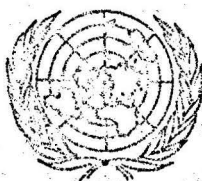


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### SUMMARIES OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS CIRCULATED BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL, PURSUANT TO RULES 24 AND 85, PARAGRAPH 2, OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE

#### Memorandum by the Secretariat

The present memorandum contains a list of documents circulated since 30 September 1954 by the Secretary-General pursuant to rules 24 and 85, paragraph 2, of the rules of procedure of the Trusteeship Council.

The list contains a description of each document (paragraph A), its initial classification by the Secretary-General (paragraph B), and in certain cases remarks (paragraph C) which may assist the Standing Committee on Petitions in classifying the documents in accordance with rule 90, paragraph 3, of the rules of procedure.

#### Communications concerning Tanganyika

##### 1. T/CCM.2/L.16

A. Undated letter addressed to the United Nations Visiting Mission to Trust Territories in East Africa, 1954, by Mr. Petro Ndarboi reiterating a compensation claim for his land which the Administering Authority acquired for the purpose of extending the Arusha Township, and requesting a satisfactory settlement of his claim.

B. Communication concerning a petition already examined by the Council.

C. The Council examined a petition from Mr. Ndarboi at its tenth session in respect of the petitioner's claim for compensation. By its resolution 438 (X),

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the Council drew the attention of the petitioner to the observations of the Administering Authority that he was a tenant of the land in question and was therefore entitled to compensation only from landlords and not from the Government, that his tenancy covered only a small part of the land referred to in his petition, that the amount of compensation was reviewed and adjusted by the District Commissioner and that the petitioner was entitled to refer his claim for increased compensation to the appropriate court.

2. T/COM.2/L.17

A. Letter dated 7 September addressed to the United Nations Visiting Mission to Trust Territories in East Africa, 1954, by the Ishak Arab Community, Arusha Branch, requesting that they be recognized as Asians by law.

B. Communication concerning a petition already examined by the Council.

C. At its tenth session, the Council examined a petition (T/PET.2/139) from the Ishak Arab Community in respect of the same subject and adopted resolution 436 (X) whereby it drew the petitioner's attention to the observations of the Administering Authority which were to the effect that the entire Ishakia Community was reclassified as "non-natives" under Ordinance No.39 of the Legislative Council of Tanganyika passed in July 1949 and that no provision existed for a more specific classification according to race.

3. T/COM.2/L.18

A. Letter dated 5 August 1954 from Mr. Kibwana Chanzi concerning his claim to a plot of land and to his "Kingdom".

B. Communication concerning a petition already examined by the Council.

C. The petitioner's claim (T/PET.2/160 and Add.1) was examined by the Council at its twelfth session. By its resolution 652 (XIII), the Council drew the petitioner's attention to the observations of the Administering Authority that with regard to his claim to be the sultan of a part of Tanganyika the Administration was unable to entertain it. With regard to the petitioner's claim to the ownership of certain land situated at Teneke it was open to him to lodge with the Registrar General an application that he be registered as the owner of the fee-simple in the land in question and if he

should not be satisfied with the decision of the Registrar General it would be open to him to appeal to the high court of the Territory. The Council suggested to the petitioner that if he considered that he had a legitimate claim to the land in question he should proceed accordingly and decided that under the circumstances no recommendation by it was necessary.

4. T/COM.2/L.19

A. Letter dated 5 November 1954 from Mr. Anton Weber informing the United Nations that his child has been cured of a two year old disease and that his marriage to the child's mother is being held up by the British Consulate in Zurich, Switzerland.

B. Communication concerning a petition already examined by the Council.

5. T/COM.2/L.20

A. Letter dated 10 September 1954 from Mr. Heinz Langguth, Attorney, writing on behalf of Mr. Gustav von Heyer stating that the sum released to Mr. von Heyer by the Custodian of Enemy Property is so small that it bears no comparison to the value of the former assets of the petitioner and that he is entitled to damages for wrongful internment, seizure of property and deportation.

B. Communication concerning a petition already examined by the Council.

C. At its twelfth session the Council examined Mr. von Heyer's petition (T/PET.2/161 and Add.1) relating to the matters which form the subject of the present communication. At that time, the petitioner contended that as a national of the free City of Danzig he was not a German national within the meaning of Tanganyika law and was, therefore, wrongfully treated as an enemy alien in 1939. The Council by its resolution 653 (XII) decided that due to the complexity regarding the application of the principles of international law involved, no recommendation by the Council was necessary.

