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PETITION FROM MR. MARTIN OMBAMA AND OTHERS CONCERNING
THE CAMEROONS UNDER FRENCH ADMINISTRATION

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PETITION

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

Oh! Oh! Ah! Ah! The Kamerunian people cry out in despair to inform the Members of the United Nations that the French Government has encircled Yaoundé, Douala and Bagham with troops brought from Bamako, Dakar, Brazzaville, Chad and France in order to massacre the defenceless Kamerunian people in their homes. Among these troops are two colonels; one has been ordered to remain at Yaoundé and the other at Douala.

The Kamerunian people wish to inform the Members of the United Nations that the Traditional Chief of Bagham was arrested without cause last November, deported to Yaoundé and imprisoned in a cell without explanation. This stroke was organized by the subversive Government, and is proof that the steadfast people of Kamerun have suffered since the incidents of last May up to the present. It remains for the Members of the United Nations to draw conclusions from these facts.

The Kamerunian people wish to inform the Members of the United Nations that the Territorial elections of 23 December 1956 advocated by the French Government, which took place within the framework of the loi-cadre, were compulsory. The Kamerunian people are surprised that the colonialist Government gives illegal orders to a country which is no more self-governing than its own colonies, and savagely mistreats them.

We vigorously reject its position without making any commitments, it is in vain that we are massacred and tortured. We hope that the Eleventh Session will put an end to these conditions.

We have the honour to be, etc.

Hurrah for the eleventh session.

Hurrah for the United Nations.

Hurrah for a Unified and Independent Kamerun.

Hurrah for the right of self-determination of peoples^{1/}

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YAOUNDE, 29 November 1956

^{1/} Note by the Secretariat:

Identical communications have been received from Valentin Ngassam, Bangangte; Joseph Tchuerno, Dschang; and Germain Foutouo, Mbounda. They will not be reproduced separately.