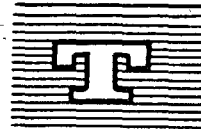


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TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS (T/PET.10/73)

Observations of the Government of the United States
of America as Administering Authority

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This petition (T/PET.10/73) urges the United States Government to give "all possible support and co-operation to make the resettlement of the Roi Namur people possible and peaceful". It further asks the United Nations to dispatch observers to the scene of the resettlement.

The United States had until 1965 believed that Roi Namur had been owned and paid for by the Japanese Government during its mandate period. In 1965 the Trust Territory claims administrator ruled that the Japanese title was invalid and that the property was rightfully owned by the traditional landowners. The United States has been negotiating with the landowners regarding a fair price for the use of the island and hopes to reach agreement as soon as possible.