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PETITION FROM MR. WANBO-DZUDOM CONCERNING THE CAMEROONS UNDER FRENCH ADMINISTRATION

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PETITION

From Wanbo-Dzudom, <u>Chef de quartier</u> of Ngaugwa at Baham, Bafoussam Subdivision, Bamiléké Region

To the President and Members of the eleventh session of the United Nations General Assembly, New York.

Sir,

The French Government is organizing in our Territory cunning warfare against a people who claim their legitimate rights expressed by the magic words THE IMMEDIATE INDEPENDENCE AND UNIFICATION OF THE TWO KAMERUNS.

On 23 November 1956 the village of Baham was destroyed by a detachment of soldiers operating in the area. A number of patriots were arrested, maltreated, tortured, imprisoned and others were deported to the adjacent Region. Ever since, Pierre Neyem, Paramount Chief of Baham has been serving a sentence in the colonialist prison at Yaoundé.

Every corner of this village in which the officers of the U.P.C. Committee resided, has been sacked and pillaged, and documents were seized with the help of the local authorities. A sum of money amounting to two million francs was taken on the pretext that it was the property of dissolved movements.

On behalf of the population of my quarter, consisting of 4,000 persons, I request the immediate independence and unification of our country.

I request the eleventh session of the United Nations General Assembly to send us international police to restore peace in Kamerun in the face of French colonialism in our country as they did in Egypt.

Considering that since the mass arrests have been carried out in the Territory of Kamerun by Mr. Messner Pierre on the orders of the French Government, simply

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because the Kameroonians aspire to complete independence in accordance with the spirit and the letter of Article 76 (e) of the United Nations Charter,

Considering that this United Nations General Assembly will play a most important part if we are to secure the immediate unification and independence of our country,

NOW THEREFORE

I request the immediate unification and independence of the two Kameruns.

I request the restoration of order and the punishment of all those responsible for the crimes committed in our territory as a result of the terrible reactionary policy of the French Government.

I request the complete repeal of the notorious Decree of 13 July 1955 dissolving the progressive movements in Kamerun, namely the UPC, the JDC and the UDEFEC.

I request the eleventh session of the United Nations General Assembly to grant hearings to the representatives of Kameroonian movements such as the U.P.C., the J.D.C. and the UDEFEC.

I have the honour to be, etc. Wanbo-Dzudom

In the Maquis, 5 December 1956