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PETITION FROM MR. TAKESHI HADLEY  
CONCERNING THE PACIFIC ISLANDS

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Petition to the United Nations  
from Takeshi Hadley

March 5, 1953

Many thanks to the United Nations for taking the trouble and considering it important to come and investigate the affairs of these small islands of ours and for having made such a long journey for this purpose.

And before I make my humble request I wish to express my humble admiration for the virtue of the Government of America for their goodness and care for us in a fashion making us generally happy.

Here are the little matters which I very much desire to bring to the attention of the United Nations and I rejoice that I am now able to meet you. May you deign to give your attention and favor us.

1. There are many of us with Japanese fathers whose happiness cannot be made complete because of our longing for and greatly desiring to be by the side of our fathers and brothers and sisters.

How happy it would make us if our fathers and brothers and sisters could be returned to us through the benign wish and fortunate decision of the United Nations.

2. Concerning schools - We further wish to request of the United Nations that you consider us in respect to schools, and that there should be higher schools for us in which we can receive higher education which would be sufficient for us to take care of our government and economic life ourselves.

3. Concerning copra - In the first part of January of this year a man named Mr. Pieris came to us who was in charge of this sort of work for the South Pacific Commission. He arrived and looked at the quality of the copra of Ponape. We trust that our copra was good and would it not be possible for some assistance to the price to come from your favor?

4. Saleable products - trochus shell, hibiscus fiber, coconut leaf fiber, ivory nuts coconut shell, coconut husk fiber, fish, shellfish - is there no country near these islands which desires these?

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