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PETITION FROM MR. E.F. FAWTY
CONCERNING THE CAMEROONS UNDER BRITISH ADMINISTRATION

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rules of procedure for the Trusteeship Council)

E.F. Fawty Plot No.80,
Buea Stranger Quarters,
C/o N.A. Treasurer
Buea/British Cameroons.

10th. November 1953

The Trusteeship Council,
Lake Success, New York,
U.S.A.

Sirs,

I have the honour to forward here for your information and necessary action copies of petitions addressed to the Inspector General of the Nigerian Police subject to my false imprisonment and deprivation of liberty and also a copy of the reply from the Inspector General of Police.

I further beg to add that during the time of my apprehension I had several contract with people which were not completed as the result of my apprehension and detention. The Cameroons Development Co-operation Ekona gave me Contracts to construct temporal buildings for their labourers, and the contract did not continue to the extent as the result of the detention.

I completed only sixty houses and my gain was a hundred pounds, and I was to build more eight Camps, of sixty houses, in each camp. Apart from this Contracts my farms and house got damaged. In view of the contracts which I could have done, and also the damage of my farms and house and other things, I

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estimate my compensation to £900 (Nine hundred pounds) and £50 (Fifth pounds) for feeding out of pocket while in Her Majesty's Prison. Total is Nine Hundred and fifty pounds (£950).

Thanking you in anticipation of immediate action.

Yours fully,
(Signed) E.F. FAWTY
E.F. Fawty

N.B. I enclosed here with the copy proceeding of the case^{1/} and draw your attention to pages, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 of the proceeding and the judgement.

1/ See the annexed note by the Secretariat.

From: Mr. E.F. Fawty,
Plot No. 80, Buea,
Strangers Quarters,
C/o N.A. Treasury,
Buea.

7th September, 1953

The Inspector General of Police,
Headquarters the Nigeria Police,
LAGOS.

SIR,

With reference to your letter No. 3096/56 dated 1st September, 1953, in reply to mine, of the 8th August 1953, subject to my false apprehension, and false imprisonment, I beg to point out that the subject matter of the petition does specialise personal, or private dealings with Mr. E.S. Morgan Senior Superintendent of Police, on vacation leave.

The subject matter of the petition is compensation, for false imprisonment and the key for the whole matter is the case file, with the police and the proceedings of the Supreme Court. The name Mr. E.S. Morgan is mentioned in certain paragraphs, of the petition to make clear the whole case and his actions, of not acting impartially in the case as a Police Officer ought to, but makes himself a Bali man to punish me before the trial of my case, because I am a Widikum man and he wanted to punish innocent Widikums maliciously.

I am therefore still pressing with a view to the following reasons that in his absence, or before his return the matter can be possibly investigated.

1. The first report about my compensation was made to the Commissioner of the Cameroons on about the 9th April, 1953, at Buea, when E.S. Morgan was still here.
2. The subject matter in the petition is not a private matter to Mr. E.S. Morgan neither did E.S. Morgan take any of the files or proceedings concerned to his house.
3. He was officiating as a Senior Superintendent of Police and did hand over the office to another person who is now officiating and the same work going on smoothly.

4. That Sgt. Zakariah Diabe was one of his accessories who was in the investigation branch at Bamenda, and witnessed the whole show from the head to toe; he was in the Magistrates Court during the preliminary investigation by His Worship N.H. New who is now here and was also in the Supreme Court at Bamenda during the trial by His Lordship Justice Herdges, and he know, from the beginning to end of the case and may write the history of it, if the Inspector General desires it.
5. Naturally, Mr. E.S. Morgan may not come here again, or if he come at all may not meet me again, as one can not tell what may happen before this time, when the matter could have been investigated and rectified.

Thanking you in anticipation of your immediate
attention.

Yours obedient Petitioner,

(Signed) E.F. FAWTY

Copy to His Excellency the Governor of Nigeria

" " The Commissioner of the Cameroons

" " The United Nations Organisation, Lake Success, New York, U.S.A.

Ref: No.3096/56

The Office of the Inspector-General
The Nigeria Police,
Lagos.

1st September, 1953

E.F. Fawty, Esq.,
Plot No. 80, Buea Stranger Quarters,
C/o N.A. Treasurer,
Buea.

Sir,

With reference to your petition dated 8th August, 1953, the matters raised therein will be enquired into on the return from vacation leave of Mr. E.S. MORGAN, Senior Superintendent of Police.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

(SGD) INSPECTOR GENERAL OF POLICE.

Annex

Note by the Secretariat

The document enclosed in the petition, and referred to by the petitioner as a copy of the court proceedings in his case, is being retained in the Secretariat and is available to the members of the Trusteeship Council on request.

It is a record of the trial in the Supreme Court of Nigeria of the petitioner and one other on charges of:

- (i) promoting native war,
- (ii) conspiracy to commit a felony.

The charges arose out of the disturbances surrounding the Bali-Widekum dispute which was the subject of T/PET.4/82 and Trusteeship Council resolution 620 (XI).

The Supreme Court proceedings terminated in the acquittal of both accused. The Judge remarked that the case for the prosecution was somewhat threadbare.
