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PETITION FROM MR. J. AROI  
CONCERNING NAURU

Note by the Secretary-General: 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 11 March 1953 from Mr. J. Aroi concerning the Trust Territory of Nauru. This communication was transmitted to the Secretary-General by the United Nations Visiting Mission to Trust Territories in the Pacific.

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Nauru,  
Central Pacific,  
11th March 1953.

Dr. E. de Marchena,  
Chairman, U.N.O. Visiting Mission,  
N A U R U.

Dear Sir,

During the occupation of Nauru by the Japanese I lost property to the value of about £1100, this figure being the cost of the property at the time of its purchase. Included in this was a house and motor car.

Up to the present I have not received anything by way of compensation.

Prior to the occupation of Nauru I owned a European type house which measured 40ft. by 30ft. This building was completely destroyed before I was deported to Truk.

I did not make application for one of the houses at present being built for the Nauruan people, because this type of house is not suited to my needs. When Mr. M. Ridgway was the Administrator of Nauru he told me that 20 European type houses would be erected on Nauru and that I would be eligible for one of these.

During the past three years I have had considerable correspondence with the Administration about this matter, and from time to time indefinite promises have been made that the materials necessary to erect a suitable house would be made available to me. Members of my family are quite prepared to accept responsibility for the work of erection. Up to the time of writing none of these promises have been fulfilled, nor is there any indication that they are likely to be within the near future.

I now make Sir, an urgent plea that you will take some action to see that the necessary materials are made available to enable me to erect a suitable house to replace the one I lost during the Japanese occupation of this Island.

My present house is a small building which I constructed from salvaged timber and galvanized iron. It is rapidly falling into a bad state of repair.

Thanking you Sir in anticipation of the attention of you and your colleagues to this matter.

I am,

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) J. AROI, Superintendent, Native Primary Schools.

Recd through U.N.V.M. to Pacific Islands at U.N. Hdqts. 17 March 1953

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