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PETITION FROM MR. GEORGE BADJE CONCERNING THE CAMEROONS UNDER FRENCH ADMINISTRATION

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Badje Georges, ex-serviceman, Memel Njab Jean Canton Eséka Subdivision

Eséka, 23 January 1957

To the President of the United Nations Trusteeship Council, New York

I respectfully invite your kind attention to my complaint concerning the difficult situation in which I have been placed and the losses I have suffered. On the night of 18 to 19 December 1956, at 6 p.m., a mob of about fifty-seven members of the UPC invaded the village of Memel and set fire to my two huts - a dwelling and a cookhouse. All my belongings, which were in the huts, were burned, although I cannot list all the items except for my savings of 2,500 francs (two thousand five hundred francs), which would at least provide me with enough to live on and to begin building a new house. I am an ex-serviceman with neither child nor wife, only an old women who just manages to keep alive. I wander along the road, homeless, and I live in a state of penury, for I have no money.

Accordingly, I beg you to consider my petition in the light of the facts and, despite the inadequate details, to come to my assistance so that I can obtain the 200,000 francs I ask for, plus the 2,500 francs in savings which I lost. In the hope that you will take favourable action on my request, I have the honour to be....

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