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PETITION FROM THE NORTHERN KAMERUN DEMOCRATIC PARTY CONCERNING THE CAMEROONS UNDER BRITISH ADMINISTRATION

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> NORTHERN KAMERUN DEMOCFATIC PARTY, NATIONAL SECRETAPIAT, M U B I, 18th November 1959

The Secretary General, United Nations, New-York-America.

PRIORITY PETITION

Sir,

We forward to you here this our humble Petition trusting it will be treated with the Priority it deserves.

As the result of the Plebiscite has prove to the United Nations and the World at large our long yearning for Severance from the Northern region of Nigeria and Nigeria as a whole as a step towards the reunification of the KAMERUN, we therefore ask the United Nations to proceed at once to foster the recognition of the Northern KAMERUN as part of the KAMERUNTRUST TERRITORY to implement its policy of Political, Social, Cultural and Education encouragement in dependent territories. Our long link with Nigeria has brought no good but backwardness, poverty and sickness whereas our Neighbouring Territories are far ahead of us. It is too astonishing that a territory like this which yields about 80% of the N.A. revenue of the Nigeria Province to which is linked (Adamawa) has no Schools, no better hospitals, or dispensaries and funny of all easy communication. T/PET.4/L.71 English Page 2

The result of the plebiscite has clearified the case of Petitioners and showed the justice and injustice of your last Benjamin Gerig's Visiting Mission in the Northern and KAMERUN as a whole. At least it should have not surprise any wise thinking person that the mission tender ask a report since it was under the chairmanship of "AN AMERICAN".

We knew before hand that the mission was going to tender a severse report for the good of imperial Britain being a good friend of imperial America.

Consequently the Benjamin Gerig report was a "precooked arrangement" "Christ and Judas" with the Agents of imperialism through the Administering Authorities.

We therefore ask the United Nations at this hour of Political evaluation to proceed forward in colaboration with the Administering (U.K.) Government to create a regional legislature for the Northern KAMERUN through which the legislative will proceed to achieve the final wish of the KAMERUNIANS.

That as the result of the Plebiscite has clearified the Position of the Northern KAMERUN with Nigerin, therefore request the U.N. in consultation with the U.K. Government to Postponed the Federal Election in territory until the territory's legislature is established.

PLEBISCITE CONDUCT:

The NORTHERN KAMERUN DEMOCRATIC PARTY as the only territory's Political Movement praise the way in which the Plebiscite was organised and conducted. As the Kamerunians believe in peace and tranquility, the polling and Counting of the Votes was in an atmosphere of free and true Calmness.

N.P.C. CHALLENGE:

It is surprising that the N.P.C. should be the first Party to challenge the conduct of the plebiscite whereas the "Northern KAMERUN" plebiscite Administrative Instructions were prepared by the Northern Nigeria Information Service and printed by the Gaskiya Corporation, Zaria; the plebiscite Regulations being the Nigeria Federal Government Regulations the N.A. Police, Nigeria Police, Soldiers, District Heads all Administered by the Northern Nigeria Government and

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all polling presiding, polling Marshals were paid by the

Federal Government of Nigeria which is headed by the N.P.C. Ref: plebiscite administrative Instructions Pagell para 13". Therefore all challenges about the conduct of the plebiscite is null and unfounded. It is also illegal, inhuman and undemocratic for the N.P.C. as a Nigeria Political Party to throw challenges on the conduct of Nigeria for Administrative purpose, quite distinct from that region and Nigeria as a whole.

Consequently ask the U.N. and the U.K. Government not to consider any Agitation from any Nigeria Political leader or Party for they are now like Wounded "LIONS". The result of the plebiscite has prove Alhaji Abdulai Dan-Buram Jada and Mallam Abba Habib - N.P.C. Ministers as traitors of the Northern KAMERUN and the KAMERUN NATION.

CONCLUSION

Call on the U.N. to terminate the Trusteeship Agreement for the British KAMERUN on one date - 1960.

GRATITUDE EXPRESSED

We have to express our profound gratitude and hearty thanks to Dr. Djalal Abdol's Mission for the honest Service it has given the people of the Northern KAMERUN, the whole KAMERUN and the World at large and wish to assure the mission that many pages shall be left open in the KAMERUN RECONSTRUCTION HISTORY for Generations to READ.

We remain, Sir,

(<u>Signed</u>) (illegible)

Umaru Vokna (Under Secretary) For and on behalf of the N.K.D.P. PRESS Ibrahim Abba (President)

(Signed) (illegible)

(National Secretary)

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