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PETITION FROM MR. LUKE GRAY CONCERNING THE TRUST TERRITORY  
OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS

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The Trusteeship Council  
United Nations  
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Dear Sirs,

I am most shocked to read about recent events in the Pacific island of Belau, where the United States of America is seeking the implementation of a Compact of Free Association. The people of Belau have been pressured time and again to vote for the Compact, but have repeatedly voted against a Compact. The 75 per cent voting figure which would have to be reached, as laid down in the Constitution of Belau, has not been attained.

I am horrified to learn of the illegal attempts made by President Salii of Belau, who favours the Compact, to dispose of the 75 per cent constitutional safeguard. There has been violence and threats made to the lives of several people in Belau who have quite rightly pointed to the illegality of President Salii. People in Belau are frightened for their lives. They fear reprisals if they challenge the President.

Any compact made by the United States of America with Belau must be in accordance with the Belau Constitution, the Trusteeship Agreement 1/ and resolution 1514 (XV) of the United Nations General Assembly. The United Nations must insist that the United States act in compliance with this.

A non-violent observer mission should also be sent immediately, in the role of a peace-keeping force, to monitor the situation in Belau.

I do very much hope that the Trusteeship Council will do all in its power to protect the people of Belau. My sincere thanks.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) Luke GRAY

Notes

1/ Trusteeship Agreement for the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands  
(United Nations publication, Sales No. 1957.VI.A.1).

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