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PETITION FROM MR. CHAKA SELEMANI
CONCERNING RUANDA-URUNDI

Note by the Secretary-General: In accordance with rule 85 and supplementary rule F of the rules of procedure for the Trusteeship Council, the Secretary-General has the honour to transmit to the members of the Trusteeship Council and to the Government of Italy as the Administering Authority of the Trust Territory of Somaliland, a communication dated 9 January 1952 from Mr. Chaka Selemani concerning the Trust Territory of Ruanda-Urundi.

SELEMANI, Chaka
Held at Central Prison,
Usumbura.

Usumbura,
9 January 1952

DECLARATION

I the undersigned, Selemani Chaka, having no hope of any help from the Belgian Government, submit my petition for the recovery of the property left by my late father, whose heir I am.

When I was sent away on military service, my father was a Chief. Before dying he placed my inheritance in the hands of his brother, my uncle, who died shortly afterwards. As a result, the chiefdom passed to André KALINDA, a chief from another race. He had to swear that my father had no living heir. When my younger brother tried to contradict André KALINDA, the latter, taking advantage of the transfer of the District Commissioner who had been present at his declaration, arranged with the Administrator of KIROTCHE for my brother to be exiled.

I beg you to intervene, so that I may recover my father's property and that my brother may be repatriated.

My father's country was in the KAMURONZA region, BAMBARI race, Territory of Kirotsche, province and district of Costermansville, Belgian Congo. My father's name was Chaka, my uncle's name is KALINDA, my little brother's name is BITARIHO and the successor in our country is André KALINDA, of the BAHUNDE race.

In claiming my father's property, I wish it to be understood that I am not claiming my father's chiefdom but only the 178 head of cattle that he left and that have been appropriated by André KALINDA.

The heir,
SELEMANI Chaka.

P.S. May I ask for some clarification? I do not know how one should act in such a case as mine. To whom should I appeal? What must I do? Please, when replying to my request, answer these questions, which I should not ask were it not for my unfortunate position. I should also like to know when the next visit of your mission will take place.

I have the honour etc.

(Signed) SELEMANI Chaka