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TWO PETITIONS FROM MR. MUHIRWA, PRIME MINISTER OF BURUNDI,
CONCERNING RUANDA-BURUNDI

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USUMBURA, 31 JANUARY 1962

CHAIRMAN FOURTH COMMITTEE TRUSTEESHIP UNITED NATIONS NEW YORK

GOVERNMENT BURUNDI NOTIFIES WORLD OPINION THAT REPORT OF AGENCY DIA "FOUR
BURUNDI HAVE BEEN MURDERED BY YOUTHS MEMBERS OF THE UPRONA YOUTH PARTY IN POWER
IN BURUNDI" IS ENTIRELY FALSE. IT IS IMPROPER TO DECIDE GUILT IN ADVANCE.
GOVERNMENT BURUNDI AFFIRMS MOREOVER THAT UPRONA PARTY DOES NOT OPPOSE ANY TRADE
UNION AS SUCH. IN ADDITION GOVERNMENT BURUNDI STRONGLY PROTESTS AGAINST POSITION
RECENTLY ADOPTED BY CERTAIN PETITIONERS IN TRUSTEESHIP COMMITTEE UNITED NATIONS
DEMANDING POLITICAL UNION OF RUANDA AND BURUNDI. ALTHOUGH BELGIUM ADMINISTERED
RUANDA AND BURUNDI JOINTLY EACH COUNTRY PRESERVED OWN POLITICAL STRUCTURE. AT
PRESENT RUANDA BEING REPUBLIC AND BURUNDI KINGDOM POLITICAL UNION INCONCEIVABLE.
GOVERNMENT BURUNDI INVESTED BY LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY RESULTING FROM REGULAR ELECTIONS
AND DULY REPRESENTING BURUNDI PEOPLE CATEGORICALLY REJECTS IDEA REFERENDUM ON
POLITICAL OR OTHER UNION BUT WOULD AGREE DISCUSSION ON ECONOMIC UNION FOR OPERATION
SERVICES COMMON TO BOTH STATES. ANY UNION OR AGREEMENT MUST BE NEGOTIATED FREELY
WITH RUANDA AS WITH ANY OTHER COUNTRY. LETTER FOLLOWS. RESPECTS.

MUHIRWA, PRIME MINISTER

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USUMBURA, 31 JANUARY 1962

ABSOLUTE PRIORITY

CHAIRMAN TRUSTEESHIP COMMITTEE UNITED NATIONS NEW YORK

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY BURUNDI INFORMS WORLD OPINION THAT REPORT OF AGENCY DIA "FOUR BARUNDI HAVE BEEN MURDERED BY YOUTHS MEMBERS UPRONA YOUTH PARTY IN POWER IN BURUNDI" IS ERRONEOUS AND PRESUMPTUOUS. JUDICIAL INQUIRY INTO MURDERS IN QUESTION IS IN PROGRESS. IN ADDITION REGARDING POSITION RECENTLY ADOPTED BY RUANDESE UNAR PETITIONERS IN TRUSTEESHIP COMMITTEE UNITED NATIONS CALLING FOR POLITICAL UNION OF RUANDA AND BURUNDI LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY BURUNDI ENTERS STRONG PROTEST THE TWO STATES HAVING EACH PRESERVED ITS OWN POLITICAL STRUCTURE. ANY AGREEMENT OR UNION MUST BE NEGOTIATED FREELY WITH RUANDA AS WITH OTHER COUNTRIES. SEE OFFICIAL RECORDS TWENTY-SIXTH SESSION 14 APRIL-30 JUNE 1960 SUPPLEMENT NO. 3 T/1551 REPORT ON RUANDA-URUNDI PAGE 54 PARAGRAPHS 409-410. LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY CALLS FOR INDEPENDENCE 15 MAY 1962.

A MUHIRWA, PRIME MINISTER
