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COMMUNICATION FROM MRS. SHIRLEY WOLFE CONCERNING THE TRUST
TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS

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25 January 1983

Ambassador Fred Zeder
Office for Micronesian Status Negotiations
Room 3356
Washington, D.C. 20240

Dear Ambassador Zeder,

With regard to the plebiscite in Palau, Micronesia, I urge you to consider a postponement of this action so as to provide more time for political education programmes for the Palau people that they may make a more informed choice concerning the compact of free association agreement between their country and ours. I also urge a rewording of the ballot. As it now reads, it can be interpreted that the United States can use the Micronesian islands with little restrictions on radioactive, chemical and biological materials. These island people have a right to self-determination and I urge you to do what you can to safeguard those rights, as under the United Nations Charter and Trusteeship Agreement, 1/ it is the responsibility of the United States Government to do so.

Sincerely,

(Signed) Mrs. Shirley WOLFE

Notes

1/ Trusteeship Agreement for the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands
(United Nations publication, Sales No. 1957.VI.A.1).