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Report of the Secretary-General

- 1. Pursuant to Trusteeship Council resolution 36 (III) of 8 July 1948 and General Assembly resolution 754 (VIII) of 9 December 1953 the Secretary-General and the Administering Authority of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands continued to cooperate during the period under review in disseminating information to the Trust Territory on the aims and objectives of the International Trusteeship System and of the United Nations. The present report covers the period from 1 May 1992 to 30 April 1993.
- 2. The Department of Public Information of the Secretariat distributed information material both directly to the Trust Territory and through its information centres, primarily the United Nations Information Centre at Tokyo. The latter transmitted various forms of information to 97 recipients in the Territory. Among the materials sent to the Trust Territory by the Department were the documents of the Trusteeship Council and taped radio, video and film programmes, which were mailed directly from Headquarters to 97 recipients in the Trust Territory.
- 3. The Department of Public Information produced nine press releases in English and nine in French dealing with the work of the Trusteeship Council during the past year. The press releases featured all the proceedings of the Trusteeship Council meetings held during the review period. The messages of the Secretary-General and the President of the Trusteeship Council on the occasion of United Nations Day were transmitted to the Territory from the Information Centre at Tokyo as a press release.
- 4. The Department of Public Information aimed at enlightening the people of the Trust and Non-Self-Governing Territories about their right to self-determination, as was demonstrated in some of the radio programmes disseminated to those Territories: "The organs of the United Nations: the Trusteeship Council its powers and functions"; "The United Nations Trusteeship

System will be a thing of the past if scheduled referendum in Palau is successful"; "Trusteeship Council hears about scheduled referendum in Palau"; and "Trusteeship Council hears about planned referendum in Palau". These radio programmes were produced in Chinese for the Chinese News; in Bangla for the Jati Shongher Protidhoni; in English for the UN News Brief; and in Kiswahili for the JRD LA U.M.

- 5. The Department of Public Information, through its Anti-Apartheid, Decolonization and Palestine Programmes Section, mailed information materials directly to 97 recipients in the Trust Territory. The materials included the following: Decolonization: The Task Ahead Profiles of 18 Trust and Non-Self-Governing Territories; "Recent Developments on the Issue of Apartheid in South Africa", August 1992; and "Recent Developments on the Issue of Apartheid in South Africa (II)", March 1993. In addition to Decolonization: The Task Ahead ... the Non-governmental Organizations Section distributed the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples. The materials were sent to the Trust Territory throughout the year, the frequency depending on the nature of the material. The radio programmes were sent weekly for the weekly broadcasts in Chinese, Bangla, English and Kiswahili; the UN Chronicle, a quarterly magazine published in the six official languages, was sent to the recipients every three months.
- 6. In its September 1992 issue, the <u>UN Chronicle</u> featured an article entitled "Palau very near 'a decisive choice' about its status, Trusteeship Council told". The 1992 issue of the <u>Yearbook of the United Nations</u>, which is under production, is devoting one chapter each to "Questions relating to decolonization" and the "International Trusteeship System".
- 7. Owing to insufficient funds for travel, neither the Director of the Information Centre at Tokyo nor any representative of the Centre was able to visit the Trust Territory during the period under review.
- 8. Regarding feedback from the recipients of United Nations information in the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, the Department of Public Information sent out the second series of questionnaires to 97 recipients by direct mail to the Trust Territory of Palau and responses are expected soon.

<u>Annex</u>

LIST OF UNITED NATIONS INFORMATION MATERIALS DISTRIBUTED IN THE TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS (PALAU)

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	No. of copies sent
APARTHEID	
Notes and Documents: Nos. 91/11, 13, 17-25 92/2-9	665
UNETPSA: Questions and Answers	22
DECOLONIZATION	
Decolonization: The Task Ahead	
Profiles of 18 Trust and Non-Self-Governing Territories	152
Teaching about Decolonization	92
DEVELOPMENT (SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC)	
Development Forum (vol. 19, No. 4)	10
Africa Recovery (vol. 3, No. 3)	313
DISARMAMENT	
Disarmament Newsletter (vol. 9, Nos. 3, 4, 5 and 6) (vol. 10, Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4)	379
Disarmament Facts, Nos. 76, 77 and 78	30
A periodic review by the UN (vol. XIV, No. 2/1991) (vol. XV)	60
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Declaration of Windhoek on promoting an independent and pluralistic African press	72
UNDP: UN Capital Development Fund	30
UN Volunteers, 20 years of service	10

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Africa Recovery (vol. 5, No. 1)	65	
WIPO: Climate Change (Environment and Environment and Development)	40	
PEACE-KEEPING AND PEACEMAKING		
Agreement on a Comprehensive Political Settlement of the Cambodia Conflict	72	
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El Salvador Agreements: The Path to Peace		
Teaching about Peace-keeping	22	
RACIAL DISCRIMINATION		
<pre>Objective: Justice (vol. XIX, No. 2 (1987))</pre>	77	
REFUGEES AND DISASTER RELIEF ASSISTANCE		
Refugees (UNHCR), No. 89 (May 1992)	10	
Division for Palestinian Rights (vol. XIII, Nos. 10 and	11)	
International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction	40	
Student map (natural disasters)	160	
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Traditional practices	37
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Women - Challenges to the Year 2000	92
MESSAGES AND REPORTS	
Message by the Secretary-General on the occasion of United Nations Day	40
Message by the President of the General Assembly on the occasion of United Nations Day	40
Message by the President of the Trusteeship Council on the occasion of United Nations Day	40
Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization, 1992	40
An Agenda for Peace	40
VIDEO CASSETTES	
World Chronicle, Nos. 463, 465-471, 477-495, 497 and 49	98 28
<u>UN in Action</u> , Nos. 215-221, 237-259	12
POSTERS	
World Conference on Human Rights	

International Year of the World's Indigenous People, 1993

PHOTOGRAPHS

Photograph and biography of Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali

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The Distribution Section of the Office of Conference Services of the Secretariat at Headquarters sent 97 copies of the following documents to the Trust Territory:

Trusteeship Council, verbatim records of the twenty-first special session and the fifty-ninth session (T/PV.1690-1697)

Official Records of the Security Council, Forty-seventh Year, Special Supplement No. 1 (S/25261 and Corr.1)

Trusteeship Council documents:

T/1962 to T/1968 T/L.1281 to T/L.1283 T/PET.10/759 T/RES/2195 (LIX) T/INF/40 and Corr.1.
