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PETITION FROM MR. OSSIE CRUSE, CHAIRMAN, PACIFIC REGION OF THE WORLD
COUNCIL OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES, CONCERNING THE TRUST TERRITORY OF THE
PACIFIC ISLANDS

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10 July 1984

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

Dear Sir,

I am writing on behalf of the Pacific Region of the World Council of
Indigenous Peoples (WCIP) to declare the opposition of indigenous people in the
region to the continued refusal of the United States of America to recognize the
will of the people of Belau.

The Pacific Region of the WCIP which represents those indigenous people who do
not control the Government of their own countries, had its inaugural meeting in
Canberra from 25 to 27 June and the enclosed resolution on Micronesia was carried
unanimously.

I ask for support for the indigenous people's stand on this issue as a matter
of grave urgency.

Sincerely,

(Signed) Ossie CRUSE
Chairman
WCIP Pacific Region

Enclosure

RESOLUTION ON MICRONESIA

Whereas the Micronesian people of Belau have established their opposition to the nuclear industry by a provision in their Constitution; and,

Whereas the desire for the independence of Belau has been established in four separate referenda; and,

Whereas the will of the people of Belau has been continually ignored by the United States of America in its demand for further referenda; and,

Be it resolved that the Pacific Region of the World Council of Indigenous Peoples demands that the United States recognize the results of the previous referenda and that the United Nations Trusteeship Council take action to implement the desires of the people of Belau; and,

Be it further resolved that the original and/or certified copy of this resolution be sent to the United States Ambassador to Micronesia, Ambassador Fred Zeder II, the United Nations Trusteeship Council and the United Nations Special Committee on Decolonization.
