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PETITION FROM MR. JACQUES PONDI KON CONCERNING
THE CAMEROONS UNDER FRENCH ADMINISTRATION

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Pondi Kôn Jacques,
Planter Notable at So-Mapan,
Njab Jean Canton,
Eséka Subdivision.

Eséka, 23/2/1957

To the President of the United Nations Assembly, Trusteeship Council,
New York (U.S.A.)

I respectfully approach you to submit the following complaint about the grievous circumstances and the losses which I have suffered. At 6 o'clock on the night of 18-19 December 1956 a gang of about fifty-seven people of the village of So-Mapan who belong to the Union des Populations de Cameroun (UPC) descended upon us and set fire to my two dwelling huts - a house and a cook-house - and all my possessions which were inside were burnt. I cannot enumerate them all but I can tell you that I lost my savings of 10,000 (ten thousand) francs. I am the head of a family, with a wife and three children. We are living wretchedly by the roadside without a roof over our heads and in a state of penury (without money).

I estimate the value of my possessions which were burnt at 100,000 francs, a sum which would at least enable me to get back on my feet and start to build my new houses. I beg you to take my request into consideration and, though the information I have given you is inadequate, to come to my assistance so that I may receive the 100,000 francs I ask for, plus the 10,000 francs in savings that I lost.

I have the honour to be, etc.

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