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PETITION FROM MR. ALI OSMAN IUSUF CONCERNING
SOMALILAND UNDER ITALIAN ADMINISTRATION

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Mogadishu 20th September 1953

To: His Excellency Vicente L. Pastrana
The President of the United Nations
Advisory Council of Somalia.
Mogadiscio - Somalia

Your Excellency

I respectfully beg to lay this humble petition before you for your kind
consideration and assistance please.

I am a wireless operator who had served in the Police Force during the
British Administration of the territory and like other officials of the former
government I have continued my service with the new administration. This
later force has transferred me to Galkayu district where I have spent a
considerable time. At last I returned to Mogadishu on leave and as I was
feeling unwell I was admitted to the hospital for medical treatment. After
having recovered from my illness, I asked the Doctor to discharge me from the
hospital in order to enable me to carry out my work but my request was
emphatically objected by him.

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Upon my insistence of the request the Doctor reprimanded me bitterly and has further warned me that he would submit an adverse report against me. Accordingly he sent a communication to my Commanding Officer to the effect that I am suffering from T.B.C. and that I should be dismissed from the Police Force forthwith. Thus, in compliance with the Doctor's recommendation my Commanding Officer has discharged me from the service of the Force. Nevertheless, I did my best to convince the Commander that the Doctor has maliciously done so through the guidance of personal ill-feeling and in support of my statement I pointed to my previous x-ray examination which proved my freedom from the infection of any contagious disease. Unfortunately my fate has been decided by the Doctor's decision which could not be challenged in any way.

Later I have undergone a thorough x-ray examination of my chest under the supervision of a private medical practitioner who issued to me a certificate to the effect that I am entirely free from any contagious disease. With the certificate, I submitted a petition to the higher officials of the Administration but unfortunately my case did not receive any just hearing. I have Lebreto the Sanitario the lightly how I am.

In the light of the above facts, I have no any other alternative but to seek your excellency's kind assistance to use your official influence for a mediation in the matter with a view to ensuring justice for my case. In support of my complaint I have the honour to enclose herewith my medical certificates which would throw light in the case.^{1/}

Thanking you in anticipation and awaiting your favourable reply

I have the honour to be
Your Excellency's
most obedient servant;

(Sgd) Ali Osman Iusuf

Note by the Secretariat:

1/ The enclosures referred to are being retained in the Secretariat and are available to Members of the Trusteeship Council on request.