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PETITION FROM THE REVEREND WES CAMPBELL, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY,
THE UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA, SYNOD OF VICTORIA, CONCERNING
THE TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS

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6 July 1987

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

Dear Sir,

I wish to write in the strongest possible terms supporting the Belauan people's right to democratic choice. As you know, they voted for their nuclear-free Constitution three times and each time it gained a majority vote; yet, each time, this vote has been called into question by the requirement that they vote on the so-called "Compact of Free Association". This they had to do yet again on 23 June.

We believe that the role the United States plays in this is an abrogation of the Belauan people's democratic rights, as it is an abuse of the United States' appointed role on behalf of the United Nations.

We plead with you to support the Belauan right to self-determination in relation to their Constitution, and thus prevent this unsatisfactory behaviour by the United States.

Yours in peace,

(Signed) Reverend Wes CAMPBELL
Executive Secretary
