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Dear Sir,

I am writing to you to ask you to intercede and investigate on behalf of the people of Belau who are about to undergo their sixth referendum in five years in a bid to alter their will as regards a nuclear-free Constitution. With the present position in the Philippines, America is particularly anxious to use Palau as a fall-back position.

This new treaty allows the transit of nuclear weapons while banning other nuclear activities in Palau. United States officials appear to favour the new pact because they say it will not restrict military activity and naval visits to Palau.

"Significantly, the treaty will not require popular approval in Palau", said Salii, President of Palau. It only needs the Palau National Congress' backing and the Reagan administration's endorsement.

Apparently no foreigners will be allowed entry into Belau during the referendum period.

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This all seems to me an amazing state of affairs and I urge the appropriate United Nations bodies to take up the question of whether this "new" treaty arrangement can override Belau's nuclear-free Constitution, which has been repeatedly endorsed by the voters.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) A. NOONAN, M.D.

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