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PETITION FROM THE KUMBA BRANCH OF THE KAMEROON NATIONAL CONGRESS
CONCERNING THE CAMEROONS UNDER BRITISH ADMINISTRATION

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Kameroon National Congress,
Men's Wing,
Central Constituency,
KUMBA, 26 September 1959.

The General Secretary,
U.N.O.,
New York, U.S.A.

Sir,

PETITION AGAINST SOUTHERN CAMEROONS CONTINUANCE
UNDER MODIFIED TRUSTEESHIP AGREEMENT

Whereas the Premier of the Southern Cameroons, Mr. J.N. Foncha, in his last election campaigns had preached secession from the Federation of Nigeria and immediate unification with the French Sector of the Cameroons, a slogan which captivated the minds of the illiterate masses and by which he scored a narrow victory over his predecessor, and, whereas his predecessor had advocated continued association with the Federation of Nigeria with whom we have been for the past forty years under British Administration, we are now surprised to read from Mr. Foncha's new doctrine that unification with the French Cameroons was no longer necessary. But that what he wanted was continued MODIFIED TRUSTEESHIP AGREEMENT.

We view the introduction of this new clause with grave concern as it is most detrimental to the people of this Territory (Southern Cameroons). We blame him more for his short-sightedness which is being engendered by external forced interested in retaining the Southern Cameroons for a NAVAL BASE.

We pray the Premier of the Southern Cameroons to quickly recover from the stupor into which he has been driven and to reconcile with the Gods of this Continent of Africa and not lead a freedom-loving nation into perpetual slavery at a time all AFRICA is craving for Independence. For our safety and that of children yet unborn we request that the Assembly presses forward our demand to share in the forthcoming Independence with Nigeria.

PLEBISCITE:

Qualification for Voters: For purposes of consistency we would wish that the existing Electoral Regulations be adhered to. Should the Premier be opposed to this we ask that he dissolves the Southern Cameroons House of Assembly to enable us all go back to polls before the plebiscite.

PLEBISCITE QUESTIONS: 1. Do you wish to secede from the Federation of Nigeria and unify with the French Cameroons,

or

2. Do you wish continued Association as an autonomous Region within the Federation of an Independent Nigeria.

NO UNIFICATION

NO SECESSION

With these clauses, we the members of the above Party - Central Constituency, Kumba, wish our petition to be given the fullest consideration.

We remain,

Sir,

Your Humble Petitioners

(illegible)
Secretary

(illegible) President
(Four members)
