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PETITION FROM EL USTAZ IBRAHIM MASHI FARIH CONCERNING  
SOMALILAND UNDER ITALIAN ADMINISTRATION

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transmitted to the Secretary-General by the United  
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of Somaliland under Italian Administration.

To the Director,  
Printing Office, Mogadiscio.

Sir,

After greetings, I beg to ask you and the whole Italian Government three questions concerning Dr. Ferrari (?), from which there arises yet another question.

(1) I beg you to ask Dr. Ferrari (?) how many doctor's diplomas he has obtained in the past.

(2) The second question is, what law allows an attack to be made on a man who has no eyes nor feet nor strength with which to defend himself?

(3) Thirdly, if he is a doctor, what about the principle that mankind are equal, small and great, men and women? This principle is implied, not expressed.

(4) Fourthly, where is the money which the Italian Government took from the whole of Somaliland for the campaign against tuberculosis? The Italian Government began three years ago to collect this money. The Resident said "I wish you, O Somalis, to take part in this campaign, which is made necessary by tuberculosis." When the Government said this, we all over Somaliland contributed

generously; but the Italian Government did not act justly; it deceived our countrymen and their children, because it cheated and sent away the money which it had taken from the poor for the treatment of sick persons, and they did not buy the medicines which it had said it would sell them; it did not sell any at all, either then or thereafter. For this matter the chief blame lies on Dr. Ferrari(?). Again, O Government, it is not right that this man should be called a doctor. It is impossible and unfitting that he should be a public health officer.

Moreover, O Government, there is no law in your present rule over Somaliland. In my view, the Italian Government which judges between Italy and Somaliland is an illegal one.

In order, O Government, to provide proof for you in this matter, I will swear, and we will publish it in this newspaper to the world and make it known, and the United Nations will investigate, and I will complain in this case to the United Nations; for the Government does not give just judgments or rule in justice as a government should, but gives false and unlawful judgments. From the day on which the Italian Government entered Somaliland until today it has never given a just judgment.

O Government, this man who wishes to make known this story in the Mogadiscio newspaper and has written about all this question is weak and lowly and there are many things in his past. I know the Arabic language, and the English language, and other languages also. I entered for an examination three times and passed it and qualified, but the Italian Government said "Our law and our government do not allow us to give work to such a one as you".

So I ask you, which of us should do the work of the country? For that reason I say, there is no lawful rule in the Italian Government.

(Signed) El Ustaz (Maître) Ibrahim  
Mashi Farih, nicknamed  
El Ustaz Ibrahim el Aqula.  
(the Wise One)

To the United Nations.

I am writing to you in these circumstances, so please look into this matter which has arisen between me and Italy, "if you are of those who rule".

And if you are not of those who rule, then leave it, for you will be defenders of the abuses of Italy. That is, O United Nations, if you receive this writing, written by the Ustaz Ibrahim, nicknamed The Wise One. I live in the Askrara (?) quarter of Kasr (?) district.

(Signed) El Ustaz Ibrahim Mashi (?) Farih  
of the Somali Youth League,  
Somaliland.

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