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PETITION FROM MR. MIKE GABLE, COMMUNICATIONS CO-ORDINATOR,
MARYKNOLL FATHERS AND BROTHERS, CONCERNING THE TRUST
TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS

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Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers
Maryknoll, New York 10545

4 February 1988

The President
Trusteeship Council
Room S-3362
United Nations
New York, N.Y. 10017

Dear Sir:

A number of us here at Maryknoll, New York, have been following the explosive situation on the island of Belau as non-governmental organization members and as a religious order and congregation working in the Pacific Islands.

We are deeply disturbed by the apparently illegal vote that was held in August of 1987 in which Belauans were apparently intimidated to rescind their nuclear-free Constitution. We are writing you today to ask that the United Nations Charter ensure Belau's self-determination.

Please share with us the latest developments concerning this issue and what actions the United Nations Trusteeship Council will be taking on this concern of ours.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Mike GABLE
Communications Co-ordinator