

DOCUMENT TWO

PERSONAL ROYAL DECLARATION OF GEORGE T. NOMEN AND FORMAL LIMITED MANDATE TO REPARATION NATION LIMITED

Concerning Claimed Hereditary Royal Succession, Ancestral Displacement During European Colonial Administration, International Historical Disclosure, the Proposed Government-in-Exile and Reparatory Justice

Declarant: George T. Nomen

Organisation: Reparation Nation Limited

Principal ancestral jurisdiction: Cameroon

Additional jurisdictions concerned: Germany, France and the United Kingdom

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PART A — PERSONAL ROYAL DECLARATION OF GEORGE T. NOMEN

SECTION ONE — MY IDENTITY, ANCESTRAL HERITAGE AND CLAIMED HEREDITARY ROYAL SUCCESSION

1.1 Purpose of My Declaration

I, **George T. Nomen**, make this personal declaration concerning my ancestral heritage, my claimed hereditary royal succession and the historical circumstances which, according to the information available to me, resulted in the displacement of the legitimate traditional authority of my ancestral family in Cameroon.

I make this declaration voluntarily, in my personal capacity and for the purpose of establishing a formal written record of my position.

I wish my account to be examined through an organised international historical investigation involving appropriate archival institutions, traditional sources, independent researchers and governmental authorities.

My purpose is not simply to recover information about my ancestors.

I seek to establish the historical circumstances in which their traditional authority was affected by European colonial administration, to determine the consequences for my

hereditary family line and to pursue such recognition, historical accountability and reparatory justice as may properly be supported by the evidence and applicable law.

I intend this declaration to form the personal foundation of the international strategy prepared by Reparation Nation Limited.

However, I recognise that my declaration records my own claim and understanding. It does not, merely by being signed, independently establish every historical fact or confer recognition from any government or other authority.

1.2 My Personal Identity

My name is **George T. Nomen**.

I am the person making this declaration and asserting the hereditary claim described in it.

I identify my ancestral heritage with the Bamiléké historical and cultural context of Cameroon.

My claim concerns a particular ancestral kingdom or traditional authority associated with my family.

It is not a claim to represent every Bamiléké kingdom, traditional institution or person.

I wish the precise identity, historical jurisdiction and traditional designation of my ancestral institution to be established through appropriate historical and customary research.

Where additional identifying information is required for official purposes, I will provide it through appropriate and secure procedures.

1.3 My Ancestral Heritage

I maintain that my family history connects me to an ancestral hereditary royal authority in Cameroon.

I understand that this authority existed within a traditional African institutional system possessing its own history, customs and arrangements for succession.

I wish that system to be understood and investigated on its own terms.

I do not consider that the descriptions applied by German or French colonial administrators necessarily provide a complete account of the original nature of the traditional institution.

The distinction between an indigenous hereditary ruler and an individual appointed or recognised for colonial administrative purposes is central to the investigation I seek.

I therefore request that the historical record be reconstructed through both African traditional sources and the surviving documentation of European colonial administrations.

1.4 My Formal Declaration of Claimed Hereditary Royal Succession

I hereby formally declare that I maintain a claim to be the rightful hereditary king or successor of the ancestral traditional royal authority associated with my family in Cameroon.

I base this claim upon my understanding of my ancestral genealogy, the historical position of my family and the information transmitted concerning the displacement of the original hereditary line.

I seek an independent examination of the evidence necessary to establish that succession.

I understand that the relevant customary rules must be identified and that hereditary descent alone may not resolve every question concerning entitlement to a traditional office.

Nevertheless, I affirm that this is my personal position and that I wish it to be accurately recorded and appropriately considered.

I do not intend this declaration to falsely represent that my position has already received recognition from the United Kingdom, Cameroon, Germany, France or any other government.

The recognition I seek forms part of the wider proposed investigation and subsequent institutional programme.

1.5 The Ancestral Family Line

My claim arises from the ancestral family line through which I understand my hereditary position to have descended.

The preliminary genealogical material associated with my family history identifies ancestral relationships requiring further examination.

The name **Ngantcha** appears within the available preliminary material and is an important reference for this investigation.

I wish the relevant ancestors to be identified accurately.

I also wish the genealogy to be reconstructed across the generations connecting the original traditional authority to myself.

Where names have been recorded differently under successive colonial administrations, I request that those variations be investigated.

Where relationships are uncertain, they should not be invented or presumed.

My purpose is to obtain the strongest historically supportable reconstruction of my ancestral line.

1.6 My Understanding of the Original Traditional Authority

I maintain that the hereditary authority associated with my ancestral family existed before the colonial interventions described in my family history.

I understand that this institution possessed a recognised traditional identity and forms of legitimacy deriving from the relevant customary system.

I seek investigation of the office, its succession rules, its traditional responsibilities and its historical locality.

I also seek clarification concerning how colonial administrators identified and dealt with the institution.

A German or French administrative appointment may have recorded an official relationship with a particular individual.

However, such an appointment should not automatically be treated as conclusive evidence of legitimate customary succession.

Equally, I recognise that the actual history must be established through examination of the available records and testimony.

