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PETITION FROM JOHN AND JOAN ADDISON 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,

Belau - Trusteeship Agreement 1/

We are writing to express our support for the Belauan Constitution and wish to question whether the United States has fulfilled its Trusteeship Agreement. If it has not done so, the Agreement should be cancelled so as to make Belau independent.

I understand that the Trusteeship Agreement said that the United States was to "promote the development of the inhabitants ... towards self-government or independence as may be appropriate ... encourage the development of fisheries, [agriculture] and industries; protect the inhabitants against the loss of their lands and resources ...".

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I have read that in reality the situation is as described by an indigenous Pacific woman in 1985: "Sixty-six tests since 1946, and our people are slowly dying from radioactivity."

Please give these matters your urgent consideration.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) John ADDISON
Joan ADDISON

Notes

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