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PETITION FROM BRO. ARMAND E. GUILLET, SC, BROTHERS OF  
THE SACRED HEART, CONCERNING THE TRUST TERRITORY OF  
THE PACIFIC ISLANDS

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

Dear Sir:

I am writing to you on behalf of the Belauan people in their struggle to keep their island free from the nuclear menace.

You may recall that in 1979 Belau mandated its unprecedented nuclear-free Constitution. However, since that time, the United States Government has pressured the Belauan people to overturn the nuclear ban in nine separate plebiscites. You will also recall that, after the election of the first Belauan President, Remeliik (an ardent anti-nuclear advocate), he was killed in the still-unsolved assassination of June 1985.

As President of the Trusteeship Council, you have the responsibility of assuring this small nation that they alone are to determine their acceptance or refusal of nuclear-laden ships, aircraft or whatever in their territorial waters. It is the duty of the United Nations to see that Belau is protected from outside pressure and arm-twisting to accept nuclear invasion of their God-given homeland.

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Thank you for whatever your office does to ensure self-determination to this tiny Pacific island and its people.

Yours very sincerely,

(Signed) Bro. Armand E. GUILLET SC

P.S. I would appreciate an update report on the present situation in Belau in this respect, if you can supply it. Thank you.

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