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PETITION FROM R. ARNOLD, ASSISTANT STATE SECRETARY, THE AMALGAMATED METAL WORKERS' AND SHIPWRIGHTS' UNION, CONCERNING THE TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS

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THE AMALGAMATED METAL WORKERS' AND SHIPWRIGHTS' UNION

New South Wales State Council

136-140 Chalmers Street Surry Hills, 2010 Australia

4 July 1980

United Nations Trusteeship Council New York, N.Y.

Dear Sir,

The Amalgamated Metal Workers' and Shipwrights' Union of New South Wales, Australia has considered a report of the Palauan people's support of the national referendum to decide a constitution which prohibits military or nuclear activities in or around Palau.

Australia and its people, being closely related to the developments within the Pacific, are greatly concerned that the wish of the Palauan people is being frustrated and attempts are being made to overturn a decision they have already made. Like them we are concerned with the introduction of increasing numbers of nuclear weapons into this region of the world.

We would wish to convey in the strongest terms possible our support for the Palauan people's being able to exercise their vote, free from outside interference or intimidation.

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We trust that you will convey our protest and support to the appropriate officers.

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Yours faithfully,

(<u>Signed</u>) R. ARNOLD
Assistant State Secretary