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PETITION FROM R. T. SCOTT, NATIONAL PRESIDENT, THE AMALGAMATED
METAL WORKERS' AND SHIPWRIGHTS' UNION, CONCERNING THE TRUST
TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS

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The Amalgamated Metal Workers' and Shipwrights' Union

136-140 Chalmers Street
Surry Hills
Sydney, 2010
Australia

25 June 1980

United Nations Trusteeship Council
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir,

On behalf of The Amalgamated Metal Workers' and Shipwrights' Union, I want to express our full support for the people of Palau who voted overwhelmingly on 9 July 1979 for a constitution which protects and conserves their land for use by their own people and ensures that Palau will not be turned into a foreign military base.

We urge that the Government of the United States of America recognize the right of the Palauan people to independence and to control their land and their lives and that the United States Government cease its attempts to interfere with the people's right to self-determination.

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We express our strongest concern that the United States Government is planning to annex 35,000 acres of land on Palau for United States military purposes. Surely if the United States Government believes in self-determination and independence for any country, then it cannot on the one hand, be critical while, in another country it tries to impose its own will and claims it has a genuine right to do so.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) R. T. SCOTT
National President
