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PETITION FROM MR. ATHANASE KAMGUIE CONCERNING THE CAMEROONS UNDER FRENCH ADMINISTRATION

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4 December 1956

PETITION

To the President of the United Nations General Assembly, New York (U.S.A.)

Sir,

I am obliged to address this communication to you in order to acquaint you
with the sad situation in which our people have been placed by the French
Government.

I am sure that you have always kept yourself informed of Kamerunian opinion
as expressed in petitions. Why, then, do you not come to liberate the poor
Africans from the yoke of the colonialist Power...?

I protest against the declaration made by Mr. Gaston LEFEVRE at the third
session regarding the incidents in the Mungo region, wherein he stated that the
Administering Authority did not intervene in the exercise of customary law.

Considering that on 22 November 1956, at exactly 2 a.m., the people's chief
at Baham was arrested without any reason by the so-called Administering Authority.

I denounce the loi-cadre organized by the French Government to deceive our
people. The provisions of the United Nations Charter and the Trusteeship
Agreements must be observed if the political crisis in Kamerun is to be solved.

THEREFORE

1. I demand the release of all political prisoners.

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2. I demand the cancellation of the arrest warrants issued against the leaders of the national liberation movement, that is, UPC, JDC, UDEFEC.

3. I demand the immediate unification and independence of Kamerun.

4. I demand the cancellation and revocation of the decree of 13 July 1955 dissolving the progressive movements of Kamerun, that is, the UPC, UDEFEC, and JDC.

5. I put my entire trust in the United Nations to bring about the immediate unification and independence of Kamerun.

I have the honour to be, etc.

(Signed) Athanase Kamguie
