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THREE PETITIONS ON BEHALF OF MAIMED WAR VETERANS CONCERNING
SOMALILAND UNDER ITALIAN ADMINISTRATION

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1. H.E. The Administrator of Somalia Mogadiscio
cc: United Nations Advisory Council Mogadiscio

The majority of the undersigned maimed war veterans of the Italo-Ethiopian and Italo-British war are: blind, crippled, deaf, without arms and disabled. They are dying in the streets, begging for money or lying against the street walls; all this maltreatment would not be happening if there was not the tri-colour flag.

Dear sirs you know quite well that these people, dying and stretched along the street walls, live insufficiently on the disability pay they have been receiving and now the Italian Government has taken that away.

We are turning to you because you are the guardians of Somalia. How can we live without our five senses and the money they have taken away from us, seven months at first and now three months.

You always tell us to find out about our liquidation pay, but we want to ask you now, does the legal rights of any individual serve him when he is living or when he is dead? How can a man who is dying, await for his legal rights: And if this is true you are wise in your justice.

We wish to ask you three requests:

1. We want to receive our liquidation pay as you have stated we are entitled to.
2. We wish you to give us a monthly wage while we await this liquidation sum.
3. We ask you to make clear the statement: "You have not rights and those who wish to die let them die."

Also we wish a personal interview with H.E. the Administrator and the Advisory Council, but we do not want this interview to be through one of the secretaries, we wish to talk with you face to face.

With best wishes.

Mohamed Osman Muddei and 42 others

Mogadiscio, 17 September 1959

2. United Nations Advisory Council

Mogadiscio

We the maimed war veterans that you have seen dying in the streets, ask you, the United Nations to help us, the disabled and blameless. There is no justice in Somalia, not even that which the United Nations can give us. Have pity on the poor!

We have only to remember 17 September, as proof of your injustice, when a group of maimed war veterans presented themselves and you did not want to even look at them with your own eyes, but only said that two persons must come at a time, and then you did not give us a satisfactory answer.

Maimed War Veterans

Mogadiscio, 18 September 1959

3. United Nations Advisory Council

Mogadiscio

We the undersigned: Ex.B.Basci, ALI HAILE CULMIE AFRAH - 6246
Ex.Muntaz, HASCI SODAL ALI MOHAMED - 869
Ex. Ascari, MOHAMED DISO ROBLE ALASSO - 6347

all maimed war veterans, temporarily pensioned and residents of Baidoa, wish to inform you that they were collecting their temporary pensions in the District of Baidoa, following orders from the Office of Ex-Military their pensions were withdrawn and their military rights taken away.

The undersigned find themselves in serious economic conditions and they cannot live on any other income they make. They hope that by contacting the above-mentioned authority that you would kindly take an interest on their behalf to help them obtain what they are entitled to.

It is some days now that they have been in Mogadiscio, especially awaiting to finish up the matter of their pensions and liquidation sum, but they have not as yet been able to get an interview at the Office for Ex.- Military.

We wish to inform you that Mohamed Diso was paid his pension for the month of August while Ali Haile and Hasci Sodal have not been paid for two months, August and September.

Ali Haile
Hasci Sodal
(fingerprinted)

Mogadiscio, 8 October 1959
