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The Secretary  
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New York, NY 10017

Dear Sir,

I write today to urge you to assist in postponing the compact of free association plebiscite which is scheduled for 10 February 1983 in Palau.

We believe that the United Nations has a particular responsibility to ensure that the Palauans, and indeed all Micronesians, have adequate time for political education on the compact of free association and all its subsidiary agreements.

Furthermore, we believe that the United States has major responsibility in this area of allowing time for full examination and discussion of this document(s). Although the compact was signed last August, as late as 20 November negotiators for both countries were meeting in Hawaii to negotiate critical Capital Improvements Program agreements. In early December, the Palau Legislature directed Palau's negotiating team to renegotiate several substantial agreements. It does not seem at all possible that negotiations and political education can be simultaneous.