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PETITION FROM MR. KANOBU SEKIGUCHI, SECRETARY-GENERAL, JAPAN
CONGRESS AGAINST A-AND H-BOMBS (GENSUIKIN), CONCERNING THE
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JAPAN CONGRESS AGAINST A-AND H-BOMBS (GENSUIKIN)

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Tokyo, Japan

22 December 1982

The Secretary
United Nations Trusteeship Council

Dear Sir,

We are deeply concerned with the referendum in Palau which it was announced would be held on 10 February 1983.

Recognizing the confusion in the Palauan Government and the unjustifiable renegotiation on 20 November 1982 after the official agreement on 26 August 1982, we demand that you postpone the referendum on the compact of free association until the appropriate time comes, that is, the situation in Palau is settled, every uncertainty concerning the renegotiation is clarified and everybody is satisfied with the political education on the compact that provides essential information on which people can make judgement on their votes, having their prospect for the coming future in mind.

Therefore we urge you to ensure adequate time for political education in Palau since more time should be requested to explain additional subcontract which was negotiated contrary to democratic procedures.

On behalf of the people in Japan who are fighting for a nuclear-free, independent Pacific, we express our strong request that the Palau referendum should be postponed in honour of your respectable and responsible position as an official in charge of Micronesian political status.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Kanobu SEKIGUCHI
Secretary-General
