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PETITION FROM MR. JEAN BAOYA CONCERNING  
THE CAMEROONS UNDER FRENCH ADMINISTRATION

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To the diplomats at the United Nations

Gentlemen,

I very respectfully present to you my complaint about the following matters. In Kamerun, France pays lip service to the slogan "Liberty, equality, fraternity", but gives effect to it at the expense of Kamerun where every European is a self-styled administrator. The timber companies have explored the whole of my forest without digging any road in the interests of the village. They have knocked down all my palm and cacao trees without paying a centime for them and they have threatened to have me thrown into gaol if I ask for damages.

Consequently, I categorically reject the French loi-cadre and I wait only for the immediate Independence of the Cameroons.

Since I am poorer, I shall no longer pay the double tax and I also reject French internal autonomy which cannot benefit Kamerun.

All I want is the immediate independence of Kamerun within days, not weeks or months. France can never do anything good for the Cameroons after the damage it has wrought in the Territory.

Hoping that you will consider my petition, I have the honour to be, etc.

Mbouy Village, 17 November 1956

(Signed) Bahoya Jean