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THE GRANTING OF INDEPENDENCE TO  
COLONIAL COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES

SECURITY COUNCIL  
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Note verbale dated 27 March 1984 from the Permanent Mission of the  
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics to the United Nations addressed  
to the Secretary-General

The Permanent Mission of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and has the honour to state the following.

The inadmissible situation arising in connection with the strategic Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands as a result of the unlawful actions taken by the United States to dismember that Territory and to transform it into its own colonial possession is a matter of serious concern.

The United States Government recently took further steps to consolidate its de facto annexation of that United Nations Trust Territory. In particular, the compact of so-called "free association" with the United States of two integral parts of Micronesia - the Federated States of Micronesia and the Marshall Islands - has been submitted to the United States Congress for approval.

The Soviet Union has already drawn the attention of the United Nations to the unlawful actions of the United States with regard to Micronesia aimed at fragmenting that single Trust Territory and foisting upon its individual parts a neo-colonialist status in the form of a so-called "commonwealth" or "free association", pointing out that those actions violated the United Nations Charter, the Trusteeship Agreement which the United States concluded with the United Nations Security Council in 1947, and the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples. As the facts testify, the United States Government

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continues to ignore the obligations placed upon it as the Administering Authority, namely, "to promote the political, economic, social, and educational advancement of the inhabitants of the trust territories, and their progressive development towards self-government or independence". In the course of its almost 40-year administration of that Territory, the United States has deliberately slowed down its social and economic progress with the clear aim of hindering the Micronesian people from following the path of independent development. Seeking to transform Micronesia once and for all into its military strategic beachhead in the western part of the Pacific Ocean, the United States is forcibly imposing on the Micronesians long-term military agreements under which it plans to expand the existing, or establish new, missile test ranges, naval bases, military airfields, depots for nuclear, chemical and other weapons of mass destruction, and other military installations in the islands.

The unlawful actions taken by the United States with regard to Micronesia not only impede the realization of the inalienable right of the people of that Territory to genuine self-determination, freedom and independence, but also pose a serious threat to the security of countries adjacent to that region and to international peace as a whole. They constitute an overt challenge to the United Nations and cannot but give rise to outrage and alarm on the part of world public opinion.

The annexationist policy of the United States with regard to Micronesia is an unacceptable violation of the provisions of the United Nations Charter, in accordance with which all functions of the United Nations relating to strategic areas under trusteeship, including the approval of the terms of the trusteeship agreements and of their alteration or amendment, shall be exercised by the Security Council.

In these circumstances the United Nations, under whose guidance the international trusteeship system was established, must without delay take all necessary steps to ensure the fullest compliance by the United States with its obligations under the United Nations Charter and the Trusteeship Agreement and to prevent the United States from succeeding in its attempts to present the world with a fait accompli in the form of the colonial enslavement of Micronesia.

The Permanent Mission of the USSR to the United Nations requests the Secretary-General of the United Nations to draw the attention of the Security Council, the General Assembly 1/ and the Trusteeship Council 2/ to this letter and to distribute it as a document of those United Nations bodies.

#### Notes

1/ By a note verbale dated 28 March 1984 the Permanent Mission of the USSR requested that the communication be issued under item 18 of the preliminary list.

2/ See T/1862.

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