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PETITION FROM MR. LAURENT BUM CONCERNING THE CAMEROONS  
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To the United Nations

Dear Sirs,

I respectfully beg to submit to you my case regarding the damage France has done me.

I shall simply tell you that France has ruined me.

France, for political purposes, cut off one of my legs while I was doing compulsory labour and I am made to pay heavy fines.

I paid the St-André missionary hospital the sum of 4,000 francs for my brother's corpse, so that I could bury him at his home. The Bois du Cameroun deprived me of two stems of cola-nuts, two coco-nut palms, 300 palm-trees, 30 stems of cocoa, 40 banana trees and a field of 250 square metres, as well as three mango-trees, in order to haul their wood. I have had to do nine months' compulsory labour without France providing me with my daily bread.

France is now compelling me to accept the French loi-cadre, which I absolutely refuse.

I continue to await the immediate Independence and reunification of my country.

I beg the United Nations in its goodness and mercy to relieve me of this suffering and to grant me the Independence of my country.

Hoping for favourable action on your part, so that I can obtain my Independence, I have the honour to be, etc.

Your son Bum Laurent (Signature) (illegible)  
who is awaiting his independence and belongs to Eséka Subdivision, Ndjeng Paul, Canton, Sokellé village, Eséka.

Sokellé, 16 November 1956.

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