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PETITION FROM THE REVEREND JOYCE S. GILES, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR,
CAPITAL AREA COUNCIL OF CHURCHES, INC., CONCERNING THE TRUST
TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS

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Capital Area Council of Churches, Inc.
901 Madison Avenue, Albany, N.Y. 12208

10 May 1983

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

Dear Sir,

As the Trusteeship Council meets this month, may its deliberations be fair and just. My wish is that your leadership may influence the move toward self-determination for the peoples of Micronesia.

Recently the women of the United Methodist Church have been studying issues and concerns of the native people of the islands of the South Pacific. We have been made unhappily aware of the domineering and often insensitive conduct of the United States toward its Trust Territories. We are concerned over the military testing and the nuclear waste dumping done by our country against the will of many island people. Can their will be heard? Also, could you please tell me if a timetable has been set for the complete independence of Micronesia from the United States? The Peace and Justice Committee of our Council of Churches is interested in this problem too. Please send me information.

Even if the Trusteeship Council would be needed no more, the freedom of nations is of the utmost importance!

Thank you for your good work and I await your reply.

Sincerely,

(Signed) Rev. Joyce S. GILES
Executive Director