1.7 My Account of German Colonial Intervention

According to the ancestral history available to me, German colonial administration interfered with the legitimate hereditary authority of my family.

I understand that the original hereditary line was displaced or prevented from exercising its rightful traditional position.

I further understand that alternative chiefs or officeholders may have been appointed, recognised or supported through German colonial administrative arrangements.

I seek investigation of those reported interventions.

In particular, I wish to establish the names of the officials involved, the dates of the relevant decisions, the persons appointed or removed and the effects upon the original hereditary succession.

I request that appropriate German colonial records be located and independently examined.

I recognise that the precise events remain to be verified and that the archival investigation must be open to evidence supporting, qualifying or contradicting my understanding.

1.8 My Account of Violence Affecting My Ancestral Family

My understanding of my family history includes reports of serious violence affecting my ancestors and their community during colonial administration.

I regard these reports as a matter of profound historical importance.

I wish to establish the identity of the persons affected, the circumstances of the events and the colonial authorities responsible, where the surviving evidence permits.

I also wish to investigate whether such violence was connected to the reported displacement of the original hereditary authority.

I recognise that individual events must be established through appropriate evidence.

The wider history of colonial violence does not, by itself, prove each particular incident involving my family.

My intention is to preserve the testimony available to me and seek corroboration through original archival and historical sources.

1.9 My Understanding of the Concealment of Ancestral Knowledge

I understand from the family history available to me that knowledge concerning the original hereditary succession was not always openly discussed.

According to that account, fear arising from earlier colonial violence contributed to the concealment or private transmission of ancestral information.

I wish these circumstances to be investigated.

I seek to establish what information was preserved, how it was transmitted, who possessed it and whether historical documentation can corroborate the account.

I do not intend the absence of written records to be treated automatically as proof that the relevant events did not occur.

Equally, I recognise that the reasons for missing or incomplete records must not be assumed without evidence.

My objective is to establish the truth as fully as surviving records and testimony permit.

1.10 The Importance of the Ancestral Monument

Photographic material concerning a monument bearing the designation **RSA 91** forms part of the preliminary evidence associated with my claim.

The name Ngantcha appears in that material.

I consider the monument an important subject for further historical investigation.

I wish its location, history, inscriptions and relationship to the ancestral institution to be established.

I also wish to identify the persons responsible for its creation or preservation and the sources upon which its historical information was based.

The monument may assist in reconstructing ancestral memory and genealogy.

However, its precise evidential significance must be established through appropriate examination.

1.11 My Understanding of Subsequent French Administration

My historical enquiry also concerns the period during which France administered the relevant territory following the end of German colonial rule.

I wish to establish whether French administrators maintained, altered or replaced arrangements affecting the traditional authority of my ancestral family.

I understand that an administrative instrument dating from approximately **1933** may be relevant.

I request that the original instrument be identified and examined.

I also seek any associated administrative correspondence, appointment records, genealogical material and records of objections or succession disputes.

The precise contents and significance of the reported instrument remain to be established.

I do not intend this declaration to represent that the document has already been authenticated or that its legal consequences have been conclusively determined.

1.12 Why I Consider International Investigation Necessary

The history I seek to investigate crosses several periods of European colonial administration.

Relevant original records may be held in Germany, France, Britain and Cameroon.

No single archive should automatically be assumed to possess the complete historical account.

I therefore wish the investigation to coordinate evidence from the relevant jurisdictions.

I seek the assistance of competent archival institutions, historians, genealogists and other appropriate specialists.

The purpose is to reconstruct the documentary sequence connecting the ancestral traditional authority, the reported German intervention, subsequent French administration and the position of my family.

I also wish the evidence preserved through this investigation to be available for appropriate independent review.

1.13 My Interest in Historical Recognition

I seek recognition of the historical identity and experiences of my ancestral family.

I also seek proper examination of my claimed hereditary succession.

I wish the appropriate authorities to consider any substantiated evidence of colonial interference with legitimate traditional authority.

However, I recognise that different forms of recognition may involve different institutions and legal requirements.

Recognition of an ancestral relationship is not automatically recognition of hereditary entitlement.

Recognition of hereditary entitlement is not automatically recognition of sovereign statehood.

I wish the relevant questions to be addressed accurately and separately.

1.14 My Intention Concerning a Proposed Government-in-Exile

I wish to explore the possibility of establishing a London-based government-in-exile associated with my claimed ancestral hereditary authority.

This proposal arises from my understanding that the legitimate succession of my ancestral institution was displaced during European colonial administration.

I intend to seek examination of the historical, constitutional and diplomatic foundations necessary for such an institution.

I also wish to examine whether an alternative representative or historical research institution may be appropriate.

I understand that the use of the title government-in-exile does not itself confer sovereignty, diplomatic status or governmental recognition.

I do not claim that the United Kingdom or any other government has already recognised such an institution through this declaration.

My intention is to pursue appropriate consideration of the proposal through lawful and properly authorised procedures.

1.15 My Interest in British Government Engagement

I wish Reparation Nation Limited, subject to the separate formal mandate, to explore the possibility of engagement with the United Kingdom Government.

