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COMMUNICATION FROM MR. JOSHUA KOSHIBA, PALAU, CONCERNING
THE TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS

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9 April 1984

The Honourable Janet McCoy
High Commissioner, Trust Territory
of the Pacific Islands
Office of the High Commissioner
Saipan, CM 96950

Re: Malengkov Tesel

Dear Madam High Commissioner:

I was pleased with the prompt response that Mr. Nelman Craley, Jr. of your office sent to me with regard to the above-named subject. I am particularly pleased that you brought this matter to the attention of the Attorney General of Palau by telephone from the Attorney General of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands after your receipt of my letter seeking assistance from your office in the investigation of this case.

The very fact that it took more than a week for our Attorney General to find out about this case should raise some suspicion on this case. The incident took place on 17 March, but it was not until 30 March, after I wrote your office and after the Trust Territory Attorney General called Palau, that our Attorney General found out about it. Doesn't this absence of knowledge and awareness on the part of our Attorney General say something and arouse suspicion that a possible "cover up" might be in the making? And, if the proper officials in our Government fail in their duty to conduct a proper investigation of such an incident, would it not be incumbent upon the High Commissioner, being the highest regional representative of the Administering Authority, to intervene on behalf of the individual citizens of Palau?

In your letter you stated that "in the event that investigative assistance is requested and it appears to be reasonably necessary, [you] will certainly give the request [your] most serious consideration". My question is this: Who should be

the appropriate authority to request such investigative assistance and what is "reasonably necessary"? If I am not in a capacity to request such assistance, who should make the request? For your information, former President Richard M. Nixon himself did not request an investigation of the Watergate scandal!

I am still hoping that you will reconsider your position regarding my request for investigative assistance in the case of Malengov Tesel so that whatever suspicion we have in our minds may be laid to rest.

Again, thank you very much for your kind attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Joshua KOSHIBA

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States of America
Mr. Richard Montoya, Department of
the Interior, United States
of America
President, United Nations
Trusteeship Council
