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PETITION FROM MR. HAJI ALI MOHAMED SHOBLE CONCERNING  
SOMALILAND UNDER ITALIAN ADMINISTRATION

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The President,  
U.N. Visiting Mission,  
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Wanle Wein - Somalia.

24th September 1954.

Mogadishu.

Sir,

I the undersigned, Haji Ali Mohamed Scoble, a native of Somalia and a member of Somali Youth League branch at Wanle Weh (Somalia), aged 65 years submit this humble petition for your Excellency's justification.

On 23rd April 1954 all my property which consisted of four large shops containing goods which valued about Sh.55,000/-; my ledger account books which figured a debt of approximately Sh.80,000/-; and all the receipts, documents and odd papers was annihilated by burning. As a consequence nearly three quarters of the latter sum was wholly or partially denied by the creditors.

However desperate and destitute I became, and forgetting for a while the large family I have been supporting, the important thing now is that I was personally threatened by the raiders for being a member of Somali Youth League, prematurely, and unhesitatingly I reported this to the local authorities but no finger stirred. When the mishap happened and all my possessions were burnt, Mr. Ahmed Idris recognised the men who burned my property. He immediately reported their names (which are listed below) to the local authorities in Wanle Wein, then to the "Podgaro" Police Station in Mogadishu, and finally

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swearing and giving his oaths before the tribunal in Modadishu he clearly stated the procedure of the fire. All these main proves in hand coupled with subsidiary proofs nobody was arrested and nothing was done for me to recover my lost property.

- 1 - Mukhtar Mudei.
  - 2 - Mama Eno.
  - 3 - Osman Somo Daio.
  - 4 - Ahmed Iaro.
  - 5 - Mama Alio.
  - 6 - Mohamed Alio Dahiyo.
  - 7 - Ismail Alio Dahiyo.
- Iaro Alio.

All these men are pro-Italians and the natural enemies of the league. They are the men who threatened me and simultaneously recognised by Mr. Admed Idris. I should be very grateful for your Excellency's observations?  
I have the honour to be, with the highest respect, Sir,  
Your Obedient Servant.

(Signed in Arabic) Haji Ali Mohamed Shoble.

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