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PETITION FROM MR. MARC NGUEND CONCERNING THE  
CAMEROONS UNDER FRENCH ADMINISTRATION

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Mr. Nguénd Marc  
Chief of Ekité village  
Edéa Subdivision  
Cameroons

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

Sir,

I have the honour, by this letter, to describe to you very briefly the deplorable situation in which the UPC has placed me.

On 30 December 1956, on the night of 30 to 31 December to be exact, about nine o'clock, while I was at home, I saw a mob of over 500 people coming to my house to kill me; it was the mob of UPC bandits which had assaulted our village that very night with the intention of killing all those whom they call colonialists or henchmen, that is, all who refuse to become active members of the UPC.

When we saw them getting nearer, my wives, my children and myself left the house and fled to the bush to hide.

When we had gone they took possession of my huts, looted and seized all my possessions and then set fire to the empty huts. My material losses amount to at least 595,000 francs CFA.

I wonder what is going to become of me now that I have been ruined. I am over fifty-seven years old and I have been weakened by illness. I have no strength any more to recuperate.

I wonder whether that kind of nationalism imposed by force, theft, fire, looting, murder, jealousy and hatred can liberate our country.

We cannot live in an atmosphere where the bandits of a political group loot the possessions of people who have been earning their living honestly for many years.

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I ask the United Nations to help me to get back on my feet.

I also ask the United Nations to restore order in our country by asking the trustee country to establish police forces so as to ensure peace for everybody and the prosperity of the country. (See attached photographs of my burned huts) 1/

Ekité-Edéa, 24 January 1957.

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1/ Note by the Secretariat: The enclosures referred to have been placed in the Secretariat files and are available to members of the Trusteeship Council on request.