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To whom it may concern

After watching a television film about the island of Palau in the South Pacific, I would like to draw your attention to the problems of the people of Palau. It appears [that] their Constitution had stipulated [that] their island was a nuclear-free zone. The Americans are using their island as a base for military defence. The President [of Palau] before the existing one was murdered by two unidentified Americans and as a result the people are intimidated into acquiescing to the Americans having their way, after four or five referendums, to change the Constitution.

The women of Palau are trying to expose this injustice and I would like to add my voice to theirs so that justice can be effected in the face of the murder and their independence and the Constitution of their island can be promoted and encouraged by your Organization and efforts.

(Signed) (Mrs.) Florence MATTHEWS
