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PETITION FROM THE LOCAL COMMITTEE OF "ONE KAMERUN" IN BATCHAM
CONCERNING THE CAMEROONS UNDER FRENCH ADMINISTRATION

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The local committee of "One Kamerun" meeting at Batcham, Mbouda, in special session, 24 April 1958,

Under the chairmanship of comrade Mouafo Jean,
advisor Tchoufo Alfonse,

To consider the question of the riots since 31 October 1957.

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

Our petition concerns the deaths brought about by Mr. Djouahtio Etienne, deputy of the Mbouda subdivision, who was condemned for the same crime about 1945. For this reason the people of Batcham removed him from their chiefdom; yet the consequence may be that his crimes will soon be continued.

Mr. Dj. Etienne was assisted by the French Administration in regaining the chiefdom by military forces sent by Mr. Borne, Chief Regional Officer of Bamiléké, about 1950. Since that date he has sought an opportunity to kill us but it was not until 1956 that, having been chosen deputy, he found an occasion to attack us. He (illegible), for our corpses, was decorated with a medal on 8 April 1958.

We have protested against the return of this mercenary to our chiefdom. If it were not for the chief of the military forces, we would not allow him to remain at Batcham.

From the day that the Administration imposed this criminal on us, we protested. Our protests are still unanswered.

We have only one Chief, Liontchie-Moïse,^{1/} who has never committed a crime imposed an additional tax or done any similar misdeed. Although all the Cameroonian people have joined in this meeting, this Djouhtio Etienne and the French Administration call us members of the UPC in order to destroy us. They do not know that the French Union is like the UPC in Kamerun.

Our petitions insist upon the removal of this criminal from Batcham. Unless this is done, nothing will be left of the people of Batcham.

We ask for the end of the trusteeship under Article 76 of the Charter, which stipulates immediate and unified independence.

By show of hands

Attached hereto is a list of the dead

(Signed) (illegible)

Mouafo Jean, Chairman

(Signed) (illegible)

Advisor Tchouof Alphonse

Djodjem, Tchinda, Tchindé-Nouvée, Fomekano André, Munkamnafa, Solemekano Palaba, Tuwaa Moïse, Tégouo, Ngou o Martin, Ténegouana, Tasson Elias, Djanzélie-Tanpalaba, Foupja Jonas, Djiadjo Lucas, Téfotsaa, Tékuité Pierre, Bouo King, Tcheudje Jean, Tésson Viroa, Tedongau-Kamban, Foupa-Saï, Tédoum-Kampani, Tadio-Michel, Takala Manion, Tchiofo Nolap, Tédoufo, Tchuntsa Copi, Fomena Galep, Djemelie Nalap, Kuenan, Kvafonang, Saadah, Ténéfopoe, Sontching Jacob, Woafo, Tékuité, Nguengang Bwenda, Tagué banga, Metang Tamplo, Tchindadia, Tétadjo Tedjem, Noupo Wo, Fafotau, Djemdji David, Ngoula, Tédoufé-compani, Tedjemetu

49 dead

1/ Note by the Secretariat: Chief Lontsi Moïse is the author of T/PET.5/1325 in which he also complains about the acts of Djouhtio Etienne.