UNITED NATIONS TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL



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PETITION FROM MESSRS ATA QUAM DESSOU AND AGBAKOU CONCERNING TOGOLAND UNDER FRENCH ADMINISTRATION

<u>Note by the Secretary-General</u>: In accordance with rule 85 and supplementary rule F of the rules of procedure for the Trusteeship Council, the Secretary-General has the honour to transmit to the members of the Trusteeship Council and to the Government of Italy as the Administering Authority of the Trust Territory of Somaliland, a communication dated 24 August 1951 from Messrs Ata Quam Dessou and Agbakou concerning the Trust Territory of Togoland under French administration.

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FROM: Anecho (French West Africa) SENT: 24 August 1951 RECEIVED: 25 August 1951 TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS

HAVE THE HONOUR INFORM YOU WITH INDIGNATION OF ADMINISTERING AUTHORITY'S ATTITUDE IN FLAGRANT VIOLATION OF UN CHARTER EWE TRADITION AND LOCAL ORDER OF 2 DECEMBER 1949 CONCERNING CHIEFDOM STOP PRESSURE USED TO FORCE POPULATION TO ACCEPT CHIEFS OF PROGRESS PARTY IN ORDER TO FORM DISLOYAL MAJORITY AGAINST TREMENDOUS DESIRE FOR EWE UNIFICATION HAS DEGENERATED INTO KILLINGS STOP RESULT ONE INDIGENOUS INHABITANT KILLED AT VILLAGE OF AGBEIKO 10 AUGUST AND EIGHT SHOT DEAD AT VILLAGE OF VOGAN 23 AUGUST BY POLICE FIRING ON UNARMED CROWD STOP EARNESTLY REQUEST YOU SEND MISSION OF INVESTIGATION TO ESTABLISH RESPONSIBILITY ON THE SPOT IN ORDER TO AVOID FALSE REPORTS FROM ADMINISTERING AUTHORITY STOP LETTER STOP

ATA QUAM DESSOU AGBAKOU

18/9 p.m.