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PETITION FROM MR. VICTOR NJALE CONCERNING THE CAMEROONS UNDER
BRITISH AND THE CAMEROONS UNDER FRENCH ADMINISTRATION

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To the President of the Trusteeship Council,
New York.

At a meeting held on 23 January 1954 the family of Mr. Victor NJALE selected Mr. UM NYOBE RUBEN, General Secretary of the Union des populations du Cameroun, as its representative to support the following claims in the Trusteeship Council:

(1) Immediate reunion of our country, which was arbitrarily partitioned by the two Powers, France and Great Britain, after the war of 1914-1918. Those two Powers were not justified in dividing our country into two zones, since the Cameroons had not started the war against them. You have often been told that the customs barrier has been lifted, but only a few days ago several of my fellow-countrymen were killed or wounded at the frontier in the part of the Territory under British Administration.

(2) Determination of a time-limit for the Trusteeship, since the administration of our country without such a time-limit offers us no safeguard whatever.

(3) Revision of the Trusteeship Agreements, and particularly the article which states that the Cameroons shall be administered as an integral part of French territory. The Administering Authority is gradually incorporating us in

the French Union, which means that the Administration of our country is describing Cameroonian citizens on their identity papers, without their consent, as citizens of the French Union. By our statute we have no connexion with the French Union; we shall declare that fact as soon as the Cameroons is independent and has a parliament of its own able to reply to the invitations of other nations.

The false petitioners (the chiefs who claim to represent the Cameroons in the Trusteeship Council) will speak only for themselves and for the colonialist Government that sends them.

We entreat you to take no notice of the false statements from various parts of the Cameroons asserting that Mr. Um Nyobe is not qualified to speak on behalf of the Cameroons. Many such petitioners are unaware that they have sent petitions to the United Nations.

We hope that our petition will be favourably considered.

We have the honour to be, etc.

Douala, 23 January 1954

(Signed) V. Jalle
Head of the Family

(25 signatures follow)