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PETITION FROM MR. JUSUF OMAR MOHAMUD CONCERNING SOMALILAND UNDER ITALIAN ADMINISTRATION

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Note by the Secretariat: This communication was transmitted to the Secretary-General by the United Nations Visiting Mission to Trust Territories in East Africa.

To: The United Nations Visiting Mission to the Trust Territory of Somaliland under Italian Administration, Chisimaio.

I undersigned, Jusuf Omar Mohamud, an ex-police sergeant at Chisimaio, 42 years of age and born at Chisimaio, have the honour to submit this humble request.

I am extremely dissatisfied with the Administration, which discharged me without cause on 15 November 1951 after twenty-one years of service with excellent conduct, without paying me any gratuities for the above-mentioned years of military service.

On 21 November 1951 I submitted a request to the Commissioner of Lower Juba, which was not answered. Another request addressed to the Administrator of Somaliland at Mogadiscio on 31 March 1953, brought no results, and on 6 August 1951 I sent a telegram to the Administrator direct and this also remained unanswered.

The reason given for my discharge was that I belonged to the SYL. This is an untrue and baseless slander. On 1 August 1952 Lieutenant Cei from Police Headquarters at Chisimaio checked the register of the SYL, and my name did not appear in any of the lists contained in the five registers in existence.

Therefore I beg you to secure my gratuities for my 20 years of service. I should like to add that I have not received my pension as a Somali ex-serviceman. Chisimaio, 26 September 1954.