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COMMUNICATION FROM MR. MATHIAS NGUETCHEMIE CONCERNING
THE CAMEROONS UNDER BRITISH ADMINISTRATION

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The Commissioner of the Cameroons -
BUEA

14-6-1959

Dear Sir,

We have the honour most respectfully to inform you that the registration of electors which passed here last month was not properly conducted.

Many candidates were asked 10 tax tickets before being qualified as electors. It was not possible for any person to keep ten tax tickets without previous knowledge and according to paragraph 9 (b) of the electoral regulation, it is stated in the said paragraph that any person who has been ordinarily resident in the Southern Cameroons for a continuous period of ten years ending with the qualifying date.

Provided that a person applying for registration solely on the grounds of being ordinarily resident for ten years shall be put to strict proof of his claim and the Registration Officer shall not be bound to accept a statutory declaration in the absence of any supporting evidence or document. This said paragraph does not state anywhere that 10 tax tickets must be demanded from people especially "French Cameroonians" before being qualified as electors. We understand it to mean some one to identify such electors by writing to the registration Officer.

We strongly protest against those cards for the coming plebiscite, and we shall be very grateful if your good office will take steps to see that those who

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did not get the tickets are given electors cards immediately because many people were registered without being given the voters cards. We stand for democracy and we disagree with any method of incitement which was used by the Registration Officers.

In paragraph 9 (a) line (ii) it is stated that any person who has been ordinarily resident in the Southern Cameroons for a continuous period of not less than 12 months ending with qualified date shall be qualified as an elector. But the registration Officers did not demand any substantial prove from the British subjects, to prove the period of their residency in the S. Cameroons before they were being registered as voters. We also saw that in many places the registration Officers refused giving many people cards. Hence we find no reason why French Cameroons are being discriminated for electoral registration than the Nigerians in the Cameroons. We have included here some names of those who were refused to be registered at, Nkud without reasons:

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<u>No.</u>	<u>Names</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Names:</u>
1	NGUETCHEMIE Mathias	27	TCHAMKOUA Peter
2	MIECHOP Amos	28	OJEUTO John
3	ZEUYOM Amos	29	KAMWAK John
4	TONGABOU John	30	FODJEU Donatus
5	TCHESSA Germain	31	MARTIN Simo
6	FANKAM Lucas	32	NJELLEN Joseph
7	FANKAM Boniface	33	TONMO Elias
8	TAMEN Leo	34	NJOULAK Moses
9	FOGNAIN Augustine	35	KAMGAN Elias
10	SIMEU Innocent	36	KOUAYAP Elias
11	NOUBISSI Gaston	37	WADJEU John
12	NONAMO Joseph	38	FOWANDJOU
13	KAMGAN Zachari	39	KAMO John
14	NONAMO Mathew	40	PADOM Anthony
15	THCEKOUADEU François	41	NANA Joseph
16	POUANI Gabriel	42	KAMGAN Andreas
17	FOZEU Joseph	43	KOUCHER Andreas
18	TEKU Germain	44	GAEBON Daniel
19	TANI John	45	YEUGANG Isaac
20	KOMDJEU Abel	46	KENKO John
21	SIPPEU Elias	47	KENGNI Ugues
22	BIAKOP John	48	NDODAH JIKAM
23	KAMGAN Andreas	49	NGOUNO Joseph
24	TCHAMTCHEU Victor	50	TANKOR Theresia
25	TCHAMDEU Michael	51	MPOKO CHRISTINA
26	GAHADJEU Michael	52	TCHERKOUILLU Juliana

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<u>No.</u>	<u>Names:</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Names:</u>
53	THCAIFAK Anathasia	58	YONGAN Elizabeth
54	MBAKOP Anathasia	59	NONAMO Christina
55	TLAKO Cludide	60	NJELLE Emiliana
56	TOMTA Pauline	61	SEYAP Estha
57	THCETCHEU Sarah	62	YAHALLIE Marie

63	DIEPPEU Christine	68	NJATCHEDJIE Yoana
64	MOGNA Idiegnes	69	KAMNAN Odette
65	KAMALA Gabriel	70	KANNI Matine
66	TCHENKOUA Josephine	71	YAMTHA Arapigne
67	NJOUDJEU Anone	72	NONOME Christine

We are awaiting your most favourable reply and accept our cordial greetings.

We remain

Your's faithfully

(Signed) NGUETCHEMIE

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CC to:

The High Commissioner
" Electoral Officer
" House of Commons London
" The United Nations New York (USA)
" Premier S. Cameroons (Buea)