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PETITION FROM CHIEF SETH PASSAH FOLY VI CONCERNING  
TOGOLAND UNDER FRENCH ADMINISTRATION

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Seth Passah Foly VI

Cantonal Chief of Tsévié

Togoland under French administration

Tsévié, 30 December 1956

To the President of the United Nations General Assembly,  
New York

Sir,

I have the honour to send you this message in order to call to your  
attention the events now taking place in my Canton (Cercle of Tsévié):

For two weeks the local Administration has been taking the fingerprints  
of the lesser Chiefs of my Canton to show that they support the referendum of  
28 October 1956.

The fact is that these Chiefs, being timid and occupying a subordinate  
position, could not refuse to sign this document, although they had neither  
read nor understood it. In addition, the referendum was drawn up entirely in  
the interests of the French Administration with a view to integrating Eastern  
Togoland in the French Union.

For that reason, Sir, I energetically protest to you on behalf of the  
population of my Canton and request you to pay no heed to this referendum  
when it is submitted to you.

I have the honour to be etc.

(Signed) Seth PASSAH FOLY VI

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