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COMMUNICATION FROM MR. PAUL NGONDJEU CONCERNING THE  
CAMEROONS UNDER FRENCH ADMINISTRATION

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Ngondjeu Paul  
Municipal Councillor  
M'balmayo

M'balmayo, 18 November 1958

To the Chairman of the United Nations Mission  
to the Cameroons under French administration

Sir,

I am taking advantage of your honorable Mission's visit to give you an accurate and clear account of my case with the Cameroonian SCOA.

I think that you will have received my letter informing you of this matter before leaving your headquarters in New York.<sup>1/</sup>

I am making a most serious charge, and not a minor one, against this firm. I will explain why: my certificate of employment, which is an absolutely essential document for me, as it is for any employee, for the family's maintenance, has still not been returned to me.

As the SCOA was in business with me, it should return us to our native village from which it took us away. It should also settle with the owner of the house in which it left us destitute.

The SCOA is making so bold as to give false information to the Administering Authority, for I noted with satisfaction that during the meeting of 6 February 1958

<sup>1/</sup> Note by the Secretariat: A petition from Mr. Paul Ngondjeu concerning his "case with the SCOA" (T/PET.5/1095 and Add.1-3) was considered by the Trusteeship Council at its twenty-first session (resolution 1892 (XXI)).

Mr. CAMARET, the French Special Representative, mentioned a misappropriation of funds. There is no question of any such thing in my case with the SCOA.

Mr. DENIAU, too, confirmed it in the Trusteeship Council on 6 March 1958 and said that I have been receiving funds from the municipality since I was dismissed by SCOA. That is absolutely untrue. The SCOA is trying to evade its responsibilities towards me and my family. It cannot do that.

As conclusive evidence I enclose a letter stating that I worked for the SCOA at LOLODORF and not only at M'BALMAYO, as stated in the SCOA's confidential letter, General Service No. 38 of 10 February 1956, of which I attach a copy and in which the SCOA recommended its agent at M'balmayo to regard me as locally recruited. That is why I am requesting the Trusteeship Council to grant me a hearing, together with my international lawyer, at international expense, so that I can enumerate item by item the false evidence submitted by the SCOA;<sup>2/</sup> for by having me sent to prison without the court pronouncing on my case it lost me my good name as an elected Councillor.

That, Sir, is how a guardian treats his ward.

I have the honour to be, etc.

Ngondjeu Paul, Municipal Councillor

M'balmayo

(Signed) illegible

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<sup>2/</sup> Mr. Ngondjeu addressed a request for a hearing to the Council at its twenty-first session in more or less the same terms as the present one (T/PET.5/1095/Add.2 and 3). His request was granted after he had been informed, at the Council's request, that it was not the practice of the United Nations to pay any of the expenses of petitioners appearing before it and that he would therefore have to pay all his own travelling expenses and the cost of his stay in New York (T/L.816 and Corr.1). The petitioner did not appear before the Council.