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PETITION FROM MR. WILLIAM V. VITARELLI CONCERNING THE TRUST TERRITORY
OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS

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

Dear Sir,

I am a retired Trust Territory official who spent over 25 years in the service of Micronesian development. I was educational administrator in Palau for four years, Assistant District Administrator in Palau, Assistant Director of Education for the Trust Territory, the High Commissioner's Representative on Ebeye-Marshall Islands, Peace Corps Coordinator and Community Development Officer.

Since my retirement, I have kept up with political and social developments in Micronesia, especially in Palau where, as you know, the people will soon be asked to vote in a referendum on the so-called compact of free association.

I have studied this compact in every detail and feel that the implications for the future of the people of Palau are of tremendous importance.

I am dismayed to learn from first hand reports from Palau that most of the people do not even know what the terms of the compact mean.

In all fairness, I feel that the people should have time to study all aspects of this compact in their own language before signing it. Please do all in your power to postpone the referendum until it is translated and distributed throughout the district.

Sincerely,

(Signed) Wm. V. VITARELLI
