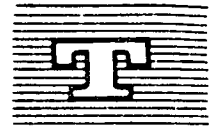


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PETITION FROM MR. BALERIO U. PEDRO CONCERNING THE
TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS

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Angaur Island
Koror, Palau Island
3 April 1972

Trusteeship Council Section
Department of Trusteeship and
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United Nations, New York, N.Y.

As authorized representative of the people of Angaur Island, Palau Islands of Micronesia, I totally reject the Administering Authority's observation, dated 20 May 1971, on the petitions I submitted to the Trusteeship Council. Furthermore, I submitted the petitions for compensations of phosphate deposits, which were mined, processed, and shipped from Angaur Island, and serious damages incurred during mining operations. It is therefore very clearly stated that the petitions are for phosphate compensations and NOT-WAR-DAMAGE CLAIMS. Hence, the Administering Authority's reference to the War Claims Agreement between the United States and Japan has nothing to do with the petitions. Incidentally there was no Micronesian representative in the making of the War Claims Agreement.

The Observation of the Administering Authority is not in the best interest of the people of Angaur Island and does not serve the principle of objective justice and humanity. The Administering Authority is only a United Nations Trustee to help us and should not decide for us and cannot live for us.

Sir, for the sake of the people of Angaur Island I earnestly request for a privilege to make statement before the honorable Trusteeship Council in its coming summer session 1972, regarding the petitions and the observation of the Administering Authority. Please kindly advise and inform me about my request.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) Balerio U. PEDRO