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PETITION FROM MR. PIERRE NIAMAG BABOG CONCERNING
THE CAMEROONS UNDER FRENCH ADMINISTRATION

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Ntamag Babog Pierre, Planter and Notable,
Formerly Adviser at Nkonga,
Born at Ngompém - Bikok,
near Edéa (Cameroons)

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

Sir,

I have the honour to submit to you a complaint against the following persons who burned my huts at Ngompém village and their contents, as indicated below. The following are UPC members who bound me and took me off to the maquis:

1. Bikédél Madjo (Chairman of the Ngompém Local Committee)
2. Mbél Issok Alexandre (General Secretary of the Ngompém Local Committee)
3. Makon Benoit (Magistrate, member of the Ngompém Local Committee)
4. Madjo Bonguén Alexandre (Treasurer of the Ngompém Local Committee)
5. Ndjok Sanda Edouard (Police Commissioner, Ngompém)
6. Fkeng Henga, son of Ngo Mbenoun of Sin dongui I (messenger, Ngompém)
7. Bamal Michel (Assistant Secretary of the Ngompém Local Committee)

These are the UPC officers who led and incited a large number of ordinary members to burn my five huts (including four cook-houses and my hut, which was built of semi-durable materials and with a concrete wall-base). In order to destroy mine, they blew it up with two charges of dynamite. The other cook-houses were 8 metres by 4 and mine was 9 metres by 4; there were 40,000 francs in cash, which I was saving to buy a rifle, for which I had just obtained a permit.

They burned my huts on 23 December 1956, while I had gone to vote. When I returned, they tied me up and took me off into the bush, where I was kept prisoner for eleven days. My wife had to pay them 2,000 francs to free me.

My huts, with their contents, must be worth 550,000 francs CFA.

I am asking you for assistance, so that I can live a little more comfortably. I am utterly destitute now.

I also call for these trouble-makers to be severely punished; let them be removed from our midst so that such movements no longer spread death and poverty.

In the hope that you will have pity on me, I have the honour, etc.

Ngonpém, 20 January 1957

(Signed) Ntamag
