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PETITION FROM MR. STEPHEN LAVENDER CONCERNING
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United Nations Trusteeship Council
New York, N.Y.

Dear Sir,

I am writing out of concern for what I have heard about the current constitutional referendum in Palau. From my understanding the people of Palau voted for a nuclear-free constitution last year. It appears that pressure from the United States of America has brought about another referendum to be held in a few days' time.

I believe the people of Palau have an independent right, free of foreign power, to vote for the constitution they wish. I urge you to do all within your power to stop this blatant manipulation of the Palau constitution by the United States, apparently for its own ends.

I would appreciate being kept informed of the situation in Palau and the role of the United Nations Trusteeship Council there.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) Stephen LAVENDER
