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PETITION FROM MR. GLENN T. PETERSEN, FRIENDS OF MICRONESIA,
CONCERNING THE TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS

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rules of procedure of the Trusteeship Council)

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30 May 1973

The President,
United Nations Trusteeship Council
United Nations, NY

Dear Sir:

The Friends of Micronesia, on 29 May 1973, submitted a petition to the Trusteeship Council, 1/ requesting that you join us in urging the United States Government to grant the people of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands an opportunity for immediate self-determination. It is evident from the opening statements of most of the members of the Council that it is also seeking a rapid end to the remaining two trusteeships.

Because the Council appears to be in sympathy with us, we are requesting an opportunity to address the Trusteeship Council, to elaborate orally upon our petition. We would like to appear before you briefly on 8 June when discussion of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands commences.

Speaking for us will be Ms. Susan Costello, formerly a Peace Corps Volunteer and employee of the Congress of Micronesia, who has spent more than three years in the Trust Territory.

Respectfully yours,

(Signed) Glenn T. PETERSEN

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PETITION FROM MR. JOHN HOFSCHEIDER AND OTHERS, TINIAN,
MARIANAS ISLANDS DISTRICT CONCERNING THE TRUST TERRITORY
OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS

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Speaker, Tinian Municipal Council
San Jose Village
Tinian, Marianas Islands
Micronesia 96950

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Agana, Guam 96910

27 May 1973

Secretary of the Trusteeship Council
Department of Political Affairs
Trusteeship and Decolonization
United Nations
New York, NY 10017

Gentlemen:

After the long period of 400 years the time is drawing near for us in the Trust Territory of the Pacific for either self-governing or independence. We on Tinian island of the Marianas District have a special problem and would like to send one of our people as petitioner to represent our cause at the Trusteeship Council session beginning 5 June.

We, the undersigned, believe that our problem with the United States military requires special consideration and that the pressing nature of the circumstances warrants a hearing before the Trusteeship Council.

Enclosed is a news article revealing the military's intentions of either moving us off island or removing us to another location. 1/ Also included is

1/ Note by the Secretariat: The enclosures referred to are available in the files of the Secretariat for consultation.

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a press release written by four Tinian students issued in reaction to the military's announced intentions.

Land is our identity. Presently we are conducting a survey of all residents over 15 years of age. In response to one of the questions in the survey the people have indicated a strong belief that land and farming is the very basis of the Chamorro way of life. Out of the 27,000 acres of land on our island, 20,000 are classified as prime by the Government. And now in a surprise move the military either wants all of the island or nearly 9,000 acres of military rentention area.

We would like the opportunity to plead our case in terms of possible violations of our human rights. Portions of resolutions 1514 (XV) and 2621 (XXV) have not, we believe, been adhered to. In particular they are sections 1, 3. (4) (5) (7) (8) of resolution 2621 (XXV). And we fervently hope that subsection 3. (9) (d) can apply in our case.

The results of the survey will be presented by our petitioner. It is being conducted by University of Guam students who were either born or raised on Tinian and was prepared under the guidance of the students' sociology professor.

For the cause of true world security we fervently hope you can grant us our request of hearing a petitioner from our island. We have recently seen slides and movies of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Our island was used for this holocaust in 1945. Please, please never again.

Please send your immediate reply to both of the above addresses.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) John HOFSCHEIDER	(Signed) Ellis BARCINES
" Martin SAN NICOLAS	" Abelina CINQ
" James FLEMING	" Felipe C. MENDIOLA
" Connie FLEMING	" Florence MENDIDA
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