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PETITION FROM MR. MANFRED MANJE CONCERNING THE CAMEROONS UNDER BRITISH ADMINISTRATION

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Mr. Manfred Manje c/o Mr. S.N. Mutale Basel Mission Tiko 13th September 1958

The General Secretary U.N.O. New York. Sir,

We had several times call the attention of the U.N.O. to take an adequate measure, with the British Government to give moral support to the poor Kamerunians. Since then no change had been made in their Government.

The repression of the British Government in the Western Kamerun, has cause losing of the population, and discreasing of the families, without any sign of sympathy.

I am calling the U.N.O. attention to listern to my complains. The following action demonstrate repression of the British Government in the Kamerun. 1. I Mr. Manfred, had served in the Plantation, since 1918, under wonder and Etanji. The first European, till date under the plantation. I have got ten children under the Plantation. I was terminated by my department C.D.C. without any complain no retirement or gratuity. I have made many appeal to my Department for this action, all what they could reply is that; they are unable to approve my retirement. I include here the reply of the C.D.C. for the time I was appealing this case to them. That fortitude which has continue to dominate in this country, It is the high time for us to notice the world the position of the Kamerun.

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2. I am appealing to the U.N.O. that "What I going to take and feed my children with? ten children my wife and myself. Without money if one is sick now, is surely dieing, because there is no free Medecal Hospital. This is one is way of discreasing the Population and the families.

3. I had an accident by a lorry of which the case was a Police case, and my Department was informed. I had no compensation by my department. This accident took place in my returning from the C.D.C. work.

4. Due to the families that I have got behind me, embarrassed in surch action taken by the British Government Department C.D.C. to suffer me. I am just going up and down, looking for a settling place, of which till date, I have not come in conclusion of it.

5. I am call the attention of the British Department to explain fevourably to you, since I know you are the Suprime Authority over the trust territory, where does he suppose I am living with the families? Do I eat? if so where do I get money? Does this mean the British Government Department are working following the terms of the trusteeship agreement and Universal Declaration of human Rights?

6. I could not live without asking for this money, because the Plantation was as my own farm, for almost forty years under the Plantation. In all my times in the Plantation, I have not once asked for leave, or leave pay money. I am calling the attention of the Department to pay my gratuity immediately. What will I used with the families? This money will help me to manege my own affairs, either in building house, opening a little shop, or paying a transport to my own home town Pakundu, as the case may be.

7. Serving under a department for almost forty years, why should my long period not being considered by the Department 1918 to 1957.

N.B. Now down on my knee, I will like my words to be considered favourably, I wait for your favourable reply.

Yours faithfully

Manfred Manje c/o Mr. S.N. Mutale Basel Mission Tiko

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N.B. My working Department Hand T. Agency and transport Tiko

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CAMEROONS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Personnel Division, Head Office, Bota/Victoria, 27th June, 1958

Ref: PO/CCMP/DP/2

Mr. Manfred Manje, c/o Mr. S.N. Mutale, Basel Mission, Tiko.

Dear Sir,

Retirement.

With reference to your petition for a gratuity, dated 25th June, 1958, I refer you to my letter dated 3rd May 1956, Copy attached, and regret to inform you that a Medical Report in May 1956 stated that you were between 40 - 45 and that of November 1957, 45 - 50 years old. In either case, you fail below the retiring age.

As there is no reason to retire you on any ground other than age limit, I am unable to approve your retirement.

> Yours faithfully, CAMERCONS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

> > Personnel Officer

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