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PETITION FROM MESSRS. MHANDENI MWIGWA AND MSANGAZI MWEKONJE
CONCERNING TANGANYIKA

Note by the Secretary-General: In accordance with rule 84 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 4 August 1951 from Messrs. Mhandeni Mwigwa and Msangazi Mwekonje concerning the Trust Territory of Tanganyika.

This communication was transmitted to the Secretary-General by the United Nations Visiting Mission to Trust Territories in East Africa.

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Zigualand
Tanganyika Territory.
4th August, 1951

The Secretary General,
The Department of Trusteeship,
Lake Success,
New York,
N.Y. U.S.A.

Sir,

The Unity of Wazigua Tribe.

We have the honour to send this letter as being our Petition for the above subject.

Zigualand is the country which is in Tanga and Eastern Provinces. It is the land which extends from the Usambara Mts. in the north to River Wami in the South; and Central and Eastern Provinces on the West to the Indian Ocean on the East.

In order to make things quite clear we think we must also write down the names of the tribes who are our neighbours. North: Wadigo, Wabondei, Wasambara and Wapare.

South: Wakami, Waluguru, Wakwele, Wadoe and Wazaramo.

West: Wamasai, Wagogo, Wakagulu and Wasagala.

East: Indian Ocean.

Our country has been divided up into different districts and Provinces and this division makes us unable to form any unity of the whole tribe:-

(a) In Tanga Province Wazigua are in Handen District which totally contains only Wazigua and is the centre of Zigualand. In Pangani District is a mixture of tribes. In Lushoto District (Korogwe sub District) is also a mixture of Wasambara and Wazigua.

(b) In Easter Province there are Wazigua in Morogoro and Bagamoyo Districts.

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This dividing up of our land into different districts and provinces is not the blame to the present administering authority. It took place in the Germany reign, and after the war of 1914-18 the British Government just followed the former Authority's boundaries.

There are simple changes which the British Government could make; e.g. Korogwe district to take Mnyuzi which was a part of Tanga District.

So many letters were sent to Government in order to make us united together. If not under one administrative office, but to have one Native Treasury for the whole tribe. The answers which we always receive from Government are unsatisfactory.

We have written all these lines just to make you understand our aim fully. We, Wazigua cannot have good communication with Government as the great majority of us are ignorant and uneducated ones. So when they are asked by a white officer, "Do you all want this?" Some would answer yes, and others contrary.

We end our letter with great hope that your communication with the administering authority of our country would be prosperous.

We have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servants,

(sgd) MHANDENI MWIGWA
and
MSANGAZI MWEKONJE.

Copy to the Visiting Mission coming next month.