6. T/COM.2/L.21

A. Letters dated 6 September and 1 October 1954 from the Secretary of the Tanganyika Government Trade Union containing a number of complaints concerning the suspending of the Union, imposition of fines, alienation of land and racial discrimination.

B. Communication concerning a petition already examined by the Council.

C. A petition (T/PET.2/121) on the same question from the authors of the present communication was examined by the Council at its eleventh session at which time it called the attention of the petitioners to the fact that the Labour Commissioner of Tanganyika was prepared to advise them fully to enable the Association to comply with the laws and regulations governing trade unions, and advised the petitioners that the general questions of land alienation, taxation and working conditions had been and would continue to be examined by the Council in connexion with its annual examination of conditions in the Territory.

7. T/COM.2/L.22

A. Copies of letters dated 24 December 1954 addressed to the Member for Local Government and to the Governor of Tanganyika by the President of the Tanganyika African National Union clarifying in detail the views of his organization regarding the future political development of the Territory. These letters are in reply to certain misunderstandings which had arisen recently with regard to the position of the Union on these matters.

B. Communication containing no request for action by the United Nations.

Communication concerning Ruanda-Urundi

8. T/COM.3/L.17

A. Letter dated 2 December 1954 from Mr. M.F. Jamar objecting to a statement made in T/PET.3/77 that he connived with the authorities against his client, Mr. B. N'Tunguka.

B. See paragraph C.

C. Mr. B. N'Tunguka is the author of a number of petitions which the Council has examined in the past. The most recent of these (T/PET.3/77) contains the statement to which his lawyer, the author of the present communication, raises objections. The Standing Committee may, therefore, wish to take the present communication into consideration when it examines T/PET.3/77.



Communications concerning the Cameroons under French administration9. T/COM.5/L.69

A. Copy of a motion adopted on 25 September 1954 by the Association des Notables Camerounais, Section de Rassemblement Démocratique Africain, Section Locale de Bafang, requesting information from the representatives in the Territorial Assembly whether it was they who elected M. Charles René Okala as Senator and Mr. Paul Monthé as Economic Secretary on behalf of the Cameroons.

B. Communication containing no request for action by the United Nations.

10. T/COM.5/L.70

A. Copy of a letter dated 24 September 1954 addressed to the Premier of France by the Nvog-Mbi Committee of the UPC protesting against the expulsion of Mr. Paul Malapa from the Territory and against the policy of "colonialism" adopted by the Administration of the Territory.

B. Communication containing no request for action by the United Nations.

11. T/COM.5/L.71 and 72

A. Letters dated 17 and 20 October 1954 addressed to the Chief of the Bamileké Region by the Secretary-General of the Foyer du Progrès de la Jeunesse Bayangam, Branches of Manjo and Penja, respectively, protesting against the alienation of land from three persons living in Bayangam Village by the Catholic Mission and demanding the immediate return of the land.

B. Communications containing no request for action by the United Nations.

12. T/COM.5/L.73

A. Letter dated 3 November 1954 addressed to the High Commissioner of the French Republic in the Cameroons complaining that the Catholic Mission has expropriated the property of three persons in the village causing great hardship and that it has created a state of civil war in the village.

B. Communication containing no request for action by the United Nations.

13. T/COM.5/L.74

A. Letter dated 31 October 1954 addressed to the High Commissioner of the French Republic in the Cameroons complaining that health services are inadequate and demanding an increase in the number of schools in the Territory.

B. Communication containing no request for action by the United Nations.

14. T/COM.5/L.75

A. Letter dated 25 October 1954 addressed to the Administrator-Mayor of the Mixed Commune of Yaoundé by Union Démocratique des Femmes Camerounaises (UDEFEC) complaining that women selling fruits and vegetables in the market-place are required to pay a fee for market permits.

B. Communication containing no request for action by the United Nations.

15. T/COM.5/L.76

A. Copies of two motions adopted on 13 and 14 November 1954 by the UDEFEC addressed to the Administrateur-Maire of Yaoundé protesting against a market fee which was imposed on women who sell their produce in the market-place, and pointing to the need for kindergarten facilities. Protests are also made against racial discrimination in the Territory, and against restrictions on the freedom of speech in Yaoundé.

