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FOUR PETITIONS DEALING WITH GENERAL PROBLEMS CONCERNING THE
CAMEROONS UNDER BRITISH ADMINISTRATION

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of procedure of the Trusteeship Council)

I.

The Secretary-General
of the United Nations,
New York

Sir,

I humbly beg to bring to your notice the following:

Yaoundé radio announced on 19 March 1959 that the sum of £20m had just been voted in London for the referendum which is to be held later in Western and Northern Kamerun. This money will undoubtedly be used to bribe the Kamerunians into supporting the integration of Kamerun with the Federation of Nigeria. But Kamerunians will never be integrated in the Federation of Nigeria.

The Assistant High Commissioner recently announced at Buea that he favours the accession of Western Kamerun to the Federation of Nigeria and the modification of the United Nations Trusteeship Agreement. How can the Trusteeship Agreement be modified in the case of a country that is not independent?

It is simply a ruse to massacre the poor Kamerunians, because I know it is the Trusteeship Agreement that restrains the British colonialists from torturing the Kamerunians, if I am not mistaken ...

I have the honour to be, etc.

Hurrah for the United Nations! Hurrah for a unified and independent Kamerun!
Hurrah for world peace.

(Signed) illegible

André Tchinda de Babeté
c/o P.O. Box No. 20, Bamenda,
Camerocks under British
Administration,
West Africa.

Bamenda, 23 March 1959

III.

The Secretary-General
of the United Nations,
New York

Sir,

I humbly beg to bring to your notice the following:

The Assistant High Commissioner said in a broadcast statement at Buea: I am in favour of the accession of Western Kamerun to the Federation of Nigeria and of being under English rule. He also said that the Trusteeship Agreement should be modified.

But I can see it is simply a means of colonizing that part of Kamerun to give it independence within the British Commonwealth.

That can be stopped if a plebiscite is held to see whether the population of Western Kamerun is in favour of unification with Eastern Kamerun.

I have the honour to be, etc.

(Signed) illegible

Bernadette Ngweni,
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Bamenda, Kamerun under British
Administration.

Bamenda, 25 March 1959

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IV.

MEMORANDUM

The Ntchou-Santa Local Committee of One Kamerun

At a special meeting today 375 inhabitants of the Ntchou-Santa quarter voiced a strong protest against the broadcast statement of the Assistant High Commissioner at Buea in which he said: I am in favour of the accession of Western Kamerun to the Nigerian Federation and hope that the Trusteeship Agreement affecting that Territory will be modified.

Considering that the English colonialists have not perpetrated atrocities in that Territory solely because of the restraining influence of the Trusteeship Agreement,

Considering that once the Trusteeship Agreement is altered, blood will flow freely in Kamerun,

Considering that Eastern Kamerun will attain independence on 1 January 1960 and that this part should become independent at the same time as the other, since under the Germans Kamerun was a single Territory and not two,

Considering that Kamerun was divided into two parts without prior consultation with the population of the Territory, which must now be unified and given independence, since Kamerunians have no further use for a fake or reactionary government,

Requests the despatch of a United Nations Commission for a referendum in Western and Northern Kamerun, which will open the way to the unification of the two Kameruns.

Signatures:

Makam-Touognia (illegible)
Chairman

Magni Tside (illegible)
Secretary

Advisers:

(1) Yimele (illegible)

(3) Kolet Pauline (illegible)

(2) Kolah (illegible)

(4) Magoun Therese (illegible)

Done at Ntchou-Santa on 25 March 1959.
