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PETITION FROM Mr. OSCAR NKWEL CONCERNING
THE CAMEROONS UNDER FRENCH ADMINISTRATION

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Nkwel Oscar, planter and notable at Song-Nkoumondo,
Njab Jean Canton,
Eséka Subdivision

Eséka, 23 January 1957

To the President of the United Nations Trusteeship Council, New York

I wish in my misery to submit a petition with respect to the painful circumstances in which I find myself and the losses I have suffered. On 18 to 19 December 1956, at 6 p.m., a band of about thirty-five persons belonging to the movement for Camersonian unity (UPC) fell upon the village of Song-Nkoumondo and burned my five huts - two houses and three cook-houses. All the property I had inside the houses was burned, although I cannot make a list of it except for my savings of 85,000 francs, which were destroyed.

I am the head of a family of five children and three wives. All of us are wandering along the roads homeless and are living in a state of penury. I estimate the value of my destroyed property at 500,000 francs (five hundred thousand francs) in cash, which will at least enable me to live better and to rebuild my huts.

I ask you to consider this letter so that, in spite of the inadequate information I am submitting you will be able, in full knowledge of the facts, to grant me the assistance of 500,000 francs, plus my savings of 85,000 francs, which I am requesting.

Hoping for a favourable reply, I have the honour to be, etc.

(Signed) Nkwel Oscar