B. Communication containing no request for action by the United Nations.

16. T/COM.5/L.77

A. Letter dated 24 November 1954 from Mr. Mitebe Ndoutou complaining that the case concerning his land has still not been settled.

B. Communication concerning a petition already examined by the Council.

C. At its thirteenth session, the Council examined a petition (T/PET.5/148) from the author of the present communication, in which he complained the five hectares of his land had been sold without his permission. By its resolution 921 (XIII) the Council drew the petitioner's attention to the statement of the Administering Authority that any claim for compensation which the petitioner may have is against the community of Japoma and that it was for him to prove his claim before the customary courts.

17. T/COM.5/L.78

A. Letter dated 25 November 1954 addressed to the High Commissioner of the French Republic in the Cameroons by Mr. Jean Mambou protesting against the collection of a market tax in the village of Bansoa and requesting the release from the Dschang jail of his compatriots.

B. Communication containing no request for action by the United Nations.

18. T/COM.5/L.79

A. Undated letter from Mr. Pierre Simon Tchalle contradicting the observations of the Administering Authority on the occasion of the examination of the writer's petition T/COM.5/L.30 during the fourteenth session of the Council. He states that the judgment regarding his claim for compensation was handed down by a court which "never existed" and that none of the interested parties ever appeared before it.

B. Communication concerning a petition already examined by the Council.

C. The writer of the present communication is also the author of T/PET.5/126 and T/COM.5/L.30 which the Council examined at its thirteenth and fourteenth sessions, respectively. The petitions related to a claim for compensation arising out of a land dispute. By its resolution 1058 (XIV) the Council advised the petitioner that if the community on whose behalf he was speaking wished to pursue its claim for compensation in respect of damage suffered, it should lay its claim before the competent court of the Territory. The Standing Committee may wish to consider whether the established procedure should be applied to the present communication in view of the petitioner's most recent reference to the court.

19. T/PET.5/L.26

A. Letter dated 18 September 1954 from Mr. Alexandre Sasso Ekongolo, General Chairman of the Etude de la Région de n'Kam "Ernkam" complaining that many of the provisions of the United Nations Charter and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights are being violated. Further complaint is made of "arbitrary arrests, physical cruelty, the fraudulent and unbridled exploitation of our property", of the restoration of the indigénat system and of forced labour.

B. General questions petition - i.e., a petition concerning general problems to which the attention of the Council has already been called, and on which the Council has taken decisions or has made recommendations.

20. T/PET.5/L.27

A. Letter dated 25 October 1954 from Mr. Alexandre Bikai requesting the right of self-determination for the people of the Cameroons, unification and independence, and protesting against the system of forced labour and the indigénat system.

B. General questions petition.

21. T/PET.5/L.28

A. Letter dated 21 September 1954 from Mr. Etienne M. Masso Nlend complaining of discrimination against the Union des populations du Cameroun (UPC) and the retarding of the development of political institutions in the Territory. Other general complaints are made concerning land alienation, racial discrimination and the educational system. The immediate unification of the Cameroons and the setting of a date for the termination of Trusteeship are also requested.

B. General questions petition.

22. T/PET.5/L.29

A. Undated letter from the Local Committee of the UPC at Songndong complaining of bad road conditions, heavy taxation, activities of missionaries and lack of medical treatment for poor people in the hospitals.

B. General questions petition.

23. T/PET.5/L.30

A. Undated letter from the inhabitants of the village of Songmpeck complaining of seizure of property by Catholic Priests and "Colonialists" and of the exclusion from school of children in the age groups of from ten to fifteen years.

B. General questions petition.

24. T/PET.5/L.31

A. Letter dated 15 November 1954 from Mr. Jean Oum demanding unification of the two Cameroons and their independence. He also complains of racial discrimination and lack of educational facilities for children.

B. General questions petition.

25. T/PET.5/L.32

A. Letter dated 14 October 1954 from Notables of the village Obokoé complaining of difficulties which indigenous inhabitants encounter in entering the import and export trade and of racial discrimination in general.

B. General questions petition.

26. T/PET.5/L.33

A. Telegram dated 10 December 1954 from Mr. T. H. Matip, managing editor of La Verité, requesting United Nations intervention to end the violation of human rights in the Territory and requesting that a special mission be sent to the Cameroons to investigate this question.

