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PETITION FROM HILARY ALLER AND EIGHT OTHERS, ON BEHALF OF THE  
BRISTOL UNIVERSITY THIRD WORLD FIRST GROUP CONCERNING THE  
TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS

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TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL

Dear Sirs,

We wish to protest at the "Compact of Free Association" between Belau (Palau) and the United States, which has been presented to you for consideration later this month. In 1979, Belauan people voted for a "nuclear-free Constitution", and since then the United States has proposed revised versions of the "Compact of Free Association" with Belau, six times in all. The Compact is proposed as the basis on which the United States trusteeship over Belau should be ended, and includes clauses which would give the United States use of one-third of the island as a military base, and would include a nuclear element. As this is against the Belauan Constitution, a 75 per cent majority in a referendum is required to accept it. Nevertheless, at the last referendum in February, when 72 per cent voted for the Compact, the Belauan leader, despite the Constitution, declared this an "overall majority" and accepted the Compact. It must, however, still be approved by the United Nations Trusteeship Council, and we appeal to you to reject this unconstitutional proposal. Even the 72 per cent majority was given by the Belauans after they had had only two weeks in which to study this immensely long document in legal English, and explain its implications to the Belauan people.

Such a "Compact" would give the United States enormous powers over a tiny country, and we ask that you reject the Compact on both constitutional and humanitarian grounds.

Yours faithfully,

[Nine signatures] 1/

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1/ The list of nine signatures has been placed in the files of the Secretariat and is available to members of the Council for consultation.

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