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PETITION FROM MR. SHARIFF GULAM ALI SHAH

DATED 20 AUGUST 1948

In accordance with Rule 85 of the Rules of Procedure for the Trusteeship Council, the Secretary-General of the United Nations transmits herewith to the members of the Trusteeship Council a communication dated 20 August 1948 from Mr. Shariff Gulam Ali Shah concerning the Trust Territory of Ruanda-Urundi.

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SHERIFF GULAMALI SHAH
BIUMBA

20th August, 1948

The Delegation of the UNO,

USUMBURA

Honourable Members,

I have the honour to state that I came to Ruanda-Urundi in the year 1917. I was a merchant having a capital of nearly half a million francs.

In the year 1938 a case was filed against me of gold without any proof and it was all false. I was sentenced to four years imprisonment and when I was released in 1941 I was deported and a fine of Frs. 10.000./- was imposed upon me. At that time I had one plot in Biumba No. 11 and the other at Gatsibu No. 18 moreover one more plot at Biumba No. 13.

Up to this time I have no one to manage my business and look after my property and all being getting ruin as I am not allowed to enter this mandate. Now I am wandering here and there in Uganda. I have written so many applications to obtain entry permit to this country but was refused. I can neither obtain any permit to send any other person to manage my affairs and look after my property. I can estimate here that if I had carried on my business since that time I should have now nearly two millions of capital and should have saved myself of all these troubles which I am enduring now.

There were no proofs against me in the case even then after my serving the imprisonment there was no reason to deport me in a place which I was for nearly twenty-four years.

Therefore I shall be ever grateful to you if you could get me an entry permit for me to enter this mandate and live with peace and carry on my business and stay in my own building.

Thanking you in advance and hoping to hear from you the soonest.

I beg to remain,
Honourable Members,

(Signed) Sher Baz Khan
for Shariff Gulamali Shah

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Received at United Nations: 21 September 1948.