B. General questions petition.

27. T/PET.5/L.34

A. Telegram dated 10 December 1954 from the UPC protesting against violations of human rights in the Territory. Particular reference is made to "murders, illegal search and imprisonment to which UPC members are subjected".

B. General questions petition.

Communications concerning Togoland under British administration

28. T/COM.6/L.46

A. Undated letter from Mr. J. J. Amoa relating to a petition (T/PET.6/325) previously examined by the Council. It contains a denial of the observations of the Administering Authority made at that time to the effect that the school manager was in agreement with the Assistant Education Officer that the lecture which Mr. S. G. Antor gave at the school where he was teaching was of a political nature.



B. Communication relating to a petition already examined by the Council and adducing no new evidence in support thereof.

C. By its resolution 989 (XIII) the Council noted the observations of the Administering Authority and the statements of the special representative to the effect that the petitioner received a transfer as teacher from his teaching post because he had contravened official instructions concerning the admission of visitors to the schools of the Territory, but that he was at present teaching at another school in the Gold Coast and had been restored recently to his previous rank as head master.

29. T/COM.6/L.47

A. Letter dated 27 September 1954 from the Clerk of the Mamprusi District Council Office enclosing copies of three petitions submitted to the Mamprusi District Council and its Area Committees requesting that they be forwarded to the Governor of the Gold Coast. The petitions, which concern the Government's intention to split the Mamprusi District into three independent District Councils, express the opinion that this step is inimical to the interest and progress of the inhabitants of the district and contrary to the wishes of the people.

B. Communication submitted specifically for information.

30. T/COM.6/L.48

A. Letter dated 29 September 1954 addressed to the Accra Day Nurseries by Mr. Paul Y. Agbétété informing them that the Rassemblement populaire des Réfugiés du Togo français (RPRTF) has been formed for the purpose of studying the problems facing Togoland refugees from Togoland under French administration now living in the Gold Coast and in Togoland under British administration, and to seek appropriate remedies for such problems.

B. Communication containing no request for action by the United Nations.

31. T/COM.6/L.49

A. Letter dated 24 September 1954 addressed to the Deputy to the Governor of the Gold Coast by Mr. Kobla Ahorsu complaining that, as a result of a land dispute between the Akposo and Buem peoples, the latter have been seizing and abducting members of the Akposo.



B. Communication containing no request for action by the United Nations.

32. T/COM.6/L.50 and Add.1

A. Resolution dated 9 October 1954 adopted by the Chiefs, Elders and Youth Association of the Fodome Division in Togoland under British administration establishing The Rate Payers Association - Fodome for the purpose of seeking "from the Rating Authority that rates are used to the best interest of the rate payer" and to assist the Authority in any way "so as to secure the co-operation and understanding of all sections of the Community, in the payment of rates". In a letter dated 2 November 1954 the names of the officers of the Association are transmitted.

B. Communication containing no request for action by the United Nations.

33. T/COM.6/L.51

A. Letter and resolution dated 21 October 1954 addressed to the Minister of Local Government by members of the Northern Peoples Party protesting against a cabinet decision to split the Mamprusi State into three districts.

B. Communication containing no request for action by the United Nations.

34. T/COM.6/L.52

A. Letter dated 3 November 1954 addressed to the Deputy to the Governor of the Gold Coast by Mr. Kobla Ahorsu inquiring as to the whereabouts of Togbe Thomas Agba Egblemasse and Atogla Kwaku, both of whom were said to have been seized and deported by Nana Akompi Firam III, and requesting that they be returned before the latter be permitted to leave the Territory to go to New York.

B. Communication containing no request for action by the United Nations.

35. T/PET.6/L.52

A. Letter dated 22 August 1954 from Mr. Leonard Armstrong Anyangeh requesting "a responsible western form of Government", self-government and independence for Togoland and expressing the opinion that any association of Togoland with the Gold Coast would have to be effected by a Government established in Togoland.

B. Petition concerning the Togoland unification problem.

36. T/PET.6/L.53

A. Telegram dated 13 October 1954 from Mr. P. Kudjordji, London, informing the Council that the United Kingdom proposal for integrating Togoland into the Gold Coast does not represent the wishes of the Gold Coast people.

