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PETITION FROM TRADERS OF GALCAIO CONCERNING
SOMALILAND UNDER ITALIAN ADMINISTRATION

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GALCAIO 25 JANUARY 1955

TO AMBASSADOR ENRICO MARTINO ADMINISTRATOR FOR SOMALILAND, MOGADISCIO
UN ADVISORY COUNCIL MOGADISCIO SOMALI YOUTH LEAGUE, MOGADISCIO

TRADERS OF GALCAIO PROTEST VIGOROUSLY AGAINST INSTABILITY OF GALCAIO TRADE
SYSTEM STOP WITHIN SEVEN MONTHS MORE THAN FOUR SUCH SYSTEMS HAVE BEEN ENFORCED
STOP ACCORDINGLY GALCAIO TRADERS FEEL JUSTIFIED IN STATING THAT ADMINISTRATION
IS TRYING TO FIND MEANS OF BRINGING ABOUT GENERAL BANKRUPTCY OF GALCAIO
TRADERS STOP SIMILARLY ACCUSE PRESENT DISTRICT COMMISSIONER FOR GALCAIO OF
SHOWING INDIFFERENCE REGARDING WELFARE OF GALCAIO POPULATION PARTICULARLY IN
ECONOMIC FIELD STOP OBVIOUS THAT HIS PROVISIONAL ESTIMATES FOR ANNUAL QUOTA
1955 - 1956 CARELESSLY PLANNED WITHOUT CONSULTING TRADERS ARE COMPLETELY UNFAIR
AND INADEQUATE TO MEET LOCAL POPULATION'S REQUIREMENTS STOP THESE ESTIMATES CAN
MEET LOCAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ONLY THREE MONTHS AND NOT REPEAT NOT FOR WHOLE
YEAR PARTICULARLY IN RESPECT OF UNFINISHED COTTON CLOTH STOP THEY AGAIN
REGISTER PROTEST AGAINST UNDUE RESTRICTIONS ON GALCAIO FOREIGN TRADE WHICH
TAKES FORM OF EXCHANGE OF GOODS BY OFFICIALS OF COMPETENT DEPARTMENTS ON
COMPLETELY UNFOUNDED AND UNTRUE PRETEXTS INCOMPATIBLE WITH TERRITORY'S REAL
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STOP AT REQUEST OF REGIONAL COMMISSIONER MUDUGH TRADERS
SUBMITTED PROVISIONAL ESTIMATES FOR ANNUAL QUOTA 1955 - 1956 STOP WHEREAS
QUANTITATIVE ESTIMATES OF TRADERS WERE NATURALLY HIGHER THAN THOSE

IN PROVISIONAL ESTIMATES OF DISTRICT COMMISSIONER THEY STRICTLY COVER LOCAL REQUIREMENTS FOR WHOLE YEAR BUT DISTRICT COMMISSIONER'S PROVISIONAL ESTIMATES ARE UNREALISTIC IN PRESENT CONDITIONS STOP MOGADISCIO FOREIGN EXCHANGE AND TRADE OFFICE HAS RECENTLY PERMITTED TRADER MOHAMED EGAL TO PURCHASE ONLY TWO THOUSAND SOMALOS WORTH OF RAW COTTON OF A TOTAL SUM OF THIRTY THREE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED SOMALOS WHILE ACCORDING TO LOCAL NEEDS 80 (EIGHTY) PER CENT OF THE ABOVE SUM SHOULD HAVE BEEN ALLOCATED FOR PURCHASE OF UNFINISHED COTTON CLOTH STOP WOULD BE VERY DIFFICULT TO FIND OTHER GOODS REQUIRED BY LOCAL MARKETS TO PURCHASE FOR THIRTY ONE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED SOMALOS STOP IN VIEW OF ABOVE THEY REQUEST YOU TO LIBERALIZE GALCAIO TRADE BEARING IN MIND THAT TRADERS HERE DO NOT, IN EXCHANGE FOR EXPORTED GOODS, IMPORT GOODS NOT REQUIRED BY THE LOCAL MARKET FOR THEIR OWN PURPOSES STOP THEY ALSO PROMISE NOT TO DIVERT OUR GOODS TO BENADIN STOP SIGNED: HAGI HASSAN EGAL; YUSUF DAGI; ISSA SCIRUA; MOHAMED EGAL; MOHAMED HAGI HASSAN; DIRIE HASSAN; GIAMA ADEN; AHMED HASCI HASSAN; ABDILLE HASCI; ON BEHALF OF HAGI SUGULLE NUR
