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Dr. Dr. Heinz Langguth

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To: -

The Trusteeship Council of the United Nations  
Att. of Under-Secretary for Trusteeship and  
Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories,  
Mr. B. Cohen

NEW YORK, USA

Re.: Messrs. BERTRAM VON LEKOW and TOM ADALBERT VON PRINCE,  
concerning LONGUZA SISAL and COCOA ESTATE CO., Tanganyika  
Territory

Sir,

enclosed I beg to submit a petition in the case of Messrs.  
Bertram von Lekow and Tom Adalbert von Prince, concerning  
Longuza Sisal and Cocoa Estate Co., Tanganyika Territory.

On behalf of my clients I respectfully request that  
this petition be placed on the agenda of the next session  
of the Trusteeship Council of the United Nations Headquarters,  
beginning in January 1956.

I would appreciate your acknowledgement of receipt of  
the petition of 22nd December, 1955.

Yours faithfully

Dr. Dr. H. Langguth.

Hamburg, 22nd December, 1955.

IN THE MATTER

of a PETITION by the partners of the former company, LONGUZA SISAL AND COCOA ESTATE CO., Tanga District, Tanganyika Territory, the British subject BERTRAM VON LEKOW, and the Danish national, TOM ADALBERT VON PRINCE, on the subject of the seizure of their shares of the Longuza Sisal and Cocoa Estate Co. and their claims arising therefrom for full damages.

To: -

The Trusteeship Council of the United Nations,

NEW YORK, USA

Gentlemen,

THIS HUMBLE PETITION

of the partners of Longuza Sisal and Cocoa Estate Co., Tanga District, Tanganyika Territory, namely, of Mr. Bertram von Lekow, residing at Soni, Lushoto, Tanganyika Territory, and of Mr. Tom Adalbert von Prince, residing at Kirchlautern über Ebern, Bavaria, Federal Republic of Germany, acting by their attorney Dr. Dr. Heina Langguth, a barrister-at-law practising in Hamburg, Western Germany, under the Powers of Attorney conferred by the petitioners, Mr. Bertram von Lekow simultaneously representing his son, Egon von Lekow, and of which certified photostatic copies are annexed marked A and B, sheweth as follows:

A.

The above-named Longuza Sisal and Cocoa Estate Co. had been established in 1938 by the aforesaid partners, Mr. Bertram von Lekow and Mr. Tom Adalbert von Prince, both of them then residing in Tanganyika Territory. 50 % of the shares of this company belonged to Mr. Bertram von Lekow and his son, Mr. Egon von Lekow, and 50 % were in the possession of Mr. Tom Adalbert von Prince. This company was vested in the Custodian of Enemy Property upon the outbreak of the Second World War and was liquidated in 1950 under German Property (Disposal) Ordinance, 1948 (Section 24).

The partner, Mr. Bertram von Lekow, who was a Danish national until 1939 and is to-day a British subject holding the British passport No. 37 445, issued at Dar-es-Salaam on 13th January, 1953, received the proceeds of said liquidation, as also did his son Egon von Lekow, in accordance with their

In consequence of the obtained results stated above already during the first year the area was to be considerably enlarged. In every year there was to be a regular source of revenue from 27,5 acres of pepper. " - Page 6 -

Reference is made to the particulars given by Mr. von Lekow in his affidavit annexed marked V:

" In 1939 about 12,5 acree were planted with Gile pepper. Here it was the intention of the Longuza Estate to plant an area of about 27,5 acres with pepper in the beginning of 1940; an area of 27,5 acres was to be available on the average every year for the pepper crop."

Petitioners estimate the loss suffered only on the basis of the 1939 prices in respect of pepper by the seizure and utilization of Longuza at Shs. 577,500.--

3.) Loss in respect of both Sisal and Pepper:

a. Petitioners estimate the loss in respect of Sisal on the grounds of a calculation made by an expert as follows:

Lost increased value	Shs.	
of Sisal cultivations:	2,035,425.--	
lost profit from 1939		
to 1955	<u>7,520,407.50</u>	Shs.
	9,555,832.50	9,555,832.50

b. Petitioners estimate the loss in respect of Pepper on the grounds of a calculation by an expert at:

	<u>577,500.--</u>
Sisal and Pepper total:	Shs. 10,133,332.50
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A precise calculation of an expert who is fully conversant with the local conditions at Longuza as to the damages suffered by the petitioners in respect of the pepper proceeds of Longuza because of the fact that the petitioners themselves, or a representative appointed by them, had not been able to manage the estate from 1939 to the present day is at your disposal in supplementation of the above statements.

4.) Other Cultivations.

In order to ascertain all the damages petitioners have suffered by the seizure and utilization of Longuza Sisal and Cocoa Estate Co. since 3rd September, 1939, they require further data. This estimate will take place on the grounds of an expert opinion soon after such data has become available.