The proposed strategy refers to Britain's historical support for General Charles de Gaulle and the Free French movement during the Second World War.

I understand that the historical circumstances differ substantially from those concerning my ancestral claim.

I nevertheless wish the British Government to consider whether any appropriate form of direct or indirect support may be available.

Such support may concern institutional dialogue, archival cooperation, diplomatic facilitation or consideration of the proposed representative institution.

I understand that governmental engagement must not be confused with sovereign recognition.

1.16 My Interest in German and French Historical Disclosure

I wish the relevant German and French authorities to assist, through their applicable archival procedures, in identifying records concerning my ancestral traditional authority.

The German investigation should examine the reported original intervention, hereditary appointments, succession disputes and any relevant colonial violence.

The French investigation should examine the subsequent administration and the reported 1933 instrument.

I seek original documentary evidence wherever possible.

I also seek the preservation of any records relevant to the historical investigation.

I do not intend this declaration to suggest that either government has already accepted responsibility for the events described.

Any question of historical or legal accountability must follow proper examination of the evidence.

1.17 My Interest in Reparatory Justice

I consider the pursuit of reparatory justice an important objective of the proposed investigation.

If the evidence establishes that my ancestral family or traditional institution suffered wrongful displacement or other historical harms, I wish the appropriate authorities to consider the consequences.

Possible questions may concern historical acknowledgement, restoration or clarification of ancestral records, cultural heritage, restitution or other appropriate remedies.

However, I recognise that the availability of any remedy depends upon the evidence, relevant beneficiaries and applicable legal or institutional framework.

My personal claim does not automatically establish entitlement to receive reparations on behalf of every affected descendant or community member.

I wish any future reparatory arrangement to be properly authorised, transparent and verifiable.

1.18 My Position Concerning Other Persons and Traditional Authorities

I recognise that other persons may possess historical information, ancestral relationships or interests relevant to this investigation.

I do not intend my personal declaration to bind individuals who have not authorised me to represent them.

Where an existing traditional officeholder or another claimant possesses relevant evidence, I wish that evidence to be examined fairly.

My claim should be investigated according to the applicable historical and customary rules.

I seek a reliable determination of the relevant facts rather than the exclusion of competing evidence.

1.19 My Position Concerning Anti-Black Racism and Institutional Racism

My proposed international investigation concerns the historical treatment of Black African people and traditional African authority under European colonial administration.

I consider it important that the contemporary governmental and archival processes through which my claim is examined operate fairly and transparently.

I therefore wish Reparation Nation Limited, acting under the appropriate mandate, to seek information concerning safeguards against anti-Black racism and institutional racism within the relevant decision-making procedures.

I wish the applicable equality policies, institutional responsibilities, complaint arrangements and review mechanisms to be identified.

I make no predetermined accusation, allegation, assumption or finding of discriminatory conduct against any contemporary government, institution or official.

My purpose is to obtain evidence concerning the safeguards available and the procedures through which my representations will be considered.

1.20 My Commitment to Evidence and Historical Accuracy

I wish the investigation to pursue the strongest historical account supported by the available evidence.

I recognise that some aspects of my understanding may require clarification or correction.

I also recognise that the investigation may identify records that support, qualify or contradict elements of my present account.

I do not wish relevant evidence to be concealed merely because it is inconsistent with my initial position.

Original sources should be preserved.

Translations should be accurate.

Historical conclusions should be traceable to the evidence upon which they depend.

I consider this approach essential to the credibility of my claim and the integrity of any subsequent governmental or legal process.

1.21 My Intention to Work with Reparation Nation Limited

I intend to work with Reparation Nation Limited in pursuing the historical investigation and the institutional objectives described in Document One.

I understand that RNL proposes to coordinate research, preserve evidence, prepare correspondence and explore appropriate governmental engagement.

However, this declaration is not itself the formal instrument appointing RNL as my representative.

My authorisation of specific activities will be established separately through the Formal Limited Mandate contained in Part B of Document Two.

I wish that mandate to define the scope and limits of RNL's authority clearly.

1.22 Concluding Declaration of Section One

I make this declaration to place my claimed hereditary royal succession, ancestral history and intentions into a formal written record.

I maintain that my family history raises serious questions concerning the displacement of legitimate traditional authority during European colonial administration.

I seek independent investigation of those questions.

I wish relevant original records to be identified and examined.

I wish the appropriate governmental and traditional institutions to consider the evidence according to their respective responsibilities.

I also wish the possibility of a London-based government-in-exile or alternative representative institution to receive appropriate historical, constitutional and diplomatic examination.

My ultimate purpose is the pursuit of historical truth, appropriate recognition, accountability and reparatory justice.

I affirm that the claims and intentions set out in this section are presented as my personal position, subject to my review and approval of the final declaration, and that their historical and legal consequences must be determined through the appropriate evidence and procedures.

END OF PART A — SECTION ONE

NEXT: PART A — SECTION TWO: THE ALLEGED COLONIAL DISPLACEMENT OF MY ANCESTRAL HEREDITARY AUTHORITY AND THE HISTORICAL ACCOUNT I SEEK TO ESTABLISH

