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Comrade Tayou Marcel
Meleng I

To the President of the United Nations General Assembly

We ask for the Unification and Independence of Kamerun.

Sir, how can it be that you ask someone a question and his first reply is enough to have you shot? On 17 November 1956 the Police Superintendent spent three days at Baham and at the end of that time, on 21 November 1956, the Administrator of the Bafoussam Subdivision arrived with soldiers. When they reached Baham market, the 250 soldiers got out of their lorries and went into battle. When the fight had reached a critical point the chief arrived to ask what was going on and he was arrested. The Administrator left with the chief but the soldiers remained at Baham to pillage the country. Since then we do not know where our king is. The soldiers who are at Baham are acting as they did in May 1955. Our king has been arrested because he is ready to die for his country. In these circumstances I beg you to get us out of this hell which has been created by France.

The war here is caused by the loi-cadre which they want to introduce in our country and which we reject. Whenever we ask the French anything it goes in one ear and out of the other. In this country they do everything they want to and they fly their flags everywhere, even under our beds, as they did here at Meleng on 2 December 1956 when a flag was raised. This shows us that they are building hedges to pen us in like the animals they consider us.

(Signed) illegible