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PETITION FROM MR. PIERRE DJIOWE CONCERNING
THE CAMEROONS UNDER FRENCH ADMINISTRATION

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UNION DES POPULATIONS

Union des Populations du Cameroun: Cameroonian Branch of the Rassemblement
Démocratique Africain (R.D.A.)

To the Secretary-General of the United Nations General Assembly, New York,
U.S.A.

Sir,

I have the honour to bring the following facts to the attention of the great
majority of the United Nations General Assembly:

I declare before the United Nations General Assembly that we are very ill-
treated in the Cameroons, notably in the matter of our refusal to vote on
23 December 1956.

The Police Superintendent at M'bouda burnt a hut on the market square at
Babadjou at 11 p.m. on 8 January 1957; two comrades died in this fire. The Police
Superintendent hoped that a U.P.C. meeting was being held in the hut. The priest
attached to the Catholic mission at M'bouda has joined the forces of the French
Government against the Cameroonian people.

This mission priest exhorts Christians to vote in favour of the loi-cadre
and all his activities in the Cameroons and in the church are directed at
supporting the loi-cadre ... on 22/23 December 1956 the Chief Subdivisional Officer
at M'bouda arrested the village chief of Balatche; this chief, Fotchap, was led
away and put to death by the Police Superintendent, who threw his corpse on the
road.

The Police Superintendent explained that the chief had refused to sign the
loi-cadre on the day of the elections; the village was therefore surrounded by

numerous troops and forced to vote for the loi-cadre. Even now there are soldiers among the Cameroonian people in the Sanaga-Maritime and there is no need to tell you that these despotic masters kill and wound large numbers of people. We urgently appeal to the United Nations to send a high commissioner to help us in the Cameroons - two comrades have just been arrested at Ngaoundéré by the French Government; their names are Nolak - Lucas - Pepouo - Emmanuel.

In order to put an end to all these terrible events in the Cameroons, we, the Cameroonian peoples, ask for complete Unification and Independence under the direction of the United Nations.

Thanking you in advance for a favourable reply, I have the honour to be, etc.

Djiowe Pierre

(Signed) (signature illegible)

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C/o the Matezem - Babadjou Branch

C/o Mr. Tatou John at the Catholic Mission, Santa.
