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PETITION FROM MR. LOUIS TAKOUMBO CONCERNING
THE CAMEROONS UNDER FRENCH ADMINISTRATION

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COMPLAINT:

To the Secretary-General of the United Nations, New York, U.S.A.

Sir,

I have the honour respectfully to bring to your attention a complaint against the French Government in the person of Mr. Delamey, Chief of the Bamileké Region, at Dschang, on the following grounds:

On 29 January 1958 troops led by Mr. Delamey came to my concession. After looting and searching the concession illegally and without justification, they broke open a cupboard and took away the sum of 211,500 frs. CFA and the articles listed below:

[clothing, household articles, furniture, food, domestic
animals, and 555,770 francs in cash]

Some time later - I do not know the date since I was in hiding - the same people came and arrested my wives, Jahedjo, who was pregnant, and Massoh, who had a baby three days old. Since they were deported I have done everything possible to find out what has happened to them, but without success. In these circumstances I can only say that we have ceased to believe there is such a body as the "United Nations", but we feel obliged to write to you as a matter of record.

As a civil claimant, I ask the French Government for:

1. Damages
2. The restoration of all my property

3. The immediate unification and independence of Kamerun.

Hoping for a favourable reply, I have the honour to be, etc.

20 February 1958

(Signed) Illegible

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