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PETITION FROM MR. AHMED OSMAN AND OTHERS CONCERNING
SOMALILAND UNDER ITALIAN ADMINISTRATION

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TO THE CHAIRMAN
OF THE UNITED NATIONS ADVISORY COUNCIL
UNDER ITALIAN TRUSTEESHIP OF SOMALILAND

MOGADISHU

Subject: Sequestration camels of GALGE'EL tribes

Sir,

We the undersigned members of GALGE'EL tribes (Somalis) have the honour to bring before you our humble and respectful petition concerning the following facts took place in this Benadir Province (Regione del Benadir) and to this we hope that after careful study your kindly intervention will be necessary to us:

In the month of december just 21 days ago, the District Officer of Balad, Sig. VALIO has looted from us 106 camels and when we asked him which was the reason, he replied that we have crossed the boundary, while we ignore the existence of so called boundary amongst us (Somali nomads), because we nomads people are mostly in customed moving from place to another for grassing reasons, and especially nowadays there exists a greatest scarcity of watering system, and for the lack of water we moved alongside the river in order to pass on the time of scarcity.

We have claimed to the a/m District Officer in order to have back of camels, but we have been given back only 56 camels, while the rest (50 camels) still kept in his camp where are damaged by dangerous pests, because they are not giving good care.

We have been told by the above District Officer that he will give us back the rest of the camels if we will pay 3.000 So.; we come in a consideration that there is not reason to pay the above sum, so then we went to see Dott. OLIVIERI, Capo Regione Benadir and his secretary Sig. DAGANELLI in order to intervene this illegal matters come up in the District of Balad, but unfortunately they have followed the same way of the District Officer of Balad i.e. negative, and the Dott. Olivieri said to us today, 29/12/1954, when we went to see him again, that the rest of the camels will be sold in public oction if we will not pay the money within three days.

To the above reason we feel that it is contrary of the World democratic system of justice, because the camels in question are nourishing poors children who are suffering for hungary.

We request your urgent intervention in order to safe the life of the above poors children, who have not other means except those camels and no that we are going to be contrary of the laws laid down by the Administration, but we have right to claim our property by legally process.

Moreover there is not restriction of moving from place to another by the nomads people and we hope that our legititimate claim will be taken in consideration with your honourable investigation.

We rely upon you our humble petition and pray almighty ALLAH that the matter be brought in an end being looked us with mercy eyes.

Thanking you in advancing.

We have the honour to be

Sir,

yours most ubedient

Mogadishu, 29/12/54.

- (1) AHMED OSMAN
- (2) ABDULLE ALI
- (3) OSMAN NUR
- (4) ABDU OSMAN
- (5) MUDEI AHMED
- (6) HUSSEN IERO'
- (7) AHMED MUDEI

- (8) IBRAHIM AHMED
- (9) AHMED BANDO
- (10) ADEN AHMED
- (11) SHEIKH MOHAMED NUR
- (12) HUSSEN ABDIKAR
- (13) SHEIKH YUSUF MAO'
- (14) DUGO ALI, (15) ABO MADAHEI