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"COMITE DE L'UNITE TOGOLAISE", CERCLE OF LAMA-KARA CONCERNING
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JOINT COMMITTEE OF
JUVENTO AND THE COMITE DE L'UNITE TOGOLAISE
CERCLE OF LAMA-KARA, TOGOLAND

Lomé, 26 June 1957

To the Chairman and members of the United Nations Visiting Mission
to Togoland, Lomé

Sir,

We hasten to inform you that on the morning of the day after you left Lama-Kara, that is to say on Saturday, 22 June 1957, a certain Bouyoh, a leading member of the Piya-Haut Committee of JUVENTO, was arrested by the local authorities and taken to Lama-Kara for no reason whatsoever. In the afternoon the same officials returned to Piya and made further arrests. The people who protested against such arbitrary action were fired upon by the police. Many were killed or wounded, and deaths have occurred among the wounded taken to hospitals at Lama-Kara and Sokodé. We urgently desire and ask for your intervention, and request you to send a delegation from your Mission to the spot to take note of the facts and to restore peace in this Cercle before you leave.

If you do nothing to stop these atrocities in this area, all Togoland will suffer, since our cause is popular, especially in the North, where the Nationalist majority surprised the Administering Authority during your visit.

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Moreover, we wish to point out that the governing classes, the progressists and the administrative officers have always declared that the United Nations is powerless in Togoland and that France could do what she wished with Togoland. If you do not go there, that statement will be confirmed before all the people. What faith will we then have in the United Nations?

At present other persons are confined to the premises of the Chiefs and compelled to work in their fields every morning. Paramount Chief Palanga has already told our comrade, Moïse Anidi, to vacate his houses saying that he no longer has any use for him in his town.

In order that you may make a thorough inquiry we ask you to invite our Committee and a committee of the opposition to meet on the spot. We could then ask questions and you would thus learn much that is being concealed from you.

Mr. Chairman and members of the Visiting Mission, come back to the Cabrais country and we shall have peace.

(Signed) Issifou Bode
Secretary

(Signed) Pierre Mamah
Chairman
