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LOME, 14 April 1959

The NATIONAL SECRETARY of JUVENTO

To the Secretary-General of the United Nations
SIR,

We have the honour to transmit to you for your
information copies of the following documents:

No. I/Docs/N/59 concerning renewal of the
Central Committee of JUVENTO;

No. 10/PMR/59 concerning outrages inflicted
on our comrade Napo BADJI by members of the
COMITE DE L'UNITE TOGOLAISE (CUT)

IN THE SERVICE OF LIBERTY AND CIVILIZATION AND IN FAVOUR OF UNIVERSAL CONCORD:

FOR THE NATIONAL SECRETARY:

(Signed) (illegible)
Deputy National Secretary

(Signed)(illegible)

Georges GANKE
Secretary of Foreign Affairs

National Committee
Department of the National Organization
JUVENTO
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LOME, 26 March 1959

NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
of JUVENTO

No. I/Doc's/N/59

Subject: RENEWAL OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE

TO THE MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR, LOME

Sir,

In accordance with the unanimous decision of the Executive Departments of the National Committee of Juvento on 25 March 1959, the title and office of National Secretary will be held, from 00 hours on Friday, 27 March 1959, by Comrade Messan AIHTSON, the leader of the party, who will inform you as soon as possible of the composition of his Committee.

IN THE SERVICE OF LIBERTY AND CIVILIZATION AND IN FAVOUR OF UNIVERSAL CONCORD:

FOR THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE

(Signed) (illegible)

Djoklou AMOUSSOU

National Secretary

(Signed)(illegible)

Nicodème A. AMEGAH

Secretary of Internal Co-ordination

(Signed)(illegible)

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General Secretary, Political Department

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Flavianus COMLA

General Secretary, Social Department

(Signed)(illegible)

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General Secretary, Economic Department

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Secretary of Foreign Affairs

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Elie K. GO-MARO

General Secretary, Information
Department

(Signed)(illegible)

André K. KOTOKO

General Secretary, Cultural
Department

(Signed)(illegible)

Koku ADIKA

General Secretary, Department
of Central Concord

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LOME, 8 April 1959

The NATIONAL SECRETARY
of JUVENTO

No. 10/PMR/59

Subject: PROTEST

THE MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR - LOME

SIR,

We have learnt from rumours, confirmed by a message from the person concerned, that when Citizen Napo BADJI, formerly National Secretary and at present Deputy National Secretary of our Party, was travelling north in a lorry on Friday, 3 April 1959, the vehicle in which he and some other people were travelling was intercepted between Badou and Atakpamé by persons who are presumed to be members of the CUIT, who seized him and beat him so savagely that one wrist and one finger were broken. Our comrade was treated at Atakpamé hospital and is still in very poor condition.

The members of Juvento are advocates of THE COMPLETE INDEPENDENCE OF TOGOLAND and they have sacrificed their personal freedom, their modest possessions, their families, their health and their lives without counting the cost ever since those hard times which no Togolander worthy of the name can so soon have forgotten; the members of Juvento proved their whole-hearted nationalism and deep patriotism by confronting unflinchingly the arms and troops of the then all-powerful oppressor of this country; they are still fighting for the coming of FREEDOM and they find it intolerable that self-styled nationalists, who in the past adroitly skulked like cowards in the background, should now emerge on all sides from their hiding places and molest them or any other Togoland citizen now that a start has been made on the road to sovereignty.

The members of Juvento are particularly indignant that so barbarous an act, reflecting such a deplorable lack of all moral feeling, should have been committed on the person of Napo BADJI, who has not only been National Secretary of Juvento but has the supreme qualification of having been the architect of the successful nationalist campaign in the North although he did not himself seek a seat in Parliament or a directoral post.

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Protest against the brutalities inflicted on comrade Napo Badji

The Togolese Youth Movements, without exception, consider it intolerable that our national sovereignty, acquired at the price of so much sacrifice, should be sabotaged by those who profit from it.

Accordingly, they protest as one man against the brutalities inflicted on Comrade Napo BADJI and vehemently denounce this action.

It requests you, in your capacity as the highest legal authority in Togoland, to ensure that the authors of this degrading atrocity are tracked down and arrested and that reparation is made as soon as possible with a view to safeguarding PEACE by reaffirming that Freedom of opinion and expression which are essential attributes of the SOVEREIGNTY OF THE PEOPLE and, thus, of TRUE DEMOCRACY.

IN THE SERVICE OF LIBERTY AND CIVILIZATION AND IN FAVOUR OF UNIVERSAL CONCORD

Messan AIHTSON

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<u>Parti Togolais du Progrès (PTP)</u>	1
<u>Union des Chefs et des Populations du Nord (UCPN)</u> . . .	1
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United Nations	2 and for all delegations interested
