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PETITION FROM MR. JEAN BAMNDA NTAMAG CONCERNING THE CAMEROONS UNDER FRENCH ADMINISTRATION

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K.A. Dag,

Public Scribe of Bikok Canton

Writing for: BAMNDA NTAMAG, Notable of Makak-Ndokoma Village, Bikok Canton (Edéa)

Sir

I have the honour respectfully to inform you of the following incident; On the night of 22-23 December 1956, I went to Makak-Logbako Village to vote on Sunday, 23 December 1956. Behind my back, the extremists listed below took advantage of my absence and set fire to my two huts, whose contents were as follows:

250,000 francs in cash, 6 chests containing clothing, 3 demijohns of red wine, 5 bottles of liqueur, 3 bags of cocoa, 5 drums of palm oil, 1 cupboard, 3 wooden bedsteads, 3 mattresses, 6 blankets, 3 pillows, 20 cast-iron pots, 7 basins, 6 buckets, 20 porcelain plates, 5 dozen forks and spoons, 5 table-knives, 8 matchets, 4 cups, 2 barrels of ground nuts, 20 baskets, 4 empty bags, 5 empty barrels, 6 hats, 4 lamps, 3 nets, 2 cast-nets, 5 spears, 7 bells, 2 raincoats, 10 pairs of trousers, 5 pairs of shorts, 5 jackets, 5 shirts, 6 undershirts, 4 pullovers, 6 chairs, 1 table, 3 armchairs, 4 doors, 6 windows, 25 goats, 50 chickens which they took away, 1 bag of cucumbers, 2 bags of salt.

The five chests contained: 20 dresses, 7 women's smocks, ten kerchiefs, 7 Batik remnants, 5 towels, 4 pairs of shorts, 5 necklaces, 6 pairs of bracelets and 3 bottles of scent.

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The names of these extremists are as follows:

- 1. Besso Nsoga
- 2. Ndjok Baha Marc
- 3. Billong Nguena Pius
- 4. Nyounai Aloys
- 5. Ntamag Francois
- 6. Ntamag Andre
- 7. Bikok Nkoo Mathias
- 8. Yem Ngom Pascal
- 9. Ntamag Nkambod Jean
- 10. Ntamag Bchel Jean
- ll. Mahii Nguimbous Mathias
- 12. Sogwo Nguimbous
- 13. Ndama Nyounai Bernard
- 14. Um Nkondok Christophe
- 15. Towni Yen Pierre
- 16. Sôm Nguena Jean

I ask you to see that the people who cause me this misfortune are severely punished. My losses amount to about 500,000 francs.

I ask you to give me assistance so that I can resume my normal life. In the hope of a favourable reply, I have the honour to be, etc.

BAMNDA HTAMAG JEAN,

Makak-Ndokoma, 15 February 1957