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PETITION FROM THE NYAGATARE WOMEN LEAGUE CONCERNING RUANDA-URUNDI

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Nyagatare Women League
P.O. Gatsibo,
Rudnda-Urundi
23rd March 1961

The Under-Secretary for Trusteeship,
and for Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories,
New York, U.S.A.

Sir,

We have the honour to inform you that our Women League recognises the
Umwami Kigeli V as the rightful Umwami of all Ruanda and therefore strongly oppose
the Republican Government recently imposed in Ruanda by the Belgian Government.

Sir, on behalf of all Ruanda Women, beg to inform you of evil deeds done
to us by the Belgian Government and its bad soldiers:

- (1) We are outstripped of our garments in public by the soldiers;
- (2) We are raped violently by the soldiers, every now and then, yet the Belgian
Government does nothing to stop this evil doing;
- (3) We are put to prisons without any case nor judgment passed to us.

Sir, we demand that Belgian Government be stopped and let our beloved Umwami
Kigeli V return to his country in order to restore peace and order in the country.

Sir, we should be very grateful if the United Nations intervened and relieve
us of all these evil deeds done to us brutally.

We have the honour to be, Sir, Your Obedient Maidens, for and on behalf of
all others,

1. Nyiramubi, President Women League
2. P. Nyirabudidiri, Vice-President
3. E. Rwakiza, Secretary
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