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PETITION FROM CHIEFS AND NOTABLES OF OMAR MOHAMUD - RER MAHAD, AND
ELEVEN OTHER TRIBES OF MUDUGH CONCERNING SOMALILAND UNDER
ITALIAN ADMINISTRATION

Note by the Secretary-General: In accordance with rule 85 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 26 April 1952 from Chiefs and Notables of Omar Mohemud - Rer Mahad, and eleven other tribes of Mudugh concerning the Trust Territory of Somaliland under Italian Administration.

This communication was transmitted to the Secretary-General by the United Nations Advisory Council for the Trust Territory of Somaliland under Italian administration.

Translated from Italian

Galcaio, 26 April 1952

To the United Nations Advisory Council,
Mogadiscio.

To the Administrator of Somaliland,
Mogadiscio.

For information: Commissario of Mudugh,
Galcaio.

We, the Chiefs, Notables, Islamic religious leaders and elders of the Rer Mahad tribe of Mudugh bring to the knowledge of the Advisory Council that here in Galcaio there are people who want at all cost to sow discord among us Somalis of the Mudugh Province.

We strongly protest against the insinuations made by the Somali Youth League against the election of the Territorial Councillors Dahir Sed Giama and Ismail Giama Gis.^{1/} The election took place in Galcaio with every guarantee of democratic freedom and these two representatives of the Mudugh people obtained the majority of votes from the population. Nobody has been compelled to vote for them.

We like to act according to the democratic methods which are really consistent with the Somali character of our tribal organization where the chief is always elected by the people from among those who are most capable. It is the Somali Youth League who is jealous of these true representatives of Mudugh, Dahir Sed and Ismail Giama Gis, because no one wanted to elect their candidates. The Somali people desires peace and freedom and it does not like the communistic methods of violence and oppression favoured by the League.

Open your eyes, you of the Advisory Council, come to study our life and our pacific democratic organizations. Do not only listen to the League with its European-dressed young men, who know how to flatter in English and who often offer you receptions. You know Somaliland only through your boys who are all of the League! This is not true democracy!

1/ Note by the Secretariat: See T/PET.11/267

Certainly Dahir Sed and Ismail Giama do not represent the will of the members of the League of Galcaio, those few vagabonds who try to sell smoke. Dahir Sed and Ismail Giama Gis represent the social and economic interests of the true people who live in the bush and who are at least 95% of the Somalis of Mudugh. The members of the League who say that they are the true representatives of the people are the laundry-men, the smiths, the porters and especially the vagabonds of the region, enlisted and paid perhaps by some European power to bring confusion among us Somalis and use violence against all those who do not agree with them. Where is the democratic freedom? We believe that democratic freedom consists in the contest of parties but with loyalty and respect of the principles of the other party. It is not enough to write to the Advisory Council about being 95% of the people and to insult the Somali brother who disagrees. Of course Dahir Sed and Ismail Giama Gis have not had time to obtain a degree in one of your universities but they know how to defend the interests of the Somalis - the true interests, and not those sold to some foreign power.

We protest in the name of all the people who live in the Territory, the man from the bush, the Beduin, the shepherd, the Somali, in short, who has his common-sense and loves his country, against the ridiculous campaign which the Somali Youth League of Galcaio is making, by the order of we know not whom, but certainly of someone who for his own ends wants to offend the prestige and the honour of these two representatives of the true Somali people of Mudugh.

OMAR MOHAMUD - RER MAHAD

(Signed)	CAPO CABILA	FARAH MOHAMED ISLAM	NOTABILE	HERZI UARSAMA
	" "	FARAH ADDE GIAMA	"	IUSUF JEI
	" "	HASCI HASSAN BARRE	"	ISSA ISLAM
	" "	GIAMA UARSAMA ISLAM	"	MOHAMED MUSSA
	" "	GIAMA GHEIRE	"	MAHALLIM ABDURRAHMAN
	" "	HUSSEN MUSSA ISLAM	"	ARAB MOHAMED ANAF
	NOTABILE	MOHAMUD DALMAR	SCEICH	HERZI ISLAM
	"	AHMED GIAMA BUH	"	MOHAMUD ALI
	"	MOHAMED ALI DIRIR		

Note: Identical letters, dated 26 April, were received from the following eleven tribes: Omar Mohamud - Rer Ali Mohamed; Omar Mohamud - Rer Herzi; Omar Mohamud - Rer Abdille; Omar Mohamud - Rer Aden; Omar Mohamud - Rer Calaf; Omar Mohamud - Abdi Issa; Omar Mohamud - Rer Mohamed Omar; Madiban; Nuh Gibrail; Rer Lelcasse; Rer Beidian.

Received by the United Nations Advisory Council in Mogadiscio on 5 May 1952