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The President
Trusteeship Council
United Nations
New York, N.Y. 10017

Dear Sir,

I am writing to you in absolute amazement at the President of Palau's intention to hold yet another referendum on the Compact of Free Association with the United States of America.

In 1979, the people of Belau voted for a Constitution which bans all nuclear activities in the islands. The Constitution has a clause which states that the anti-nuclear clauses can only be amended with a 75 per cent vote.

So far there have been six referendums on the issue, the last held in February 1986, this last vote involving many underhand tactics on the part of the United States: a \$400,000 plebiscite political education programme that was neither "fair nor impartial".

I understand the strategic importance of Belau: if the bases in the Philippines should ever come into question, Belau is a "back-up".

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I also understand the idea of "democracy" and I find it very difficult to believe that, after six referendums with a possible seventh on the way, the United States is still not "satisfied" and continues to find new loopholes and ways of undermining the Constitution.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) Duika WATSON

Copies sent to: United States Embassy
Belau Pacific Centre
