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PETITION FROM MR. JOE WACHER, FRIENDS OF THE EARTH,  
CONCERNING THE TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS

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The Secretary  
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Dear Sir,

Our group is very concerned over recent political events in the Republic of Palau. In the last couple of years, the people of Palau have overwhelmingly shown their wish for nuclear-free and anti-militaristic clauses in their Constitution by the way they voted in three referendums.

We have learned that negotiations for a compact of free association were still in progress in December 1982, and that there has been uncertainty in these negotiations and in a date for a plebiscite on the compact.

Because of this uncertainty and the aspirations of the people as expressed in the referendums, the United States has a vital obligation to ensure that the people of Palau are well aware of the ramifications of the compact and its subsidiary agreements.

We therefore urge that the plebiscite be postponed until this political education is achieved.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) Joe WACHER