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PETITION FROM MR. BOB WHAN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, AUSTRALIAN COUNCIL FOR OVERSEAS AID, CONCERNING THE TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS

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AUSTRALIAN COUNCIL FOR OVERSEAS AID

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15 April 1981

The Secretary-General  
United Nations  
New York, N.Y.

Dear Sir,

The Australian Council for Overseas Aid has a long standing association with, and commitment to, the development of the Pacific region.

Being aware that the Charter of the United Nations asserts the principle of "equal rights and self-determination of peoples" and that of all United Nations trusteeship agreements, that entered into by the United States of America in regard to Micronesia 1/ is the only one still in force, the Australian Council for Overseas Aid is concerned by the apparent confusion that surrounds the process of decolonization in Micronesia.

We would welcome a clarification of the United Nations position in regard to United States negotiations (with the Micronesian states) and whether United Nations approval of the United States negotiations will be sought in the Security Council or in the General Assembly.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) Bob WHAN  
Executive Director

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