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PETITION FROM MR. STEPHEN RUMBOL CONCERNING THE TRUST TERRITORY
OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS

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

Dear Madam,

I am writing to urge the United Nations Trusteeship Council in its forthcoming meeting to reconsider the arrangements it has with the United States over the trusteeship of the islands of Belau in the Pacific.

I am saddened to hear of the forceful methods which the United States is using, including the murder of two civilians, to pressure the Belauans into changing their non-nuclear Constitution to allow the United States military to exploit the islands.

I was heartened by the news of 25 April 1988 that the methods by which the United States changed the Belauan Constitution last year to lessen the votes required to reverse the non-nuclear stance from 75 per cent to 50 per cent, has been ruled illegal.

I urge you to take notice of the illegal, forceful and lethal pressure the United States is putting on the islanders in order to get its own way. The 15,000 Belauans have a right to determine their own Constitution, to run their country independently and free from external forces such as the United States.

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I urge you to take all this into account at the meeting and to remove the trusteeship of Belau from the United States, to put pressure on the United States to stop its violent campaigns against the Belauans and leave them to live their lives in peace.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) Stephen RUMBOL
