLEAN
DO NOT LOSE IT
ALWAYS BRING IT TO HOSPITAL

Cameroons Development Corporation,
Bota, Victoria,
Southern Cameroons.

Ref: PO/WC/1.

7th March, 1959

Mr. Manfred Manje,
c/o S.N. Mutale,
Basel Mission Station,
Tiko

Dear Sir,

I refer to your letter dated the 5th February addressed to the "Head Officer, Lagos", which has been referred to this office, and would like you to inform me when you sustained the accident complained of. I would also like to know when your appointment was terminated and in what section of the Corporation you were working at the time.

Yours faithfully,
CAMEROONS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION,

(Signed)Illegible
Personnel Officer

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From:

Manfred Manje Watchboy
Agency and traspt.
Tiko

22nd October 1956

Dear Sir,

I have the honour most respectfully to lay this before you that I have ask you wherethe you can help employ me as watchboy. And I have posted many letters to you and there is no one that I have received a reply. One fine day I have to live Tiko right to Victoria just only to see and your letter was given to your personal office so up to day I have not received your reply.

I am hereby beging the master to have mercy on me. While awaiting for your good reply of mercy and action and thanking you in advance.

I have the honour to be

Sir,

Your obedeint sarvant

(thumb print) Manfred Manje watchboy

N.B. please sir I have to tell you that I was employ by Mr. Smith as a Watchboy in Tiko here.

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From Manfred Nangeh,
C/o Basel Mission,
Tiko.

26th July, 1958

The Personnel Officer,
Cameroons Development Corporation,
Bota-Victoria

Your reference PO/WC/1 of 7/3/57 and 20/6/57.

Sir,

The following is for your consideration, assistance and redress and reads as follows:

That I am Manfred Nangeh of Balendo, Kumba Division and has been an Employee of the Cameroons Development Corporation from 1913. When the Plantations came under the control of the Germans again, I was still working till this time of the Corporation. I have not gone home on leave since I joined the service.

In the year 1949 while I was under the Agency and Transport Tiko, I sustained injuries while delivering some iron metals from the wharf to Messrs. Elders and Fyffes and at the store while on duty with other workers of the Department I was nearly crushed by a car belonging to one of the Europeans which the Driver alone drove to the place where we were working. I was rushed to the Hospital at Tiko where after I was removed the second day under escort of a Police Constable to the General Hospital Victoria for examination and asked to return to Tiko to continue the treatment.

When I recovered, I resumed duty and petitioned that a compensation should be paid to me by the Employer. As the matter was so plain the European prepared documents for this to be paid and handed them to one of his Clerks a native of Togoland who could not do this and each time I reminded him would only tell me to wait until he left the Department probably on retirement.

When I continued to ask for this compensation I was dispensed from service and this compelled me to petition to the Secretary in Lagos over the unfair treatment and was referred to meet the Personnel Officer, Bota.

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I can remember the Sergeant who took me to Buea Police Office Mr. Ayabe now at Tiko who I beleive could give some helping information to the Personnel Officer if approached for same. I regret also that I have been removed from work for no better reasons and hope that the Personnel Officer will do all he can to help in putting right all that had gone wrong with me in the Corporation.

Certain members of the Department are uncoroperative in giving useful information to this matter and as an illiterate can not trace records but hope that from the Police other useful informations might spring up to enlighten you for an irreproachable redress and I look forward for your kind assistance.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most humble petitioner

Manfred Nageh His thumb mark

This is to certify that the above has been written at the request of the signatory and after it had been read over to him in English and explained in vernacular he confirms that this contains nothing more than his and expressions dictated to the writer for the Personnel officer Bota-Victoria.

Witnessed this 5th August 1958 by:

H.E. Mosma

Written by H.G.S. Ngung.
Half Mile
Victoria

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(Twenty shillings)
