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~~PETITION FROM MR. THEOPHILE MAPAN CONCERNING THE
CAMEROONS UNDER FRENCH ADMINISTRATION~~

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Eséka, 21 January 1957

Mapan Théophile,
Chief of the Village of Memel,
Nyab Jean Canton,
Eséka Subdivision

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

Sir,

I have the honour to appeal, with some trepidation, to your generosity and to give you the following account of what was done to me by the members of the Union des populations du Cameroun (UPC).

On 19 January at 8 p.m. some fifteen members of the Memel local committee of the UPC came and set fire to my four-roomed house and the polling station. All my possessions went up in flames. In this fire I lost the sum of 75,000 francs (seventy-five thousand francs) in bank notes.

I am a family man, with six children and seven wives, and I am now trailing around, homeless, with all these people on my hands, and we are living in a state of abject poverty.

I should therefore like first to appeal to you to proceed in such wise that on the basis of this letter you may take a decision in full knowledge of the facts and, in particular, arrange for me to be given assistance for the improvement of my living conditions.

I have the honour to be, etc.

(Signed) Mapan Théophile