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THE WORDING OF THE BALLOT

The United Nations Visiting Mission is aware that the language of the "No" ballot has been a matter of controversy during the plebiscite campaign. The mission wishes to emphasize that the language of the "No" ballot was worked out by the Administering Authority and that the Trusteeship Council was not consulted about the form of wording. The Trusteeship Council did, however, record in its report in the year 1973/74 (S/11415) that it considered that, if the people of the Marianas were consulted separately from the people of the rest of Micronesia, the consultation should not exclude any alternative.

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