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PETITION FROM EX-CHIEF BARNABE NTUNGUKA  
CONCERNING RUANDA-URUNDI

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USUMBURA, Ruanda-Urundi

Usumbura, 10 June 1954

Mr. Victor Hoo  
Assistant Secretary-General  
United Nations  
New York

Sir,

With reference to my registered letter No. 939 C of 30 May 1954, I have the honour to ask you for your assistance.

I was sentenced on 24 May. Since then I have not been fed at all and I am obliged to buy my food in an Asian restaurant.

According to the summons, I was arrested for a debt of 51,000 francs. Yet, as I told you in my previous letter, I have 30,000 francs in my account plus a cheque for 10,000 francs made out by Mr. Michez.

No judgment has as yet been rendered. I ask you, Mr. Secretary-General, kindly to help me so that I may be released and to examine my case when you next come to Africa.

Mr. Jamar, who was my counsel, dropped me by arrangement with the authorities. I urge you to help me as soon as possible, as I am in great distress. All my troubles arose because of my being in contact with you. If you only speak the word, I believe I will be set free, and I am perfectly willing to pay the remaining 10,000 frs.

With my warm thanks for your kind intervention, I have the honour to be  
etc.

NTUNGUKA Barnabé

P.S. During this month of June, my countrymen brought me food which the  
prison warden ordered the policemen not to accept, and I have remained  
without food. This has happened at least three times. If you are unable to  
have me released, kindly find me a COUNSEL and I shall willingly pay the cost.

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