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PETITION FROM MR. M.M. GAFONGBE<sup>(1)</sup> CONCERNING THE  
CAMEROONS UNDER BRITISH ADMINISTRATION

Observations of the Administering Authority

Note by the Secretariat: The following observations were communicated to the Secretariat on 6 March 1950 by the representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland on the Trusteeship Council.

1. The petitioner claims the position and powers of an independent village head at Santa-Mbu, although it has long been accepted without question that Santa-Mbu is a quarter of the village of Mbu. If the accepted position is correct the village head of Mbu is by custom the proper authority to convey directions regarding the disposal of the land of the whole community of Mbu, including Santa-Mbu.
2. The claim has already come before the Native Court and a judgment has been given which at present awaits review by the District Officer. The matter is thus sub judice in a competent court and the Trusteeship Council will presumably find the petition inadmissible by reason of Rule 81 of the Council's Rules of Procedure.

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