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PETITION FROM THE LEADERS OF THE FULANI AND HAUSA OF WUM DIVISION
CONCERNING THE CAMEROONS UNDER BRITISH ADMINISTRATION

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Hausa Settlement, Wum,
Wum Division,
Southern Cameroons
8 September 1959

Through
The Secretary General,
United Nation,
General Assembly,
New York

Sirs,

Petition from the Fulanis and Hausas Community, Wum Division
Southern Cameroons.

Subject of Petition:- Qualification of Voters for the Southern Cameroons
forthcoming Plebiscite.

We the undersigned leaders of the Fulani and Hausas of this Division earnestly
forward this Petition to the United Nations General Assembly for consideration.

Though the Assembly has not yet taken any final stand about the qualifications
of Voters at the forthcoming Plebiscite, we wish that the Assembly vides the
views of the Governments on qualifications as unbecoming for the following
reasons:-

(I) That we not strangers in this Territory, for our grand parents were
buried here and, that we were delivered in this Territory. The fact may be
proved by a Question to the Cameroons Government as from when we started paying
cattle tax here in the Southern Cameroons, and,

(II) That we own a First Class Natural Resorce in this Territory, and pay as Jangali over two thirds of the whole Revenue of the Territory, and that our children are also given appointments in the Native Authorities of the Territory and are treated equally as Natives and staff of the Territory, and

(III) That the areas we are at the moment occupying we have Official permits over them and if we are refused the right of citizenship, then one day the Government can just withdraw the said permits and the result will be, we just move away from the Territory. The above permits are known as Grazing permits.

(IV) That during the General Election to the Southern Cameroons House of Assembly we were give the right to vote and yet the present Government won the Election so we see no reason for the Government's fear about the forthcoming Plebiscite.

We hope and are looking forward to see the General Assembly's just and fair treatment in this matter.

We are, Sirs,

Your humble petitioners,

(Signed) (I) Ardo Joda of Kom,

His R.T.I.

(II) Ardo Manu of Kom,

His R.T.I.

(III) Ardo Alhaji Umaru of Aghem

(Signed) ARDO UMARU

(IV) Ardo Banghojo of Ndawara

His R.T.I.

(VI) Ardo Alayidi of Bum

His R.T.I.

(VII) Ardo Mantou of Bum (thumb print)

(VIII) Ardo Hasan of Bum

His R.T.I.

(IX) Ardo Gide of Mme

His R.T.I.

(X) Sarkin Hausawa of Kom (illegible)

(XI) Sarkin Hausawa of Bum "

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(XII) Wakili Buba of Achain

His R.T.I.

(XIII) Wakili Alayidi of Kom

His R.T.I.

Wakili Umaru

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