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PETITION FROM MR. GORDON MADDISON AND OTHERS
CONCERNING THE TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC
ISLANDS

Note by the Secretary-General: In accordance with rule 85 and supplementary rule F of the rules of procedure for the Trusteeship Council, the Secretary-General has the honour to transmit to the members of the Trusteeship Council and to the Government of Italy as the Administering Authority of the Trust Territory of Somaliland, a communication dated 6 March 1953 from Mr. Gordon Maddison and others concerning the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands.

This communication was transmitted to the Secretary-General by the United Nations Visiting Mission to Trust Territories in the Pacific.

Majuro,

March 6, 1953

To: The U.N. Visiting Mission

1. The U.S. Navy had used the island of Ulig, in Majuro Atoll, Marshall Islands since Feb. 1, 1944 and had stopped using it in July 1, 1952.
2. Later came the Department of Interior and started to use this island of Uliga, of which we have been asking about since July 1, 1952 until now.
3. We are requesting that the U.N. Trusteeship Council, will please make a just arrangement for a "Monthly Payment Lease" so that we may survive by it, or use it according to our everyday needs and have it sent to us.
4. Because of this, we are unfortunate and poor and unable to receive our medical care sometimes, due to our not having money to pay for our medical bills, because there is no money to be used in supporting our lives. The names of the petitioners are shown on the attached sheet.
5. These are the persons who have been dispossessed of their lands and are living in suspense.

(There followed a list of 94 signatures on this petition)

Received at United Nations Headquarters through the Visiting Mission to the Pacific on 30 March 1953.
