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CONCERNING RUANDA-URUNDI

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ABANYARWANDA NA ABARUNDI ABADAHEMUKA

P.O. Box 30527,
Kampala,
Uganda.

26th November, 1960.

To the Secretary General,
The United Nations Organization,
New York.

Dear Sir,

I am writing to you at the request of Banyarwanda and Barundi Abadahemuka, an Association of Banyarwanda and Barundi who form a population of about a million in Uganda. We have been constantly in touch with you about the Ruanda situation since the Belgians indirectly declared war on the peaceful and unarmed african people of Ruanda at the end of last year.

I must tell you categorically that we have been greatly disappointed by the United Nations. Since the UNO Commission visited Ruanda in March this year and made some recommendations, we have been waiting, hoping that some of those recommendations would be implemented. But so far nothing has been done. The Belgian atrocities committed against the africans injustice, disorder and killings, arbitrary imprisonments and all sorts of misery are continuing to cloud the situation of our country.

To save our country from impending destruction we suggest that:

- (a) The United Nations Organization should take immediate steps to reduce Belgian powers in Ruanda-Urundi.
- (b) There should be a state of amnesty throughout the country with complete supervision of the United Nations Organization.
- (c) Elections should be postponed for at least six months while the country is healing from the prevailing hatred and collapse. During this period the people will feel free from fear and they will be able to convas and ultimately chose the right leaders and the Government fully representing the will of the people.
- (d) Umwami Kigeri v (King of Ruanda) should return to his kingdom with UNO guarantee for his security and with all his powers as a constitutional monarch. For it is through him that there can be hope for peace and order and stable Government in Ruanda.

I remain to be,

Yours respectfully,

E.S. Kareba (sgd.) illegible

PRESIDENT OF ABADAHEMUKA, UGANDA.