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OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE
SECRETARY-GENERAL

President Reagan signed legislation on 14 January 1986, enacting the Compact of Free Association between the United States and the Marshall Islands and Federated States of Micronesia.

The Marshall Islands and the Federated States of Micronesia will achieve full self-government under the terms of the Compact. The Compact also recognizes their capacity to conduct foreign affairs in their own name and right, including diplomatic, consular, commercial and economic relations, and the right to enter into treaties. The United States will retain full responsibility for defence of the freely associated States.

The Compact was approved by the voters of the Marshall Islands and Federated States of Micronesia in United Nations-observed plebiscites in 1983.

Copies of the Compact of Free Association are being made available to the Secretariat for interested delegations. 1/ A copy of the Compact's subsidiary agreements is also available at the Secretariat for delegations that wish to consult it. 2/

I request that this letter be circulated as a document of both the Security Council and the Trusteeship Council. 3/

(Signed) Herbert S. OKUN
Ambassador
Acting Permanent Representative

Notes

1/ A limited number of copies in English were received by the Secretary-General. The document may be consulted at the Reference and Bibliography Section of the Dag Hammarskjöld Library, Room L-221.

2/ A copy in English was received by the Secretary-General and may be consulted at the Reference and Bibliography Section of the Dag Hammarskjöld Library, Room L-221.

3/ See T/1883.