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Dear Secretary General,

It is really fair to have a friend from abroad to converse with. I am very grateful to write you with regard to the condition and situation of the part of the world in which I live.

My home land is British Mandated Togoland. Before 1914 war the country was ruled by the Germans. Now we are under British Government. It is situated near the boundary of French Togoland. The chiefs and people of the two Togolands were very sad because of what the two Governments are doing English and French, because of the boundary which lies between them.

The two Governments wanted divide the country into two parts one to Gold Coast and one to Dahomey so that there is no country to be called Togoland again. So now the people of the two Togolands are fighting for their independence, that is why the chiefs of the two Togolands sent their a delegation headed by S.G. Antor to plead the cause of Togoland unification before the United Nations General Assembly. German traders were installed on the Togoland coast in 1880 but it was not until July 2, 1884 that Dr. Gustav Nachtigel the then German consul in Tunis, hoisted the German flag at Bagida and took possession of the Country. By 1914 German influence and tradition had become firmly established.

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In 1914 Togoland was over-run by French forces composed of Africans officered by Europeans. There was around minimum until 1922 when the country was partitioned between the British and the French.

I read a news paper named Daily Graphic that, you said that Togoland must annex to the Gold Coast. I read the news paper on 25 June 1954, that is why I take this opportunity to write to you to know if it is true or not if this happen then there will be war between us, but I know that this would not happen in this world, reply me in time before it is too late. I am a boy whose age is 18 year but I had complete my primary education in the year 1953.

Will you kindly forward me some good books for Togoland affairs, I am sure you will help both Togolands to have their independence, and there will be no more boundary between two brothers British Togoland and French Togoland.

Now Togoland can produce 95% of cocoa every year but Gold Coast only 20% but we often see on the bags of cocoa written on it Gold Coast cocoa but not Togoland, that is why we are fighting for our independence. Now people of British Togoland had formed one firm known as T.C.P.A. This firm has not much money to buy cocoa, can you help this firm this year for some money waiting for your help.

When the time comes for general election of the Gold Coast the C.P.P. members gave a lot of money to the people of British Togoland so that they might vote for their member, and when the time comes for voting even school boys had vote. Again waiting for your early reply for our independence before this year has pass, every thing is upon your hand now we are waiting for your help in two Togolands. Remember to send me more books to study.

Hoping for faithful and early reply.

I beg to remain your loving boy,

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