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WESTERN SAMOA

PETITION FROM LEADERS AND REPRESENTATIVES OF WESTERN SAMOA

The following petition has been communicated to the United Nations concerning the Trust Territory of Western Samoa and is herewith transmitted to the Trusteeship Council for its consideration in accordance with Article 87, paragraph (b) of the United Nations Charter.

Ministry of External Affairs,

Wellington, N.Z.

24 January 1947

NEW ZEALAND.

NO. 4

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit herewith, for submission to the Trusteeship Council, a petition from representative Samoan leaders of of Western Samoa.

2. The occasion on which the petition was prepared and presented to the Administrator was a public gathering to which the Administrator invited all Samoans who wished to attend, in order to discuss the proposed Trusteeship Agreement for the territory in the draft form in which it was presented to you on 28 October, 1946. The Administrator informed the petitioners that their views would be made known to the United Nations and that the petition would be placed before the Trusteeship Council upon its formation. It will be recalled that the New Zealand representative informed Sub-Committee I of Committee IV at its meeting on 23 November, and during discussions in subsequent meetings, that the Samoans had expressed themselves as not desiring a Trusteeship Agreement but immediate self-government.

3. The New Zealand Government will be pleased to learn, in due course, what arrangements are proposed for the examination of this petition in consultation with the Administering Authority.

I have the honour to be,  
Sir,  
Your obedient servant,

(Sgd.) P. Fraser  
Minister of External Affairs

The Secretary-General,  
United Nations,  
P. O. Box 1000,  
NEW YORK, I. N.Y.

APIA, Western Samoa.  
18th. November, 1946.

His Excellency,  
The Administrator of Western Samoa,  
A P I A.

Sir:

We, the Fautua, Members of the Legislative Council,  
Associate Judges, Faipule and District Representatives of all  
Western Samoa, respectfully ask you to submit to the present  
session of the United Nations' Organisation through the  
New Zealand Government, the freely expressed wishes of the  
Samoan people as declared at a Fono held at Mulinuu on the  
18th. November, 1946, based on our firm belief in the principles  
of the Atlantic Charter which have been proclaimed throughout  
the world and confirmed by the House of Parliament in  
New Zealand and for which millions of lives have been  
sacrificed.

The proposed Draft Agreement of the Trusteeship concerning  
which you sought our views was discussed at length at the said  
Fono and, while we recognise that this represents an advance  
upon the Mandate, we feel that an acceptance of it would bring  
us no nearer our ultimate aim of self-government for which we  
have earnestly and consistently striven under the Mandate.

We are appreciative of the progress in social services  
and the sympathetic treatment accorded to us during the past  
ten years by the Labour Government and would like to express  
herein our sincere gratitude for the efforts made on behalf

of the rights of the small nations by the Right Honourable, the Prime Minister, before the Council of the United Nations' Organisation.

On the basis of the sacred rights of self-government as upheld and defended by the British Commonwealth of Nations and, on the principles of the Atlantic Charter, we feel confident that our resolutions, as set out hereunder, will be granted; -

1. We humbly beseech that Samoa be granted self-government.
2. We earnestly pray that New Zealand will see fit to act as Protector and Advisor to Samoa in the same capacity as England is to Tonga.
3. We sincerely pray that the unnatural division of the islands of the Samoan Group enforced by the Three Powers in the past without the consent of the Samoans be left in abeyance until a meeting can be arranged between Eastern and Western Samoa.

Yours very respectfully,

/SIGNATURES

<u>faipule</u>	<u>sui</u>	<u>tau</u>
19. <u>Saipan</u>	<u>Fetels</u>	<u>Salatini</u>
20. <u>Faamataiini</u>	<u>Tao</u>	<u>Satigi</u>
21. <u>R. Majel F. P.</u> R. Majel Tautailepue	<u>Thelafu</u> <del>Tepea</del> <del>Tofila</del> <del>Modoa</del>	<u>Talefa</u> <del>Lugafifi</del> <del>Lepa, S.</del>
22. <u>Y. M. as</u>	<u>Matrone</u> <del>Matrone</del> <u>Tepea</u> <del>Tepe</del>	<u>Salaboga</u> <del>Salsaboga</del> <del>Tepefa</del>
23. <u></u>	<u>Tiabia</u>	<u>Katahia</u>
24. <u>Ale m</u>	<u>Faone</u> <u>Ale</u> <del>Ma</del>	<u>Matachia</u>
25. <u>Laues</u>	<u>Tao</u> <u>Tulco'a</u> <del>Tulon</del>	<u>Zaerina</u>
26. <u>Patu</u>	<u>Tinu Tin</u> <u>Wogacomo</u> <del>W</del>	<u>Vastale</u>
27. <u>Sale</u>	<u>Wukili</u> <u>Sale</u> <del>S</del>	<u>Safatua</u>
28. <u>Lopuosa</u>	<u>Terago</u> <del>P</del> <u>Eis</u>	<u>Eboto</u>
29. <u>Toluoro</u>	<u>Kolau</u> <u>Wataafa</u>	<u>Vaiala</u>
30. <u>W. S. - f.</u>	<u>Lagaaia</u> <u>Wunayulu</u> <del>W</del>	<u>Apia</u>
31. <u>M. Faivalo</u>	<u>Osania</u> <del>Amia</del>	<u>Teauvai</u>
32. <u>Tao</u>	<u>Leipi</u> <u>Sagatolu</u>	<u>Keauveria</u>
33. <u>Nanai F.</u>	<u>Tuluqa Piga</u> <u>Kaaoe Tol</u>	<u>Sataua</u>
34. <u>Tuilogi</u>	<u>Pa'u S. Itoveni</u> <u>M. L. M. Matua</u>	<u>Ulitogia</u> <u>Asau</u> <u>Asau</u>
35. <u></u>		

