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PETITION FROM THE ASSUMBO NATIVE AUTHORITY,

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MAMFE DIVISION, CONCERNING THE CAMEROONS

UNDER BRITISH ADMINISTRATION

Note by the Secretary-General. In accordance with rule 84 of the rules of procedure for the Trusteeship Council, the Secretary-General has the honour to transmit herewith to the members of the Trusteeship Council a communication dated 15 October 1949 from the Assumbo Native Authority, Mamfe Division 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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No.4134/1/28

Provincial Office,  
Cameroons Province,  
Buca, 14th November, 1949.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward herewith, attached a petition from the Assumbo Native Authority, Mamfe Division, addressed to the Visiting Mission. The Assumbo Native Authority area forms the northern apex of the Mamfe Division embracing an area of some four hundred and sixty six square miles. The estimated population is 4,686.

2. The petition raises three issues:-

- (i) The construction of a motor road from Mamfe to Tinta;
- (ii) The provision of a travelling Medical Dresser in the area;
- (iii) The establishment of Tinta as an Administrative Headquarters.

3. The distance of Tinta from Mamfe is some sixty miles and at present six days hard trekking on foot is necessary to reach Tinta from Mamfe which involves climbing some 5,000 feet up the continuation of the Bamenda escarpment. No trace for this road has yet been approved but a recent very rough estimate by the Provincial Engineer, Public Works Department, Victoria, assesses the cost of its construction at £150,000.

4. With reference to the second request increased medical facilities are dependent upon improved communications.

5. With reference to the third request consideration has been given in the past to proposals to divide the present Mamfe Division into two districts. In pursuance of this project it had been suggested that Tinta should become the Headquarters of one of these two districts, but this again is dependent upon improved communications. No decision has been reached on this matter but it now seems unlikely that the splitting of the Division

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will take place.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

(signed) - (illegible)

Senior Resident,  
Cameroons Province

The Principal Secretary,  
The Secretariat,  
United Nations Visiting Mission, Bamenda.

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Native Authority,  
Assumbo - Mamfe  
15th October, 1949.

Thro' the Hq. District Office,  
Mamfe

To

The Visiting Mission  
On Tour - Mamfe.

Sir,

Native Authority Assumbo: Petition From

With reference to your No.1152/114 of 10/10/49, we the Native Authority Assumbo have the honour most humbly to forward this petition for your kind consideration and approval.

2. We have many articles of trade and cannot sell them because we have no motor roads. We always find it difficult to pay our taxes because we have no means by which we could sell our articles. We should therefore be grateful if the motor road be made from Mamfe to Tinta.

3. Our people usually suffer from various diseases because there is no body to give them treatment. We are unable to carry a patient to Mamfe for treatment and would wish that a Travelling Dresser be posted to our area.

4. We wish that Assumbo be made a station being that our people are still uncivilised.

We hope our petition will meet with a favourable reply.

We have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Obedient Servants,

(Signed): .....(illegible)

W/M C.N.C.

Ekumo Ch...(illegible)

Pres. N. Court (marked here)  
for Native Authority R. T. I.

Received at United Nations Headquarters: 13 December, 1949.

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