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PETITION FROM MS. MARY M. KEARNEY, COUNSEL FOR THE KWAJALEIN ATOLL
CORPORATION CONCERNING THE TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS

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7 May 1982

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

Dear Mr. President:

The Kwajalein Atoll Corporation respectfully requests permission to present an oral petition to the United Nations Trusteeship Council during the session beginning on 17 May 1982. The Kwajalein Atoll Corporation is a non-profit corporation organized under the laws of the Republic of the Marshall Islands. Its members include all Marshallese persons who enjoy land rights in Kwajalein Atoll under Marshallese custom and tradition.

The people of Kwajalein Atoll, through their representative, the Kwajalein Atoll Corporation, wish to present an oral petition to the Trusteeship Council on the subject of compensation for the use of Kwajalein Atoll by the United States Department of Defense between 1944 and 1979. The landowners of Kwajalein have never received adequate compensation from the United States for such use, and have demanded resolution of this issue prior to termination of the Trusteeship. 1/ Accordingly, they would like to present their views of this matter orally for the benefit of the Trusteeship Council.

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

Because travel arrangements from the Marshall Islands can present difficulties, the Kwajalein landowners would very much appreciate your prompt action on this request. In addition, if the request is granted, it would be very helpful to know the approximate dates on which the petition could be heard so that appropriate reservations can be made. If questions arise or if you require further information, please contact me at the above address. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) Mary M. KEARNEY
Counsel for the
Kwajalein Atoll Corporation