B. Petition concerning the Togoland unification problem.

37. T/PET.6/L.54

A. Telegram dated 18 October 1954 from a group of Togoland chiefs and farmers advocating the integration of Togoland into the Gold Coast.

B. Petition concerning the Togoland unification problem.

38. T/PET.6/L.55

A. Undated letter from the Reverend D. K. Adinyira opposing the integration of Togoland with the Gold Coast and advocating the unification of the two Togolands. He also protests against the measures which have been taken by the Government whereby Togoland farmers are prohibited from selling cocoa in Togoland under French administration.

B. Petition concerning the Togoland unification problem.

Communication concerning Togoland under British and French administration

39. T/PET.6 and 7/L.41

A. Letter dated 2 October 1954 from Nana Amankrado Yawokumah protesting against proposals for the integration of Togoland into the Gold Coast and demanding the establishment of the Joint Council for Togoland Affairs and unification and independence for Togoland.

B. Petition concerning the Togoland unification problem.

Communications concerning Togoland under French administration

40. T/COM.7/L.23

A. Letter dated 21 September 1954 from Mr. Paul Agbétété, contradicting the observations of the Administering Authority, and the statements of its representative on the occasion of the examination of the writer's petition (T/PET.7/368) during the fourteenth session of the Council.

B. Communication concerning a petition already examined by the Council.

C. Following the examination of Mr. Agbétété's petition the Council, by its resolution 1074 (XIV), noted the observations of the Administering Authority.

41. T/COM.7/L.24

A. Letter dated 28 September 1954 from Mr. Paul Agbétété transmitting a letter from Mr. Christian Kuwamé which contains a number of comments on the observations of the Administering Authority on Mr. Kuwamé's petition (T/PET.7/357) which was examined at the fourteenth session of the Council.

B. Communication concerning a petition already examined by the Council.

C. Following the examination of Mr. Kuwamé's petition, the Council, by its resolution 1066 (XIV), drew the petitioner's attention to the observations of the Administering Authority.

42. T/COM.7/L.25

A. Letter dated 10 October 1954 addressed to the Minister of Overseas France by Mr. Paul Y. Agbétété welcoming him on the occasion of his visit to Togoland under French administration now living in Togoland under British administration.

B. Communication submitted specifically "for information and filing".

43. T/COM.7/L.26

A. Letter dated 9 November 1954 from the Chairman of the Sokodé Branch of the Comité de l'Unité togolaise (CUT) transmitting a copy of a letter addressed to the French Minister for Overseas France informing him of the aims and purposes of the CUT and complaining of police action taken against certain of its members.

B. Communication submitted specifically for information.

Communications concerning Somaliland under Italian administration

44. T/COM.11/L.132

A. Copy of a letter dated 2 September 1954 addressed to the Administrator of Somaliland by Mr. Bagin Ali Haji, Secretary of the Chisimaio Branch of the Somali Youth League (SYL) protesting against the medical officer whom the Administration appointed to take charge of the Surgical Department of the Chisimaio Hospital. It is stated that, while the doctor is giving proper medical attention to Italian patients, he is neglecting Somali patients.

B. Communication submitted specifically for information.

45. T/COM.11/L.133

A. Telegram dated 16 September 1954 addressed to the Administrator of Somaliland by representatives of the Somali Workers Organization of Lower Giuba protesting that local authorities "unlawfully violated organisation's representatives with the intention of arresting them before arrival in Somalia of expected United Nations Visiting Mission".

B. Communication submitted specifically for information.

46. T/COM.11/L.134

A. Letter dated 27 August 1954 addressed to the Administrator of Somaliland by Chiefs, Notables, Santoni and Tribal Representatives of the Averghidir-Saad complaining that their people have been driven from their lands and that the Administering Authority is not enforcing the laws of the Territory and has refused to treat their people "with justice and humanity".

B. Communication containing no request for action by the United Nations.

47. T/COM.11/L.135

A. Letter dated 4 September 1954 addressed to the Administrator of Somaliland by Chiefs, Notables, Santoni, Tribal Elders and Traders, representatives of the Averghidir-Saad complaining that as a result of tribal raids on their people they have suffered many casualties and considerable material damage. They also charge that they are being oppressed by the Administration and request that they be

transferred from the jurisdiction of the District Commissioner of Mudugh to that of the District Commissioner of Obbia.

