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CONCERNING TOGOLAND UNDER FRENCH ADMINISTRATION

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JUVENTO  
NATIONAL COMMITTEE  
DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL ORGANIZATION  
P.O. Box No. 789  
Togoland, West Africa, LOME

Lomé, 5 January 1959

The NATIONAL EXECUTIVE  
COMMITTEE of JUVENTO

No. 74/CE/D/DG/59

Subject: Transmission of documents  
No. 8/Doc's-N/58  
No. 47/PMR/58 and  
No. 152/CI/D/DG/58

To: The Secretary-General<sup>1/</sup>  
of the United Nations,  
New York

Sir,

We have the honour to transmit herewith the following documents for your  
information:

No. 8/Doc's-N/58 of 21 December 1958,  
No. 47/PMR/58 of 28 December 1958 and  
No. 152/CI/D/DG/58 of 11 October 1958.

We shall later forward to you our permanent declaration addressed to  
the Government of East Togoland and to all legally constituted authorities and  
organizations which serve to uphold or observe the law.

1/ Note by the Secretariat: An identical communication has been received by  
the President of the Trusteeship Council.

In the service of LIBERTY, CIVILIZATION and UNIVERSAL CONCORD.

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Georges GANKE

SECRETARY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

For and on behalf of  
the NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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Djoklou AMOUSSOU

N.B.: Our new postal address is:

JUVENTO  
P.O. Box 789  
54, Rue de la Somme  
Lomé, TOGOLAND

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JUVENTO  
NATIONAL COMMITTEE  
DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL ORGANIZATION  
P.O. Box No. 260  
LOME  
Togoland, West Africa

No. 8/Doc's-N/58

Subject: REPORT ON THE TRANSFER OF LEADERSHIP FOR THE PERIOD  
21 DECEMBER 1958 to 21 DECEMBER 1960

The officers of the Executive Departments of JUVENTO, as the authorized representatives of the territorial party organization, convened to a special "national assembly" by Napo BADJI, the Assistant National Secretary, at the residence of Elie K. GO-MARO, the General Secretary of the Department of Information, acting in pursuance of article 12 as amended by article 31(c), which states: "The elections shall be held in December, before the 25th day of that month, but the new committees shall not begin to function until midnight on 1 January of the following year";

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Considering that their mandate expires on Monday, the 22nd of the current month, in accordance with article 12 as amended by article 31(d), of the Regulations, which states: "The various committees shall be elected for two years. However, any member who performs his duties unsatisfactorily, or finds that his personal preferences are at variance with his task, shall normally, before the expiration of his term, be relieved of his post and replaced or transferred to other duties by the Secretary of the Committee or on the decision of a majority of its active members";

Considering that, in the eyes of all Juventists without exception, Comrade Messan AIHTSON, the founder and leader of the party, who has been on a mission to Paris since November 1957, permanently retains his authority and functions as founder, leader, ideological director and organizer of JUVENTO because of his ability and devotion;

THEREFORE,

1. Accept the resignation of Comrade Napo BADJI;
2. Approve and proclaim the election of Comrade Djoklou J.-B. AMOUSSOU as National Secretary of JUVENTO, to take effect from today, 21 December 1958, for not less than the period laid down in the party regulations, namely, two years, or from 21 December 1958 to 21 December 1960;
3. Place themselves at the disposal of Comrade Djoklou J.-B. AMOUSSOU for the purpose of any reorganization that may be necessary;
4. Declare that if Comrade Djoklou J.-B. AMOUSSOU should deem it necessary to constitute or reconstitute the National Committee, he shall not be bound to retain on it present members of the Departments;
5. Submit this report to the JUVENTO Congress of 27-28 December 1958 for ratification by its officers. Any communication contesting this report should be submitted to the Department of National Organization by the 31st of the current month, giving the grounds for protests, which must be based on the party Regulations.

Done at LOME, on 21 December 1958

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For the Department of National Organization:

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| 1. Nicodème AMEGAH, Secretary for<br>Internal Coordination:<br>(Signed) illegible | 2. Georges GANKE, Secretary for<br>External Relations:<br>(Signed) illegible |
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For the Political Department:

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| 1. Yawovi Egle DATSA, General<br>Secretary of the Department:<br>(Signed) illegible | 2. Antoine K. RAYMONDO, Director<br>of the Doctrine Section:<br>(Signed) illegible |
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For the Information Department:

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| 1. Elie K. GO-MARO, General<br>Secretary of the Department:<br>(Signed) illegible | 2. Benjamin GBEDEJI, Director of the<br>Section for the Education of the<br>People:<br>(Signed) illegible |
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For the Social Department:

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| 1. Flavianus COMLA, General<br>Secretary of the Department:<br>(Signed) illegible | 2. Bethel LAWSON, Pedagogical<br>Director:<br>(Signed) illegible |
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For the Cultural Department:

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| 1. Andre KOTOKO, General Secretary<br>of the Department:<br>(Signed) illegible | 2. Benjamin GBORFU, Director of the<br>National Section:<br>(Signed) illegible |
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For the Central Co-ordination Department:

