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PETITION FROM MR. THOMAS SIANKAM CONCERNING  
THE CAMEROONS UNDER FRENCH ADMINISTRATION

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Makénéne, 4 February 1955

To the Secretary-General of the  
United Nations,  
New York.

Sir,

I think you are the one who brings peace to all countries, so that is why I ask your help against the French, who have treated me in the following way:

1. In 1942, during the war, as chef de quartier of Makénéne I gave 154 tons of food to help France. In those terrible times the French promised me a high title after the war. But now the war is over all the thanks they have given me for my help has been to deprive me of my office of chief and to cause me a lot of trouble.

2. At about midnight on 29 November 1954, Mr. Joriot, Chief Subdivisional Officer of Ndikinimeki, sent two Cameroonian guards to seize my rifle from me. I had paid for the weapon myself, with my own money. When I went to see him on the matter, his explanation was "You are in the UFC, or Union des populations du Cameroun, which declares that the French are unjust !!! If you want your gun, all you have to do is to leave that organization".

As I refused, my rifle has been confiscated for ever, and for no reason. I do not count the minor troubles that occur between the French and myself., who am the father of a family of forty-two.

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So I ask you to submit my complaint to the meeting of the Nations and to draw your own conclusions about these tyrants who are called the French.

Trusting that you will bring me consolation, I have the honour to be, etc.

(Signed) Siankam Thomas

Planter, Makéméné, via Ndikiniméki,  
Cameroon

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