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THE CAMEROONS UNDER FRENCH ADMINISTRATION

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Eséka, 28 February 1957

Eoné Eoné Rigobert,  
Trader at Matomb,  
Via Eséka (Cameroons)

To the President of the United Nations General Assembly, New York  
(USA).

Sir,

On 17 December 1956 the leaders of the UPC organized a meeting with the object of destroying the road and railway bridges, setting fire to the huts of non-UPC members and killing the occupants.

On 18 December 1956 I was returning from market and it was already 10 p.m. I found that the bridges were cut - I had up to then been ignorant of that fact. When I stopped I was seized by a group of UPC members numbering more than 150 persons and they bound me and sprinkled me with petrol, intending to set fire to me. After I had handed over to them a sum of 347,300 francs which I had on me, they set fire to my lorry, a Dodge pick-up No. 6,020-C2, took possession of 100 empty sacks, 2 sacks of cocoa, 2 sacks of palm nuts, 2 pairs of scales and 250 bottles of Beaufort beer. They kept me prisoner in the bush for fifteen days and I was released thanks only to the arrival of the police force.

I therefore have the honour to address myself to you to lodge a complaint against the leaders of the UPC, demanding the restoration of my money, my lorry and my goods, and I wish to claim 1 million (1,000,000) francs damages.

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I should also like to ask the President of the United Nations severely to punish the leaders of the UPC.

I have the honour to be etc.

(Signed) illegible

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