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PETITION FROM CHIEF FRANCOIS BAKANG CONCERNING
THE CAMEROONS UNDER FRENCH ADMINISTRATION

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Bakang François,
Village Chief and Municipal Councillor,
Matip Henri Canton,
Eséka Subdivision

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

I venture very respectfully to submit to you this petition concerning the serious circumstances in which I find myself and the losses I have suffered. On the night of 18/19 December 1956, at 6 p.m., a gang of about fifteen people, members of the Union des populations du Cameroun (UPC), appeared in the village of Mahomey and set fire to my huts - one house and one cook-house. All my belongings which were inside were burnt. I cannot give a list of all of them, except my savings of 150,000 francs (one hundred and fifty thousand francs in bank notes), which were destroyed.

I am a Village Chief and have a wife and twelve children. I go sorrowfully along the roadside, have no lodging and am living in a state of penury, without money. I estimate the value of my property burned as 650,000 francs, a sum which would at least enable me to keep myself alive and begin building a new home. I therefore request you to consider my case in full knowledge of the facts and, in spite of the inadequate information I have given you, to help me to obtain the sum of 650,000 francs, plus the 150,000 francs for my savings.

I have the honour to be, etc.

Bakang François
