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PETITION FROM MR. MOHAMED GIAL ABKAR CONCERNING  
SOMALILAND UNDER ITALIAN ADMINISTRATION

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To the United Nations Advisory Council for Somaliland  
Mogadiscio

Greetings,

I, Mohamed Gial Abkar, Abgal Daoud, residing in the Arab Quarters present to you the following complaint.

For seven years during the British occupation I used to work in Dablee Youdy<sup>1/</sup>. On 13 November 1950 after the return of the Italian administration, an Italian superior dismissed me from my job because he said I was an enemy of Italy and since that day I have not been able to secure employment. All this because of that Italian man. I have presented many petitions to the authorities and I have requested interviews with the administrator but was refused because Dr. Benardelli, Director of the office of Internal Affairs, was against me.

During last October I passed an examination for work in the census operations, but I am still unemployed and this too is because of that Italian man. I went to the office of Dr. Zuccardi and asked why I was not employed and he said I could not be employed. A man named Mohamed Schiek Ahmad who works in the municipality wanted me to bribe him but I refused.

1/ Note by the Secretariat: Perhaps the petitioner means "P.W.D." - the abbreviation for "Public Works Department".

Now I am a young man of 24 years of age and I wish to work in order to live and I should not be taught to rob and steal because this is against your religion and mine.

Signed

Somali

Mohamed Abkar, Agbal

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