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PETITION FROM MR. HAGI ABDULLAHI SCEK ABIKER ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF
GANDERSCI CONCERNING SOMALILAND UNDER ITALIAN ADMINISTRATION

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To: H.E. Mohamed Hassan El Zayyat, Chairman of the United Nations
Advisory Council, Mogadiscio.

The Minister of the Interior, Hagi Mussa Bogor, Mogadiscio.

On behalf of the people of Gandarscse, I, Hagi Abdullahi Scek Abiker,
present the following petition to you, asking you to intervene in the brutal
activity which the Americans are carrying on amongst our people of Gandersci.

Personally I am claiming a right which has been denied to us: the
Sinclair Company have drilled a well on some land of mine, without my consent;
never mind if the Government has granted it to them to use the land to explore
for oil, but property cannot be reappropriated from an individual citizen without
his being reimbursed for the damage suffered etc., etc. We have read history:
injustice has always come to a bad end. We the people of Gandersci as the
Hon. Hagi Mussa Bogor knows are a peaceful people, we love peace and are for
the most part ULUMA (very religious), violence does not exist with us, we
appeal to Divine Justice; traders, who our Maccaia (Somali cafe-restaurant)
have come from Marai Ascia and Obbia to set up their business in Gandersci,
while we are even denied that privilege which they enjoyed in Obbia.

None of us has gone to set up business in Marai Ascia or Obbia, because
certainly we could not live in peace, we are humanitarians and do not wish to
share their idea; our very brothers who have come from Marai Ascia incite

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the Americans not to recognize us; we do not know their language, and I believe that is why we are enappropriated.

We earnestly beg you to intervene, and we hope that justice will be done.

Yours respectfully,

(Signature in Arabic)

Mogadiscio, 8 November 1958
