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DISARMAMENT (NEW SOUTH WALES) CONCERNING THE TRUST TERRITORY OF  
THE PACIFIC ISLANDS

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Mr. John Birch  
President  
Trusteeship Council  
United Nations  
New York, N.Y.  
USA

Dear Mr. Birch,

My organization, People for Nuclear Disarmament (N.S.W.), has received continued reports of the unhappy situation now existing in the Trust Territory of Palau.

It is our best understanding of this situation that Palau's citizens have continued to reject moves to alter their non-nuclear Constitution, and that most of the problems experienced in that country relate to the continued pressures upon them to reverse this Constitution.

We are writing to appeal to your Council to uphold the provisions of Article 83 of the United Nations Charter, requiring that termination of any

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trusteeship be the province of the Security Council, and also to ensure that the continued majority wishes of the Palauan people with regard to their Constitution be safeguarded by your Council.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) Bill LESLIE  
Co-ordinator  
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