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PETITION FROM THE POPULATION OF ABDI ALI VILLAGE CONCERNING  
SOMALILAND UNDER ITALIAN ADMINISTRATION

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The Minister for Internal Affairs	Mogadiscio
Regional Governor of Benadir	"
H.E. The Administrator of Somalia	"
Police Headquarters of Somalia	"
District Commissioner of	Merca
Lieutenant's Office of	Merca
UN Advisory Council	Mogadiscio

The undersigned population, inhabitants of Abdi Ali (jurisdiction of Merca)

C O M P L A I N S

strongly against Ali Ibrau Talasso, Ahmed Gas, Mohamed Hagi "Au buio" and Hagi Abdo Talasso because they illegally want to give to Ahmed Gas the propriety of a Canal in Bul Abdi Ali. Such canal belongs to the Government which built it for the benefit of the population and not for one person, because such canal was built by the people and the Government in turn built the bridge and the Government put a pipe of 60 in the canal which is sufficient for the population but the above-mentioned persons want to take away the 60 pipe and Mr. Ahmed Gas wants to put in it a 100 pipe and then the canal will be his property. The population of Bulo Abdi Ali has informed of this also the District Commissioner in Merca but the District Commissioner is in favour of giving the canal to Mr. Ahmed Gas. If the Government does not intervene in this quarrel and if the rights of the population are not respected if the canal will be given to Mr. Ahmed Gas, we, the population of Bulo Abdi Ali village, are ready to give our blood for the canal,

if the Government does not take into consideration our request if the Commissioner in Merca believes in the rights of the people but cannot convince the above-mentioned persons we are ready to do anything. We request your Excellency to intervene before some incident takes place.

THE POPULATION

Mogadiscio, 4 March 1960

Representatives of the Population:

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|----|---------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. | Osman Abucar Hagi   | (signature fingerprinted) |
| 2. | Mohamed Abdille Nur | " "                       |
| 3. | Abdullahi Alio Hagi | " "                       |
| 4. | Iusuf Mohamed Mio   | " "                       |

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