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CONCERNING THE TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS

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The Trusteeship Council  
United Nations  
New York, N.Y. 10017

Dear Sirs,

With this letter our group wants to ask you to take all possible steps in order to ensure that the population of ... Belau can decide about their future without being forced into a certain decision by foreign powers.

...

In the case of Belau, the United States of America is now supporting an eighth (!) referendum within nine years in order to change the Constitution of Belau in favour of a compact that would allow the United States to base nuclear weaponry on Belau. There are many proofs of direct and indirect pressure from the United States on the people of Belau, as well as on other nations in the Pacific area, especially the Marshalls, the Federated States of Micronesia and the Northern Marianas.

[The case of] Belau ... shows clearly that the United States continues a colonial/neo-colonial policy in the Pacific area in order to keep or establish strategic strongholds there ... As far as we can see, only the United Nations is able to support the Pacific nations against this policy. Moreover, as peace and

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disarmament are the most important aims of the United Nations, the United Nations has the duty to do its best in order to prevent a further militarization of the Pacific area ...

We dearly hope that you can and will do something to help the people of ... Belau and the other Pacific nations.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) (Illegible)

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