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PETITION FROM MR. A.A. TAMASANG, ON BEHALF OF THE BAFRENG COMMUNITY
CONCERNING THE CAMEROONS UNDER BRITISH ADMINISTRATION

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From: Bafreng Community,
Bafreng Village,
Bamenda Division,
Southern Cameroons,
29th September 1959.

The Secretary General,
United Nations General Assembly,
New York,
United States of America.

Sir,

We the undersigned members, representing our supporters of the Bafreng Community in the Bamenda Division of the Southern Cameroons have the honour to submit that the Cameroons question should be handled with great tact and sympathy. You are the guardian and father of both big and small nations. Your objectives are to lead dependent countries to independence ensuring as a necessary condition that such nations should be both politically and economically secured. Cameroons wants independence which can be got by attaching herself to one of her two powerful neighbours. As a matter of course we want our independence in the Federation of Nigeria as a self-governing territory of the Federation with full and comprehensive constitutional safeguards but pressure is being brought on the masses by the British Administrative sponsored Kamerun National Democratic Party to secede from Nigeria. Cameroons is now in a political confusion and although the Premier had no mandate from the legislature of the Southern Cameroons to ask for secession, he is doing so on advice of the British Administrative Officer who

with the Chiefs are bringing undue pressure on the ignorant masses to support it because the white men and the Chiefs support it. We pray the United Nations Assembly to safeguard our future and guide our ignorant people from falling into the fire of remaining under Britain or secede and stand by ourselves as the advocates of secession preach. We submit that the questions for the Plebiscite must be: "Do you want to remain a self governing Region in the Federation of Nigeria or Do you want to secede and unify with the French Sector?" We further submit that in deciding Cameroons issues great reliance should be on the recent report of the United Nations Visiting Mission who are independent people of World Experience. May the Lord Save the Cameroons from Confusion.

We remain, Sir

Your petitioners.

(Signed)
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(Signed) A.A. TAMASANG
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