B. Communication submitted specifically for information.

48. T/COM.11/L.136

A. Letter dated 27 September 1954 addressed to the Administrator of Somaliland by Mr. Abscir Ali Ueirah concerning the lease of a building plot for which the writer had made an application but which had been leased to an Italian national. He requests that the latter be enjoined to cease building operations and that his application be considered.

B. Communication submitted specifically for information.

49. T/COM.11/L.137

A. Letter dated 30 September 1954 addressed to the Administrator of Somaliland by Mr. Hasci Egal Samantar relating to the killing of one Elmi Ali Mohamed on 28 August 1954. He states that the deceased was "unjustly" killed and, as the lawyer for the heirs, he requests that compensation be paid to them.

B. Communication submitted specifically for information.

50. T/COM.11/L.138

A. Telegram dated 5 October 1954 addressed to the Administrator of Somaliland by Mr. Hagi Mire Hassan and others complaining that local authorities prevent them from trading with foreign countries and requesting the Administrator's intervention.

B. Communication submitted specifically for information.

51. T/COM.11/L.139

A. Letter dated 30 December 1953 addressed to the Administrator of Somaliland by Mr. Warsama Egal Herzi Sciarmarche concerning the confiscation of his truck and licence by the police.

B. See paragraph C.

C. Since the receipt of the present communication, which was transmitted to the United Nations specifically for information, a petition (T/PET.11/499) has been received from Mr. Sciarmarche in which he requests that his case be examined by the Council. Attached to his petition is a copy of the present communication, to which therefore the Standing Committee may wish to decide that the established procedure shall be applied.

52. T/COM.11/L.140

A. Telegram dated 26 October 1954 addressed to the Department of Internal Affairs by Mr. Ibrahim Sobrie protesting against the seizure of three camels by the Resident.

B. Communication submitted specifically for information.

53. T/COM.11/L.141

A. Telegram dated 3 December 1954 from Candala Chiefs and Notables requesting that certain charges made by the SYL in T/PET.11/497 be ignored.

B. See paragraph C.

C. The Standing Committee may wish to consider this communication when it examines T/PET.11/497.

54. T/COM.11/L.142

A. Letter dated 15 December 1950 addressed to the Commissioner of Mudugh, complaining that the Resident of Galcaio has disregarded their interests and caused dissension among the people.

B. Communication submitted specifically for information.

55. T/COM.11/L.143

A. Letter dated 4 May 1954 from Mr. Haji Abo Imanchio concerning the lawsuit over immovable property to which he and an Italian lady are parties. The matter was the subject of T/PET.11/319 and Add.1-2; briefly, the petitioner won his case in the High Court of Somaliland, but the lady appealed to Rome, and the petitioner's main grievance was that the execution of a decision by the highest court in the Territory could be stayed by an appeal to a court outside the



Territory. He now states that he lost his case before the Supreme Court in Rome and requests that the case be retried in the Supreme Court at Mogadiscio since both parties are residents of the Territory and that he be compensated for the money spent on the case.

B. Communication concerning a previously examined petition.

C. In its resolution 712 (XII) on T/PET.11/319 and Add.1-2, the Council inter alia expressed the hope that the establishment of a civil court of appeal in the Territory would be expedited, and noted that, under the law of the Territory as it then stood (July 1953), the Court in Rome was the competent court of appeal for the Territory.

56. T/COM.11/L.144

A. Letter dated 11 December 1954 addressed to the Administrator of Somaliland by Mr. Hassan Mohamed Nalie and others complaining that their pay was reduced to So.3.00 per day by order of the Resident who is said to be maltreating the population.

B. Communication submitted specifically for information.

57. T/COM.11/L.145

A. Letter dated 14 December 1954 addressed to the District Commissioner of Mogadiscio by Messrs. Wador and Mohamud requesting that elections scheduled for 19 January be postponed until 23 January 1955 pending clarification of certain issues.

B. Communication submitted specifically for information.

58. T/COM.11/L.146

A. Telegram dated 18 December 1954 addressed to the Administrator of Somaliland by Mr. Gero Haduman Gaivero warning that a piece of land, concerning which negotiations are at present in progress, belongs to his people and that the prospective buyer has no right to the property.

B. Communication submitted specifically for information.