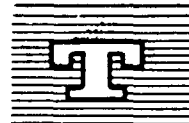


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Dear Sirs,

Enclosed is my letter to Representative Ron De Lugo to express my concern for
the Palauans and my great unhappiness at my country's actions.

(Signed) Sakiko OKUBO

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The Honourable Ron De Lugo
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative De Lugo:

I am writing to you to express my deep concern for the Palauans who are struggling to keep their islands nuclear free.

The local office of the American Friends Service Committee has provided some information which I wish to use to express my concern.

The legality of the two referenda is in doubt. The first was to amend the Constitution and the second was to use the amendment to obtain passage of the Compact.

A thorough investigation is needed to find out the circumstances which led to the withdrawal of the lawsuits challenging the legality of the referenda.

The decision of the United States Department of the Interior to assist the Palauan police in finding Bedor's assassin is commendable, but the investigation should be wider in scope.

I therefore urge you to withhold approval of the Compact at least until the legal status of the referenda can be established and to call for the Department of the Interior to widen the investigation of the recent violence and to station a team of reputable observers in Palau to monitor the situation.

My moral support, as well as that of many other peace groups, goes to our Palauan friends who wish to keep their islands nuclear free. Their moral courage and wisdom should inspire all of us to work for a world without any nuclear weapons.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Sakiko OKUBO
