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Note by the Secretary-General: In accordance with rule 84 and supplementary rules F and L of the rules of procedure for the Trusteeship Council, the Secretary-General has the honour to transmit to the members of the Trusteeship, to the Government of Italy as the Administering Authority of the Trust Territory of Somaliland, and to the Governments of Colombia, Egypt, and the Philippines as members of the Advisory Council for the Trust Territory of Somaliland, a communication dated 5 October 1951 from Chief Ali Fara concerning the Trust Territory of Somaliland under Italian administration.

This communication was transmitted to the Secretary-General by the United Nations Visiting Mission to Trust Territories in East Africa.

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The United Nations Visiting Mission,

MOGADISHU.

Sir,

I the undersigned Cavalier, Chief Ali Fara, of via Cardinal Massaia (Mogadishu), humbly and respectfully have the honour to state as follows:

I am an old man, about 60 years of age, and am well experienced in the history of Somalia, and was involved with these organiser against the Mad Mullab, Mohamed Bin Abdulla Hassan, and therefore request your honour to grant me permission which will enable me to communicate personally with you in addition of the following few lines:

On behalf of my men, I have to point out that before the arrival of the Italian Administration in Somalia, the country was continually in serious drought, and had no economy. The populations were absolutely disoccupied, except few number of these employed by the British Administration, who were drawing an insufficient pay. Since the arrival of the Italian Administration a limitless number of the populations were satisfied by regular payment, educations and repayment to ex Italian Soldiers, other personnel and Orphans. Now the Soldiers, other personnel including clerks and messengers, and labourers engaged with the service of the Administration are drawing a quite sufficient pay and comfortably maintain themselves and family well.

If God hasn't affected the United Nations to expedite the Italian Administration as trusteeship Administration to Somalia, there could be no half remained of the populations. The Italian Administration had tried to satisfy the populations, but still the populations are much in need of the U.N.Os assistance, as the Administration could not satisfy millions and millions of starving people. The Administration is continuing to satisfy the populations, but they mist your assistance. Specially the Chief Administrator, His Excellency Ambassador Fernari, the Chief Secretary, His Excellency Gerine, Director of Internal Affairs, Dr. Benardelli, the Provincial Commissioner Dr. Gasbari are acting as the fathers to children and are thinking lot of how to satisfy the populations entrusted to them.

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I further add that the ex boundary of Somalia or ex Italian Somaliland is shortened. Formerly the boundary of Somalia was limited to Wal Wal, but a considerable part of the country is held now by the Ethiopian. I should say that the part now hold by the Ethiopian is the best part for grassing our animals, and it is an important part to our future, as we expect from that part the discovery of minsrals.

Therefore, I shall be very highly obliged if you will be so kind enough as to grant us the U.N.O. assistance which will enable us promote constitutionally, and to be granted consultation whenever the disposal of the part of our country which is held by the Ethiopian will take place.

For doing the said favour we shall ever remain grateful and pray almighty God to long your life.

5.10.51

I beg to remain

Sir,

Cavalier, Chief Ali Fara

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