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PETITION FROM CHIEF ABDULLA ALI AND OTHERS CONCERNING
SOMALILAND UNDER ITALIAN ADMINISTRATION

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To: H.E. the ADMINISTRATOR OF SOMALIA
DEPARTMENT OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS
UNITED NATIONS ADVISORY COUNCIL
S.Y.L. POLITICAL PARTY

MOGADISCIO

We, the undersigned, Abdulle Ali Liban, salaried Chief; Yusuf Scido, Notable; Sceh Yusuf Mohamed Jama; Said Isse Aden; Farah Uardere; Erzi Jama; Coscin Egal and Abdulle Nur Farah, all members of Rer Erzi Farapadane, Tribe Omar Mahamud, on behalf of our fellow tribesmen, numbering some 5000 persons living in the Garaad area, beg to submit the following:

Further to our telegramme, addressed to the same Authorities and Political Party, on 1 November 1954, we wish to point out that Mohamed Yusuf Scirua Samantar Guled, Rer Ildid of Omar Mahamud Tribe, a former policeman who deserted in 1950, soon after the arrival in Somaliland of the Trusteeship Administration, taking with him three rifles cal. 303 with ammunition, and crossed the border to Ethiopia, where he still is as a deserter, is being wanted by the Italian Trusteeship Administration. On 10 November 1954, the Provincial Commissioner of Mudugh Province was informed that the said Mohamed Yusuf, two of his brothers, Abdi Yusuf Samantar Guled and Ali Yusuf Samantar Guled, and a cousin of theirs, Abdi Mahamud Samantar Guled, employed with the salaried Chief, and their uncle, Mohamed Ghese Adde Samantar Guled Tribe Omar Mahamud, Rer Ildid, had returned from Ethiopia and killed two Averghidir Saad

tribesmen, Rer Nemale, and stole 24 camels in the neighbourhood of Geriban. The Provincial Commissioner sent police forces and ilalos on the spot with the explicit order to confiscate all livestock to be found in the Garaad area.

A certain Said Isse Aden, in the name and on behalf of his fellow tribesmen, sent a petition to the Provincial Commissioner of the Mudugh and to the District Commissioner, Galcaio, stating that Rer Erzi Farapadane people were not to be blamed and had no quarrels with anybody.

As soon as he received the petition, the Provincial Commissioner sent for Said Isse Aden, and ordered the District Commissioner, Galcaio, to lock him in jail. The District Commissioner replied that he saw no reason to put him in prison. The Provincial Commissioner has been and still is looking for a reason to imprison him, and he is being searched for now.

On 26 November 1500 goats and 130 camels, belonging to Rer Erzi Farapadane, Omar Mahamud Tribe, were confiscated in the neighbourhood of Eil, Mijertein Province. The whole of the confiscated livestock belongs to Rer Erzi Farapadane, Omar Mahamud Tribe.

Chiefs and other people submitted a petition to the Mudugh Authorities, pointing out that Rer Erzi Farapadane people were not guilty. The Islam of Omar Mahamud Tribe, Islam Abdulle Islam Farah with other Tribe Chiefs and leaders of political parties asked the Provincial Commissioner to return the livestock to Rer Erzi Farapadane, and to make those who committed the crime pay.

The Provincial Commissioner distributed the livestock, allotting a portion of it Averghidir Saad and a portion to the Administration.

We point out that those who committed the crime escaped to Ethiopia leaving behind their livestock and their families; their Chief and uncle, Mohamed Gheze Adde lives at Galcaio, and their tribe, Rer Ildid, is in the bush around Garaad.

Rer Ildid and Rer Farapadane have no relations between them, each rer pays its diah and follows all other customs.

Both the Mudugh Authorities and the Islam Abdulle can vouch for the foregoing.

We beg to point out that the responsibility rests with Rer Ildid, therefore, we ask the Authorities to return the livestock to the poor families and war widows and orphans of Rer Farapadane, who are not guilty, and we maintain that the Chief of Rer Ildid, Mohamed Gese Adde Samantar Guled, is responsible for the damages done, and we want the Authorities to return the livestock to rer Ildid.

The poor injured people are starving. The Authorities must manage somehow to sustain the poor families of Rer Erzi Farapadane.

We would be grateful for a prompt reply.

Mogadiscio, 24 November 1954

(sgd) Salaried Chief Abdulle Ali Liban
(fingerprint)

Notable Yusuf Scido (fingerprint)

Said Isse Aden

Farah Uardere (fingerprint)

Erzi Jama (fingerprint)

Scek Yusuf Mohamed (signed in Arabic)

Coscin Egale (fingerprint)

Abdulle Nur Farah (fingerprint)
