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H.E. Mr. Stephen Lewis
Ambassador of Canada
to the United Nations
New York, N.Y. 10017

Dear Mr. Lewis,

Re: Belau

I write to urge you to take a strong position on the forthcoming plebiscite on the Constitution of Belau. The continued pressure maintained by the United States of America on the people of this island Territory to have them return a decision which is favourable to the United States makes a mockery of the democratic process.

The people of Belau have already confirmed and reconfirmed their rejection of an American military presence on five previous occasions. Therefore, this most recent attempt to sway them deserves the closest scrutiny by independent United Nations observers. I trust that you will add Canada's voice to such a demand.

In doing so, I hope that you will also make every effort to procure a fuller public understanding of the treatment handed to the people of Belau by the United States Government.

Yours truly,

(Signed) P. W. BLIGHT

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