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PETITION FROM MS. PATRICIA M'TLROY CONCERNING THE TRUST  
TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS

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

Dear Sir,

I am writing to express my concern for the people of Rongelap Island, still suffering the effects of nuclear testing by the United States of America on Bikini atoll in 1954. In 1979 the radiation levels were still so high that the United States Government advised these people to abandon their home - then refused them any assistance to resettle. The past can't be undone but there's no excuse for this lack of care and accountability by one of the world's most wealthy nations.

The people of Rongelap need help now.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) Patricia M'TLROY