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FIVE PETITIONS DEALING WITH GENERAL PROBLEMS CONCERNING  
THE CAMEROONS UNDER BRITISH ADMINISTRATION

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1.

Bamenda,  
Southern Cameroons,  
10th Sept., 1959.

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

Sir,

WE OF THE Bamenda Central Community are convinced that the Southern Cameroons  
wants Independence in 1960 and this can only be achieved by the Territory joining  
one of our two powerful neighbours as stated by our Premier, Mr. Foncha when he  
addressed the United States Trade Mission this year.

2. Since the plebiscite must decide the issue the question to be put to  
the electorate should be continued association with Nigerian Federation OR  
Secession and Unification with the French Section.

We wish you God's guidance.

Yours faithfully,

Signed:

- 1. . . . . (Illegible) P.N.N. Somayi
- 2. . . . . "
- 3. . . . . " (MONTU)
- 4. . . . . "
- 5. . . . . "

2.

Mankon-Bamenda,  
Southern Cameroons,  
16th September, 1959.

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

Sir,

We, the undersigned members of the Mankon-Bamenda Community representing the interest of 200,000 inhabitants vehemently object Mr. John Foncha, Premier of the Southern Cameroons representing our views in that:-

- (a) He has no Mandate from us.  
He had changed his policy with which he won election namely
- (c) He and his Ministers expressed regret in their past performances, an indication of distrust in themselves.
- (d) We are convinced that he is an imperialist stooge helping in the imperialist trick to delay our independence which we believe can be got either in continued Association with Independent Federation of Nigeria or with the Cameroons now under French Administration.

2. Please, we pray you as guidance and builders of Nations to use your independent judgment and save us from this disaster.

We are, Sir,  
Yours respectfully,

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| 1. | (Sgd) J.F. MANCHO (J.F. Mancho)  | 5. | (Sgd) NDEH TAYIM (Tayim) |
| 2. | " P.M. MAH (P.M. Mah)            | 6. | " C. FOTOM (Fotom)       |
| 3. | " . . . . . (Ill.) S.S. Atangcho | 7. | " CHUMKON                |
| 4. | " . . . . . "                    | 8. | " A. Kdifomkong          |

3.

Mamfe, Southern Cameroons  
17/9/59 WEST AFRICA

The Secretary  
UNACO

Sir,

The upper Bangang Native Authorities strongly oppose secession and colonial rule and suggest to be asked in the Southern Cameroons plebiscite be worded as follows:

1. (a) Do you want to come in association with the Federation of Nigeria or  
(b) Do you want to secede and unify with the French Cameroons?

2. Qualification of voters

The voters list which was used during the Southern Cameroons House of Assembly Election should be used after versions. All inhabitants of the Southern Cameroons whose names are in the register of voters automatically qualify for voting in the plebiscite.

(Sgd.) M.T. ENO  
S.A. EYONG  
S.M. AGBOZ

4.

Bafreng-Bamenda,  
Southern Cameroons,  
19th September, 1959.

The Secretary-General  
United Nations Assembly,

Sir,

According to 1953 census, the Southern Cameroons has a population of 750,000 inhabitants which include settlers from Nigeria as British Protected Subjects and from the French Cameroons as people owing allegiance to a foreign Government. All these inhabitants contribute in one way or the other to the economy of the Territory. In the last general election, Nigerian Settlers as

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British Subjects voted with one year's residential qualification and the French Cameroonians with 10 year's residence. We therefore submit that qualification for voting in the forthcoming plebiscite should be based on 1959 Electoral Law, but with provision for revision of the Lists.

We are, Sir,  
Your humble petitioners.

Signed:

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| 1. W.N. TAYNI   | 6. ALI            |
| 2. S. SULAIMANU | 7. MALLAM MAMAM   |
| 3.              | 8.                |
| 4. BABA MALLAM  | 9. M. HARANA      |
| 5. BABA         | 10. GARBA         |
|                 | 11. GUE           |
|                 | 12. F.S.E. MECALY |

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28 SEPTEMBER 1959

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