1. <u>Teuli</u>	<u>Scialava</u>	<u>Hanono</u>
2. <u>Solomons</u>	<u>Tridacna</u>	<u>Fagaloa.</u>
3. <u>Masi'</u>	<u>Olaaiga</u>	<u>Tulapun</u>
4. <u>Neitamus</u> S.D.	<u>Tanak</u>	<u>Leulunus</u>
5. <u>Yapuola</u>	<u>Pili-aé</u>	<u>Nafabii</u>
6. <u>Lo Siuule</u>	<u>taqe'</u>	<u>Sabitoa uia.</u>
7. <u>Catalia F.</u>	<u>Tauan. Tel.</u>	<u>Taesaasie</u>
8. <u>Folava</u>	<u>Leauphehetel.</u>	<u>Opia</u>
9. <u>Hanono</u>	<u>Leol-e-lei</u>	<u>Leptoi</u>
10. <u>Hambatoa F.P.</u>	<u>Huolua E.</u>	<u>Tonbas</u>
11. <u>Tula F.F.</u>	<u>Tuolapoa</u>	<u>Seelbii</u>
12. <u>Tusasa F.F.P</u>	<u>Hecimava</u>	<u>Lelepa</u>
13. <u>R. I. And</u>	<u>Rechaoava</u>	<u>Udaffay</u>
14. <u>Tofaeono</u>	<u>Lealava</u>	<u>Ullatua</u>
15. <u></u>	<u>Levi Saolox</u>	<u>Uppava</u>
16. <u>Tafuaal</u>	<u>Tofa Peleti</u>	<u>Ufava</u>
17. <u>Navea</u>	<u>Anaya</u>	<u>Ukriava</u>
18. <u>Asua. U.</u>	<u>Tuio</u>	<u>Uaice</u>
	<u>Atanava</u>	<u>Umanet.</u>
	<u>Taoagalo</u> M	<u>Uttuun.</u>
	<u>Lolepa</u>	<u>Uttuulava</u>
	<u>Umanet</u>	<u>Tafaga</u>
	<u>Tuio</u>	<u>Uttuulava</u>
	<u>Amula</u>	<u>Ukacava</u>
	<u>Tauadabot</u>	<u>Ukacava</u>
	<u>Tata P. Pelegi</u>	<u>Ukacava</u>
	<u>Puni.</u>	<u>Ukacava</u>
	<u>Nuua. I.</u>	<u>Ukacava.</u>

Fautua. Fautua. Fautua.  
 Member of Legislative Council. Member of Legislative Council. Member of Legislative Council.  
 Member of Legislative Council. Associate Judge. Associate Judge.  
 Associate Judge.

FAIPUIK AND DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES.

1. Teamata Sene. Potoloto. Payerfau.  
 Togagae Tari Samaka  
 2. L. M. M. Tei Salote Tesso  
 Fa'afale Pule.  
 3. Tagaloa Leota Solosola  
 Luafalealo. Leatuaui.  
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36. <u>Shiota M.</u>	<u>Fairie</u>	<u>Saltiposites</u>
37. <u>Urupao 10.</u>	<u>Soratina</u>	<u>Sabikaita</u>
	<u>Tiamia Tasi</u>	<u>Gathine</u>
	<u>Lammar</u>	<u>Puleia</u>
38. <u>Tuisaga</u>	<u>Samo. I.</u>	<u>Pailelo</u>
	<u>Fuamotu I.</u>	<u>Fagalin</u>
39. <u>Tauava</u>	<u>O. Maea</u>	<u>El Palagisina</u>
	<u>Taitalo Tops</u>	<u>Teja</u>
40.		
41.		