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THE CAMEROONS UNDER FRENCH ADMINISTRATION

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NJINDOU Ibrahim,  
Chief of the Village of Fochieya,  
(Foumbot Subdivision)  
Cameroons.

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

Sir,

I have the honour respectfully to request you to intercede with the French Administration, which has seized the land our ancestors left us and given it to the Bamilékés, and ask them to order these Bamilékés to leave our land which they have been occupying now for many years. We have constantly asked the French Administration to do us this favour but up to now it has done nothing.

It was in 1927 that the Administration took this land from us and gave it to the Bamilékés, who live on the left bank of the Noun and belong to the subdivisions of Bafoussam, Bangangté etc., from which they came. Moreover, these Bamilékés, whom we do not want to occupy our land any longer, brought into our territory policies and customs which are different from our own.

Nowadays our children and wives no longer obey us and it is the fault of these foreigners who are among us and who do not want to adopt our customs.

Hoping for a favourable response to my request, I have the honour to be, etc.

NJINDOU

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