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PETITION FROM MR. QAID AHMED OTHMAN CONCERNING
SOMALILAND UNDER ITALIAN ADMINISTRATION

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transmitted to the Secretary-General by the United
Nations Advisory Council for the Trust Territory
of Somaliland under Italian Administration.

The Secretary,
United Nations Advisory Council,
Somaliland.

Greetings from QAID Ahmed Othman, Yemenite, who presents to you the following
complaint:

In 1949 a dispute arose between me and an Arab from Hadramout. The dispute
was of two characters, one falling within Islamic law and the other under
Italian jurisdiction. Two law suits were entered through the proper channels
but were interfered with by two Government clerks, one an Arab, Amer Tarmoun,
and the other an Italian, Mr. Walio. They also presented a suit on behalf of my
opponent against me. For 35 days the Elder of the Yemenites and myself inquired
about my suits. They had kept my case in their office and pushed my opponent's
suit ahead.

I submitted a petition to the Administration and received nothing but
threats and insults. I then submitted another petition to the Administrator but
Dr. Chitti and Dr. Lofari kept it from reaching him. This was 17, December 1953
and I have not yet received an answer. I sent a telegram to the Administrator
on 6 December and received an answer from Dr. Benardelli informing me that
I could not be received by the Administrator.

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I have nobody but God and you to tell my troubles to: I am oppressed by the Italian Administration. Please help me secure my rights. There are seven persons in the Administration who are ruining the country and robbing the Yemen people in the Territory.

(Signed) QAID Ahmed Othman
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