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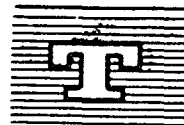
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PETITION FROM MS. JOAN SHEARS, NUCLEAR-FREE AND INDEPENDENT PACIFIC  
COMMITTEE, CAMPAIGN AGAINST NUCLEAR POWER (AUSTRALIA), CONCERNING  
THE TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS

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CAMPAIGN AGAINST NUCLEAR POWER (QUEENSLAND)

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25 January 1983

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

Dear Sir,

The Campaign against Nuclear Power (Queensland) and regional anti-nuclear groups in Queensland wish to express to you their full support for the nuclear-free Constitution of Belau and for the wishes and hopes of the Belau people to obtain their independence and maintain their territory free of the entry, storage and/or disposal of any type of nuclear material.

To ensure that the people of Belau have sufficient time to evaluate fully the implications and ramifications of the compact of free association which is at present being negotiated with the United States of America, we urge that the plebiscite be postponed.

Once signed, the compact will have a tremendous, perhaps detrimental, effect on the people and their environment and it is essential that they have a wide

understanding of the provisions of the compact so that they can take account of long-range effects as well as short-term benefits and choose accordingly.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) Joan SHEARS  
Nuclear-Free and Independent  
Pacific Committee

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