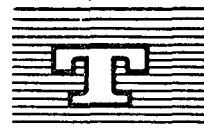


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United States Department of the Interior
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir,

Re: Referendum on the original nuclear-free constitution
for Palau, Pacific Ocean, on 9 July 1980

It is with some concern that I read about the attempts of the United States of America to enforce unwilling Governments into accepting nuclear programmes which they (the United States) wish to pursue in the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands. When one considers the ill health engendered by nuclear radiation, one wonders how they can inflict it on others.

Even taking into consideration the possible United States predicament of potential hostility from other bases in the Pacific, they have no right to force their lethal plans on much smaller and weaker peoples, particularly when those peoples have shown quite clearly that they want nothing to do with them.

I urge you, therefore, to let the Palauan people have the nuclear-free constitution which they so desire and will not be deflected from unless by some forceful or underhanded action by an outside power.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) Margaret O. H. WALKER

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