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FROM : Department of State

SUBJECT: Trusteeship Council: USG observations on TTPI petition.

REF :

On May 5, 1967, the UN Secretariat circulated to the members of the UN Trusteeship Council a petition (T/PET.10/38) received from Mr. Alfred Capelle concerning the problem of transportation in the Marshall Islands district of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands. In accordance with rule 86, paragraph 4, of the Rules of Procedure of the Trusteeship Council, the Department requests the Mission to submit in writing to the Secretariat the following observations of the United States Government, as Administering Authority, on Mr. Capelle's petition.

BEGIN TEXT

The problem of inter-island transportation in the Marshall Islands district long has been of concern to the Administering Authority. There are some 123 inhabited islands in the Marshalls District scattered in 24 major atolls or island clumps. Although the Marshall Islands Administration has the use of three field trip ships as well as a limited number of private vessels of small tonnage, the large number of islands and scattered nature of their location present formidable logistic problems. Presently also the government field trip ships must be used for administrative purposes as well as for "mercy runs". Schedules are often upset as a result. The result has been unsatisfactory. The High Commissioner and the District Administrator of the

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