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PETITION FROM MS. MAIRE LEADBEATER, SPOKESPERSON, CAMPAIGN FOR NUCLEAR  
DISARMAMENT, CONCERNING THE TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS

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31 May 1985

Mr. Rafeeuddin Ahmed  
Under-Secretary-General  
Department of Political Affairs,  
Trusteeship and Decolonization  
United Nations  
New York, N.Y. 10017

Dear Sir,

I am sending you a copy of an open letter to the United States Ambassador to New Zealand, Mr. Monroe Browne (see annex). As you will see, the letter asks Mr. Monroe Browne to convey to the United States President, Secretary of State, Chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee of the Senate and the Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives, our concern that the Republic of Palau and its people are under pressure to accept nuclear weapons and nuclear warships.

Five plebiscites have been held in Palau on either the compact of free association or on the Constitution of Palau, and none has yet achieved the 75 per cent majority necessary to alter the Constitution of the Republic of Palau. But in February 1985 our newspapers quoted Ambassador Fred Zeder as saying that the United States would not end the trusteeship until the Republic of Palau had deleted the ban on nuclear weapons.

We believe that this is a denial of the sovereign rights of the people of Palau to determine their own destiny. It is our sincere hope that the United

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Nations Trusteeship Council will uphold the rights of the people of Palau to remain nuclear-free.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) Maire LEADBEATER  
Spokesperson  
Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament

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Annex

OPEN LETTER FROM EIGHT CITIZENS OF NEW ZEALAND ADDRESSED  
TO THE UNITED STATES AMBASSADOR TO NEW ZEALAND

Dar Mr. Monroe Browne,

Please transmit the following message to:

1. President Reagan
2. The Secretary of State, Mr. Schultz
3. The Chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee of the United States Senate
4. The Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the United States House of Representatives

As citizens of New Zealand, we have been taught that the United States stands for self-determination of all nations. Now we read in our press that the United States Government is trying to violate the nuclear-free Constitution of the Republic of Palau, Micronesia, by insisting that Palau accept nuclear weapons and nuclear warships. New Zealand is a nuclear-free nation; we uphold the right of the Republic of Palau to remain nuclear-free.

[Signatures and addresses illegible]

Copies of this letter will also be sent to the Rt. Hon. Mr. David Lange, Prime Minister of New Zealand, and to the United Nations Trusteeship Council.

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