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PETITION FROM MR. ISSA OMAR GHODI CONCERNING
SOMALILAND UNDER ITALIAN ADMINISTRATION

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 Council, 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 Mr. Issa Omar Ghodi 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.

THE UNITED NATIONS VISITING MISSION

M O G A D I S H U

Sir,

I the undersigned ex Muntaz Issa Omar Ghodi, tribe Ali Soloman of Mogadishu, Bondere and c/o. Chief Isse Gallan Mumin, humbly and respectfully have the honour to state as follows:

I joined the Italian Army in February 1933, and was continually in the service until liberated by the Italian Administration and was given "FOGLIO DI CENSIMENTO". I was in the service a period of 18 years. I participated the Ethiopian Campaga, and the last great war, when I was captured as prisoner of war. During the period I was in prison my 25 Camels, 300 Goats and sheeps were looted by the British occupied troops. My old father and mother who had me other children with the exception of my brother who was an ascari as well and myself were neglectly died whilst engaged in the Army. About 18500 of Italian Liras, which I deposited in the 194th Battaliene pay section was not given back, and still I am holding the receipts.

On arrival of the Italian Administration, I was expecting to be repaid the animals looted from me, the money I saved, and to be granted the repayment of my late brother, and my two uncles, but nothing was given to me.

I, therefore, shall be very highly obliged if you will be so kind as to grant me your legal aid regarding the payment of the said my rights.

For doing this favour I shall ever remain grateful and pray almighty God to long your life and prosperity.

5.10.51

Issa Omar Ghodi

(Signed) Issa Omar

I further add that I had rejoined the Italian Army, and was enlisted in the 2nd Battalione of the present on 18 April 1950, and having signed to serve the Administration for two years and whilst completed in the service for 10 months, I was recognised as one of the S.Y.L. and so was discharged 19 March 1951, without any other reason explained to me. I also request this matter to be considered.
