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PETITION FROM SISTER PATRICIA BATES AND FOUR OTHER SCHOOL SISTERS  
OF SAINT FRANCIS, UNITED STATES PROVINCE, CONCERNING THE TRUST  
TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS

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School Sisters of Saint Francis  
United States Province  
1515 South Layton Boulevard  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

21 March 1988

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

Dear Mr. President:

We have recently been informed of the anti-nuclear Constitution of the island nation of Belau, and of the bloodshed and corruption which have occurred as a result of pressure from the United States to base nuclear weapons on the island. Perhaps this seems like a strong statement, but we do believe that Belau's self-determination is under threat, and we would ask that the United Nations abide by the Charter of the United Nations to ensure Belauan self-determination. Continued bloodshed must stop, as must outside pressure. Belau's anti-nuclear stance is their right, and should be protected by the United Nations.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

(Signed) Sister Patricia BATES  
[Four other signatures] 1/  
The U.S. Provincial Team

Notes

1/ The signatures have been placed in the files of the Secretariat and are available to members of the Council for consultation.

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