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PETITION FROM MR. ZACHARIE NANA CONCERNING THE CAMEROONS  
UNDER FRENCH ADMINISTRATION

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NANA ZACHARIE, Planter, Makénéné  
Subdivision,  
Ndikinimeki, Cameroons  
Makénéné, 2 April 1955

The Secretary-General  
United Nations, New York

Sir,

I have the honour to bring to your notice the following facts: In 1938, when I was a minor, my late father, Nana Max, had a 50-hectare plantation at Makénéné.

This plantation was transferred to my late father by its customary owners at Makénéné, as the whole population can testify. As the result of a conspiracy by Mr. Roumanie, the former Chief Subdivisional Officer of Ndiki, the plantation was wrested from my late father and handed over to Mr. Roumanie's friend Mr. Rolie, a former French officer now resident at Yaoundé, Cameroons. For this purpose my father was sentenced to six months' imprisonment at Bafia, where he was killed by violent blows.

The outlay on this plantation consisted of the following:

Complete deforestation	92,000 francs
Coconut seedlings and expenses	40,000 francs
12,000 coffee plants and expenses	80,000 francs
10,000 cocoa plants and expenses	60,000 francs
One-half square kilometre of rice	20,000 francs
Taro, macabo, bananas, yams etc.	40,000 francs

A Chevrolet truck was taken from my late father by the administration authorities at Obala at the beginning of the 1939-1945 War 1,750,000 francs C.F.A.

When my late father asked for full reimbursement of the above expenditure the Administering Authority gave him 15,000 francs, which he refused. It was for this reason that my father was killed by corporal punishment. The Administering Authority is violating international law and personal freedom.

Since that time the Administration has taken none of the action which this case requires, and complaints have been lodged in vain. We, the orphans of the late Nana Max, are living in difficulties and risking our lives at Makénéne.

I would ask you to circulate this letter to all the Members of the United Nations so that you may adopt the necessary measures and intervene with the Administering Authority to put an end to this state of affairs.

I have the honour to be, etc.

(Signed): NANA ZACHARIE

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