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CONCERNING WESTERN SAMOA

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Secretary
Trusteeship Council
United Nations Organization
New York, N.Y.
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Dear Sir,

Enclosed clipping containing an editorial from Western Samoa's only
Newspaper is forwarded for the information of Trusteeship Council members, when
they next consider the affairs of Western Samoa.^{1/}

There has been a great deal of correspondence in both the Samoan and English
columns of this newspaper, indicating that a plebiscite should be held without
further delay, in order that the people's wishes regarding the self-government
proposals may be ascertained. Everything points to the fact that the majority of
the people do not want self-government, and that the chiefs are pressing for
self-government mainly out of self-interest.

Sincerely,

(Signed) JACK THORNTON
Jack Thornton

^{1/} Note by the Secretariat: The enclosure referred to has been placed on the
Secretariat files and is available to members of the Trusteeship Council on
request.