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COMMUNICATION FROM MR. SILAS TCHEUNTE TAMNOU AND OTHERS  
CONCERNING THE CAMEROONS UNDER FRENCH ADMINISTRATION

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Popular petition from the population of  
Seven-Djongo, Douala

To the Minister for Overseas France, Paris  
Through the High Commissioner of the French Republic in the Cameroons, Yaoundé.

Sir,

Having learned of your forthcoming visit to the Cameroons under French administration;

Having learned of your meeting with the deputy Mbida, at which he presented you with a tissue of lies designed to bring about the forcible integration of our country into the French Union;

Considering that despite the allegations of the misbegotten Mbida there is no political calm in the Cameroons;

Considering that there will be no political calm in the Cameroons until Cameroonian popular movements are again given legal recognition;

Considering that there can be no true political calm while numerous Cameroonians languish in colonialist gaols throughout the Territory and the true Sons of the People continue to live under a threat of prosecution;

Considering that your visit to the Cameroons is intended to bring about the forcible application of the General Law (loi-cadre) of which you are the author, and that this law, whatever Forban Mbida and his thugs may say, is denounced and rejected by the people of the Cameroons;

The population of Seven-Djongo at Douala

PROTESTS vigorously against the malicious allegations of Mbida, who, against the wishes of the Cameroonian population, fraudulently calls for the application of the General Law in our country, which neither is nor ever shall be a colony of any nation but remains a country under international trusteeship aspiring to national unity and independence;

- DEMANDS (a) due recognition of dissolved popular movements; the  
recission of arrest warrants issued against supporters of  
Cameroonian unification and independence;
- (b) immediate negotiations with the qualified representatives of  
the Cameroonian people, with a view to ensuring the  
attainment of our country's primary objectives, namely:  
UNIFICATION and INDEPENDENCE.

We have the honour to be, sir, etc.

Douala Seven-Djongo, 17 July 1956

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