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PETITION FROM MR. JEROME MBEM NKOCK CONCERNING THE CAMEROONS  
UNDER FRENCH ADMINISTRATION

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Mbam Nkock Jérôme,  
Living at Boumdjack,  
Northern Ndog-Béa Canton,  
Eséka Subdivision

Boumdjack, Eséka

25 January 1957.

To: The President of the United Nations General Assembly, Trusteeship Council,  
New York, U.S.A.

Sir,

I have the honour respectfully to complain of the representatives and leaders of the UPC whose activities on 18 and 19 December 1956 in the Cameroons, and particularly in our village, are likely to lead to the destruction of the entire country. They set fire to huts, blew up bridges with dynamite, etc.

As far as I am concerned they burnt down my huts, constructed of local materials. Accordingly I wish to lodge a complaint against the leaders of the UPC and ask that they should be severely punished by the judicial authorities. I am bringing a civil action and claim the sum of 150,000 francs as part compensation for the damage done by the UPC caused me.

At the present time I am homeless despite the fact that I am the father of three children. I also have a wife and two sisters to support. I cite as witnesses the following: (1) Nyobe Mbock Michel; (2) Seck Nkog Joseph; (3) Yedna Mbei Jules; (4) Begba Paul; (5) Ntomb Joseph, who can provide all necessary explanations and clarifications.

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In the hope that you and the members of the Trusteeship Council will ensure that my complaints are dealt with in a proper legal manner.

Enclosed: a list of my property that was burnt.

I have the honour to be etc.

Mbem Nkock Jérôme,  
of Boumndjack,  
Eséka Subdivision

(Signed) Mbem

List of my property that was burnt;

- 85,000 francs in savings
- 2 portable hand-operated sewing machines
- 1 paraffin lamp
- 15 bags of dried cocoa
- 5 boxes of clothing
- 1 cupboard full of crockery
- 8 upholstered sofas
- 1 Kodak camera
- 2 small tables and tablecloths, 8 chairs, 1 lamp-bracket
- 5 wooden beds, 5 mattresses and blankets
- 1 table alarm clock, 5 birth and marriage certificates
- 1 promissory note of 36,000 francs for my dry cocoa - 15 sheep killed
- 1 picture of St. Michael (500 francs)

Articles in the cock-house belonging to my wife:

15 plates, 7 dishes, 3 bowls, 1 feeding-bowl, 12 spoons, 4 saucepans and 6 pots, 7 matchets, 5 baskets of ground-nuts, 1 bag of cucumbers, 7 chickens, 1 wooden bedstead, 1 suitcase belonging to my sister, 1 bag of salt, 20 litres of paraffin, 150 cocoa palms burnt down, etc.

Articles belonging to my sister:

1 base of soap, 6 hoes, 2 children's beds, 2 blankets, 5 mosquito nets, 2 baby's bottles, 2 chests of dresses, 1 pure wool blanket (3,000 francs), 2 pillows, 6 pairs of shoes, 4 pairs of boots for my wife and myself, 3 women's head-dresses.

This is all that I have been able to verify.

Thank you.