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PETITION FROM MR. GEORGE THADDEUS AND OTHERS (EBON ATOLL,
MARSHALL ISLANDS DISTRICT) CONCERNING THE TRUST TERRITORY
OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS

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the rules of procedure of the Trusteeship Council)

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All of us who have affixed our signatures to this petition wish to declare our disagreement with the Nitijela's resolution which was passed during its twenty-sixth session in 1976. This resolution is known as resolution No. 44, and it recommends that the Marshall Islands District should secede from the other districts in Micronesia and seek its own future.

This is a gross mistake, in our opinion, as Nitijela did not solicit the wishes of all the Marshallese through a referendum prior to passage of the bill. We have tasted democracy and we know the Government of the United States of America is just. And we believe in it. We know that the Government belongs to the people.

Now, therefore, we the people of Ebon (and to be joined by others from islands in Relik Rak (if they so desire)), do hereby affix our signatures to this document indicating that should the Nitijela continue to ignore the wishes of every Marshallese, then we shall condemn resolution No. 44, by boycotting our Nitijela.

Through this petition, we request the Congress of Micronesia, the High Commissioner of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, the Congress of the United States, the President of the United States, the Trusteeship Council of the United Nations and the Secretary of the Department of the Interior to intervene on behalf of all people of Ebon, including every other interested party, from being forced out of the union under our Government within the Congress of Micronesia.

Now, therefore, we have listed our names in this manner, without any outside threat. We freely signed this document according to the dictates of our own conscience.

Everyone who signed this petition is of and above voting age.

Signed by 448 persons (signatures illegible). The list of signatures has been placed in the files of the Secretariat and is available to members of the Council for consultation.
