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PETITION FROM MR. MATHIEU SIMO CONCERNING THE CAMEROONS UNDER FRENCH
ADMINISTRATION

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Administration, West Africa

PETITION

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

Sir,

I respectfully approach your high authority in spite of the dramatic acts of the English and French Governments, which may be divided into the following periods: 25 May 1955, when thousands of Kamerunians were massacred; 23 December 1956, when, under the protection of the loi-cadre, death overtook numerous patriots during the destruction of the Sanaga-Maritime, Bamileké, Munga and Wouri Regions; 2 and 3 June 1957, when thirteen Kamerunians were arrested and exiled to the Sudan on 29 July 1957; and 27 October 1957, when patriots were massacred at Batcham^{1/} by Djautioc Etienne, the Chief of that village, and throughout the Territory when Mr. Henri-Marie Mbida and Sammuél Kaham took office.

I request the immediate release of the patriots Fotso Joseph,^{2/} Fongang Mathieu,^{2/} Kamto Donar,^{2/} Kamdem Justin,^{2/} Tanda John^{2/} and Tesso David, who were arrested recently and have been held in the colonialist jail of Bamenda Province since 7 March 1958.

^{1/} The Batcham incident is mentioned in petition T/PET.5/1325.

^{2/} The arrest and detention of these five people is the subject of petition T/PET.4/151.

I request the release of all political prisoners in Eastern Kamerun, particularly the popular Chief at Baham, who was arrested on 22 November 1956 and placed in political confinement at Yaoundé.

I request that the immediate unification and independence of Kamerun may be proclaimed with the assistance of the next Visiting Mission that is to come to the Territory.

I request the proclamation of an unconditional amnesty, including the immediate release of all political prisoners in Kamerun, the cessation of arbitrary prosecution of nationalists, the cessation of the war in the Bamileke and Sanaga-Maritime regions and the repatriation of the thirteen leaders of three nationalist movements exiled to the Sudan on 29 July 1957.

I protest vigorously against the searching of the homes of the Students from Black Africa in France and the dissolution of the U.G.E.M.A. by the French Government.

I have the honour to be, etc.

Done at Bamenda, 7 May 1958

(Signed) Illegible
