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PETITION FROM MR. FRITZ GAUNIDWE CONCERNING NAURU

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Ewa District
Nauru
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The Chairman U.N. Visiting Mission
Nauru

Dear Sir,

I wish to submit to the Mission the following request:

Several months before the War extended its arm into the Pacific, I had sent to Australia, through the Nauru Co-operative Society, a car "Plymouth" for body-repainting and general overhauling.

Two months following, I received word that it was on its way here on one of the B.P.C. ships that was expected to due Nauru.

War came into the Pacific. This B.P.C. ship which had on board, my car, was sunk.

War ended. Then Nauruans, acting on the advice of the Government Officials, submitted their war claims with the understanding that their losses would be compensated.

I submitted to the Nauru Co-operative Society a claim for my car. Later I understand that a collective sum of £15,000 has been paid to a certain fund but not to the individual claimant. Furthermore, I understand that the matter relating to the War Damage Compensation for Nauru has been closed.

For several times, verbally and in writing, I saw the Nauru Co-operative Society manager (now deceased) who, in reply, said something to the effect that the Society would get me a car as replacement for what I had lost, as soon as the war losses for Nauru have been compensated.

It is a long time now since and I still have no knowledge about the loss.

I did not bring this matter before the Mission visiting Nauru in 1953 as I thought then the Society had my claim well in hand.

Now it is apparent the Nauru Co-operative Society is not going to consider much less pay for my loss, therefore I beg leave to put it up to this Mission with a fervent hope that it would consider it sympathetically.

Thanking you in anticipation,

Yours very respectfully,

(Signed) FRITZ GAUNIBWE.
