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PETITION FROM MR. MBELE WOKA
CONCERNING THE CAMEROONS UNDER BRITISH ADMINISTRATION

Note by the Secretary-General: In accordance with rule 85 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 17 November 1952 from Mr. Mbele Woka concerning the Trust Territory of the Cameroons under British administration.

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

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Mbela Woka,
Bokwaongo Membea Village.
c/o N. A. Office,
B u e a.
Cameroons under United
Kingdom Trusteeship.
W. C. A.
17th November, 1952.

The Visiting Mission of the United
Nations Organisation,
Buea.

Dear Sirs,

Though there are many matters of our village we will like to tell you, the main thing that strikes our heads now is the order of the Administ ring Authority to prisoners to destroy our farms.

As both the Administering Authority and the Cameroons Development Corporation have taken almost all the land around us, we are sorrowfully forced to farm at the Cameroons Mountain.

To our great surprise, the Administering Authority sends Prisoners to destroy our farms at the mountain. On these farms we depend and because of the destruction, many villagers starved last year.

We complained several times to the Administering Authority and in the last petition, we demanded £107:18:-d for only one great damage. We forwarded a copy of the letter to the Assistant Secretary General, Department of Trusteeship and information form Non-Self-Governing Territories.^{1/} He acknowledge receipt of it but for the Administering Authority, the Officer-in-charge of the Prison sent a

1/ Note by the Secretariat: See T/COM.4/L.1

message to report to his office and when we did so, we received but threats.

I attach copies of the correspondence for you to peruse and return to me.

We shall be grateful for your aid.

Yours very respectfully,

(Signed)

MBELA WOKA

Mbela Woka

for the Villagers of Bokwaongo, Membea

Received through the U.N. Visiting Mission to West Africa, 1952, at Headquarters on 20 January 1953.