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| 1. Norbertus ADIKA, General Secretary<br>of the Department:<br>(Signed) illegible | 2. Emmanuell Ayewubo ADJIVON,<br>Director of the Sports and<br>Supervision Section:<br>(Signed) illegible |
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For the Economics Department:

1. E.M. AGBO, General Secretary  
of the Department:  
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Messan AIHTSON (on mission),  
OUTGOING NATIONAL SECRETARY  
Napo BADJI,  
NATIONAL SECRETARY  
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2. Jonathan NADHON, Controller of  
the Department:  
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Djokou J.-B. AMOUSSOU,  
NATIONAL SECRETARY-ELECT  
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JUVENTO

LOME, 28 DECEMBER 1958

NATIONAL COMMITTEE

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL ORGANIZATION

P.O. Box No. 260

LOME (Togoland, West Africa)

No. 47/FMR/58

Subject: MOTION OF PROTEST

To: Mr. SYLVANUS E. OLYMPIO, PRIME MINISTER OF THE REPUBLIC OF TOGOLAND, LOME  
Against the continuation of the old régime in TOGOLAND under the existing  
Statute and the fixing of 1960 as the date for NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE  
without prior consultation with the various political parties: C.U.T.,  
M.P.T. and JUVENTO.

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Sir,

JUVENTO,

Considering that the IMMEDIATE INDEPENDENCE OF TOGOLAND is the only correct  
answer to the unanimously expressed desires of the peoples of Togoland which is

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in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations and has repeatedly been upheld by nationalist leaders before international assemblies;

Noting the manifest determination of the peoples of Togoland to carry out immediately their programme of FULL INDEPENDENCE within the framework of a UNITED STATES OF AFRICA in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the Accra Conference of 5 to 13 December 1958;

Considering that the only valid policy is that acclaimed previously by the Togolese people in the elections of 27 April 1958 and that the peoples of Togoland have been greatly disappointed in that the new Government has continued the niggardly regime established under the Statute of self-government entirely against the true wishes of the Country;

Noting the apathy of the new Togoland Government, placed in office by the elections of 27 April 1958, in the face of the colonialists' reactionary measures against our Togolese compatriots in ABIDJAN, who were robbed and expelled from the Ivory Coast, and the general dissatisfaction at the surprising news that 1960 was to be the date of the FULL INDEPENDENCE OF TOGOLAND;

Considering that the massive vote of the Togolese Nationalists on 27 April 1958 against the re-establishment of the old régime in the country under the Statute clearly indicated, not a wish to further the interests of a privileged class, but a desire for immediate FULL INDEPENDENCE;

Viewing the amicable negotiations in Paris between the de Gaulle and OLYMPIO Governments, deciding on 1960 without prior consultation with the various political parties - C.U.T., M.P.T. and JUVENTO - as the unilateral act of one party in direct opposition to the joint FULL INDEPENDENCE programme of the Togolese nationalist parties;

THEREFORE

1. Condemns the dilatory tactics of the new Togoland Government, placed in office by the elections of 27 April 1958, and its exclusion of the able and the young as a failure to fulfil election pledges;
2. Protests strongly against 1960 as the date for independence and requests the new Togoland Government and all the parties concerned to do their utmost to carry out the joint programme;

3. Holds the new Government responsible for the possible consequences of manifestations of popular anger if the points raised in this motion are not met;
4. Appeals to all national and international organizations and all liberal Governments to help the quickening forces of Togoland to regain the IMMEDIATE INDEPENDENCE OF TOGOLAND within the framework of a UNITED STATES OF AFRICA.
- RESERVES THE RIGHT to send this MOTION wherever necessary.
- IN THE SERVICE OF LIBERTY, CIVILIZATION AND UNIVERSAL CONCORD.

For the Secretary for Internal Coordination:	For the National Executive Committee
Djoklou J.-B. AMOUSSOU,	of JUVENTO:
Assistant-Secretary	NAPO BADJI
(Signed) illegible	ASSISTANT-NATIONAL SECRETARY
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JUVENTO

NATIONAL COMMITTEE

DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL ORGANIZATION

P.O. Box No. 260

LOME (Togoland, West Africa)

No. 152/CI/D/DG/58

Subject: REQUEST FOR AN INTERVIEW

To: Mr. SYLVANUS E. OLYMPIO, PRIME  
MINISTER OF THE REPUBLIC OF  
TOGOLAND, LOME

Sir,

We have the honour to request you for an interview, at a time and place that is convenient to you, for the sole purpose of communicating information to you that might further the aim, announced over the Radio and in Daily Information Bulletin No. 00661, of your visit to Paris and your forthcoming visit to the United Nations - the burning issue of TOGOLAND'S INDEPENDENCE.

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As you are aware, JUVENTO has its own ideology and its own programme, following a different line from those of other organizations, whose views are of no interest to us, the more so since JUVENTO is striving for the COUNTRY'S IMMEDIATE INDEPENDENCE AND REUNIFICATION, and what JUVENTO is doing for and on behalf of the people cannot fail to benefit all, including political organizations with differing views.

In the Service of LIBERTY, CIVILIZATION  
and UNIVERSAL CONCORD.

For and on behalf of the National  
Secretary

NAPO BADJI,

ASSISTANT-NATIONAL SECRETARY

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N.B. Registered letter No. 457  
of 14 October 1958.

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