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PETITION FROM PATRICK F. McMANAMON, S.J., ASSISTANT FOR SOCIAL
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TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS

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Society of Jesus
Detroit Province
Detroit, Michigan 48221

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The President
Trusteeship Council
United Nations
New York, N. Y. 10017

Dear Sir,

I am concerned that Belau is being pressured by forces linked to the United States and also by the United States itself to rescind any bans on nuclear weapons. It is clear such a ban would affect foreign policy decisions of the United States, which believes Belau to be part of its "defence rim".

An August vote rescinding the Constitution in Belau is being challenged. There have been assassinations of leaders in the struggle to ban nuclear weapons.

I want to assure you of our support and our hopes in your efforts to abide by the Charter of the United Nations as a means to strengthen Belau's right to self-determination in the face of internal and external threats.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Patrick F. McMANAMON, S.J.
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