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Ambassador Fred Zeder
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Dear Ambassador Zeder:

I am concerned about the plebiscite in Palau on 10 February. I understand that the Palauan Senate has expressed "disapproval of the inadequate work being done by the political education programme and the lack of information and vast amount of misinformation". Under these circumstances, I would think that movement of the 10 February date to late spring or early summer would be desirable. The United States has the responsibility of seeing that the people of Palau are ready for this election.

I am also concerned over the wording of the ballot. The language of the second question under proposition one is misleading in regard to the restrictions placed on the United States concerning nuclear weapons. Also, under proposition two, I believe the ballot should include three choices: (1) a relationship with the United States closer than free association as set forth in the present agreements; (2) a relationship of free association with the United States but less close than that described in the present agreements; and (3) independence.

Sincerely,

(Signed) Betty GRAEBER

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