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PETITION FROM MS. ELIZABETH A. NESBITT CONCERNING THE TRUST TERRITORY
OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS

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New York, N.Y. 10027
25 May 1983

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

Dear Sir:

As the Republic of Palau is being released from the United Nations Trusteeship Council, the citizens are struggling to maintain their own Constitution. I am concerned about the compact of free association which the United States is pressuring the Government to approve contrary to their own Constitution, which has banned the presence of military equipment from the island.

The plebiscite that was held 10 February was manipulated in such a way as to defraud the citizens of Palau, by running a "voter education campaign" which five Palauan senators claim was unauthorized, by changing the date of the plebiscite three times and the official rules and regulations for the plebiscite four times.

Whatever can be done to ease the situation confronting the citizens of Palau will be deeply appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Elizabeth A. NESBITT
