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Letter dated 21 February 1980 from the Chargé d'Affaires a.i. of
the Permanent Mission of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics
to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit to you a statement by the Permanent Mission of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics to the United Nations dated 21 February 1980.

I should be grateful if you would have this statement circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under item 18 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) M. KHARLAMOV
Acting Permanent Representative
of the Union of Soviet Socialist
Republics to the United Nations

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ANNEX

Statement by the Permanent Mission of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

1. The Permanent Mission of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics to the United Nations calls the attention of the Secretary-General of the United Nations to the continuing unlawful actions of the United States of America in connexion with the strategic Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands (Micronesia). In violation of the United Nations Charter, the Trusteeship Agreement between the United Nations Security Council and the United States Government, and the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, the United States, as the Administering Power, is constantly taking further steps to dismember this Territory, to militarize it and, ultimately, to turn it into a colonial appendage.
2. These are precisely the objectives sought by the measures enumerated in the recent message from the President of the United States to the Congress concerning the basic directions of the new over-all Federal policy with regard to the United States island territories.
3. The attention of the Secretary-General of the United Nations has already been drawn to the actions of the United States concerning part of this Trust Territory, the Mariana Islands, in imposing on the Islands the status of a so-called "commonwealth in political union with the United States", which in fact means transforming these islands into a United States possession. Recently the United States Administration held negotiations with representatives of the three other island groups of Micronesia on the question of imposing on them the status of "free association" with the United States, which is also equivalent to their annexation by the United States.
4. As the Soviet Union has already stated on a number of occasions in the United Nations, the United States, after receiving a mandate from the United Nations for trusteeship over Micronesia, has used it as a screen for the de facto absorption of this territory. In flagrant violation of the provisions of article 83 of the United Nations Charter, which states that "all functions of the United Nations relating to strategic areas, including the approval of the terms of the trusteeship agreements and of their alteration or amendment, shall be exercised by the Security Council", the United States, in the capacity of administering Power, for the sake of its expansionist goals and with disregard for the legitimate rights and interests of the people of Micronesia, is working to dismember the unified Trust Territory and impose different statuses on the separate parts. It is particularly disquieting to note that the United States is using the Trust Territory, including the islands of Palau, Tinian, Kwajalein and Eniwetok, as sites for its military bases and strong points.

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5. These actions by the United States reveal that, unilaterally, by-passing the United Nations Security Council and in violation of the provisions of the United Nations Charter, the United States intends to arrogate to itself the right to decide the fate of the people of Micronesia and their Territory.

6. Micronesia is the last remaining Trust Territory in the world. The peoples of the other Trust Territories have already gained their independence. The question of the future of Micronesia is an integral part of the problem of decolonization and of the granting of the right to self-determination and independence to colonial countries and peoples, as was confirmed by a decision of the Committee on Decolonization, which has considered this question on a number of occasions.

7. The United Nations and its competent organs, faced with these actions by the administering Power, must take the measures prescribed by the United Nations Charter so as to frustrate the attempts being made to confront the world with the accomplished fact of the complete absorption of the Trust Territory and its transformation into a colonial possession under the guise of a "commonwealth" and of "free association". Everything possible must be done to ensure that, in conformity with the United Nations Charter and the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, the people of Micronesia can exercise without hindrance their legitimate right to genuine freedom and independence.
