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NOTE BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

Pursuant to paragraph 4 of resolution 2183 (LIII) adopted by the Trusteeship Council at its 1617th meeting, on 28 May 1986, entitled "Examination of the annual report of the Administering Authority for the year ended 30 September 1985: Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands"; "The future of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands" (see note by the Secretary-General of 3 June 1986, S/18124), the attached letter is hereby circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Annex

Letter dated 30 September 1986 from the Permanent Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to refer to resolution 2183 (LIII) adopted by the Trusteeship Council on 28 May 1986 and entitled "Examination of the annual report of the Administering Authority for the year ended 30 September 1985: Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands". Operative paragraph 2 of this resolution "requests the Government of the United States, in consultation with the Governments of the Federated States of Micronesia, the Marshall Islands, Palau and the Northern Mariana Islands, to agree on a date not later than 30 September 1986 for the full entry into force of the Compact of Free Association and Commonwealth Covenant, and to inform the Secretary-General of the Unite Nations of that date".

I have the honour to inform you that the Government of the United States has not yet completed discussions with concerned parties which would permit establishing a date for entry into force of the Compact of Free Association and the Commonwealth Covenant. The Government of the United States expects to be in a position soon to determine such a date and will keep you fully informed.

(Signed) Vernon A. WALTERS