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PETITION FROM MS. LYDIA GARVEY CONCERNING THE TRUST TERRITORY OF
THE PACIFIC ISLANDS

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Rosebud Hospital
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22 May 1983

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

Dear Sir,

I'm writing in support of self-determination and independence for Pacific peoples, specifically the peoples of Palau. The United States Congress must press the State Department to respect the right of the Palauan people to self-determine their future, free of nuclear weapons, in the Palau Constitution issue. The State Department is planning to implement the compact without nuclear provisions (sect. 314) and in doing this, is making a mockery of the democratic process. The compact (in this form) has been defeated by Palauan voters. As an international treaty, it must be approved by voters in Micronesia and by Congress before it can take effect. The administration is in much haste to bypass these measures to secure military options in Palau. Please object to the State Department's attempt to implement the compact of free association and begin oversight hearings! It is now imperative that a Congressional investigation and review of State Department actions in Palau and the process for terminating the United Nations Trusteeship Agreement 1/ be carried out.

Thank you.
(Signed) Lydia GARVEY

Notes

1/ Trusteeship Agreement for the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands
(United Nations publication, Sales No. 1957.VI.A.1).
