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CONCERNING THE TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS

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

Dear Sir,

Re: United Nations trusteeship of Belau, administered by the
United States of America

The Northside Peace Group has asked me to write to you regarding the United Nations trusteeship of Micronesia which we understand will be discussed in May this year, at your Council. We strongly urge you to support the ending as soon as possible of the United Nations trusteeship of Micronesia and Belau. The Belauan people have stood firm, despite United States pressure, and have refused to alter their nuclear-free Constitution, thus failing to ratify the compact of free association with the United States.

The Belauan people have an inalienable right not to have their homeland used by another Power as a base for nuclear and/or conventional weapons, as a jungle warfare training ground or as an air or naval base.

The compact of free association offered by the United States would enable it to establish this base, but would clearly be in conflict with the nuclear-free

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clause in the Belauan Constitution of 1979 which outlawed nuclear weapons and nuclear power. It has been claimed that the Americans have given money at election time, have bought all available time on television, etc., in endeavours to win over the Belauan people during plebiscites to accept the compact of free association.

We believe that the role of the United Nations Trusteeship Council in this matter is vital and it is morally imperative to end the United Nations trusteeship and to give support to the right of the people of Belau to independence.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) Sheila MORRISON
Secretary
Northside Peace Group
