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OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS

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The Trusteeship Council  
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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to you again concerning United States plans to impose its wishes on the indigenous people of Palau.

It has previously been clearly established that the people of Palau do not want nuclear-powered or nuclear-armed vessels in the waters, yet now another plebiscite is to be held on 15 December in a further attempt to gain sanction for United States policy in the West Pacific. One wonders what arm-twisting has been going on in the meantime, to persuade the Palaun Government that the harbouring of nuclear ships would be to the islanders' advantage. I have been told that the inducement, in material terms, now stands at \$1 billion spread over the next 50 years. Probably there are other goodies on offer, the full sum of which would be a despoiled Palau, and a dispirited and Americanized local population. Yet another triumph for the Coca Cola economy!

In all its protestations as the land of liberty, perhaps the United States Government might at some point develop the maturity to understand that other people have that same feeling for political integrity and independence in their own affairs.

I would request that the plebiscite be cancelled, the island of Palau remain nuclear-free and that if the United States genuinely wishes to assist Palaun development, it proffer such aid as requested by the Palaun Government, with no conditional terms.

Sincerely in peace,

(Signed) B. MACKENZIE

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