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SUBJECT: MARIANAS PLEBISCITE; LETTER FROM FRIENDS OF MICRONESIA  
REF: USUN 1495

1. TC SECRETARIAT HAS RECEIVED AND IS PLANNING TO CIRCULATE AS UN DOCUMENT APR 29 LETTER FROM STEPHEN MURRAY OF FRIENDS OF MICRONESIA REQUESTING TC TO "REQUIRE US GOVERNMENT TO CANCEL PLEBISCITE FOR NORTHERN MARIANAS" AND "TO DETERMINE THAT PLEBISCITE AS PRESENTLY PLANNED IS NOT LEGITIMATE ACT OF SELF DETERMINATION". HE PRESUME CIRCULATION OF LETTER WILL ENCOURAGE SOVIET REP TO ASK UN LEGAL COUNCIL FOR RULING ON WHETHER PLEBISCITE WOULD CONSTITUTE ACT OF SELF DETERMINATION (REFTEL).

2. TEXT OF LETTER FOLLOWS:

QUOTE IN FULL AGREEMENT WITH THE RESOLUTION PASSED BY THE NUCLEAR FREE PACIFIC CONFERENCE HELD IN FIJI IN APRIL 1975, THE FRIENDS OF MICRONESIA, REPRESENTING OVER 3,000 PEOPLE VITALLY CONCERNED WITH ISSUES AFFECTING MICRONESIA, REQUEST THE TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL TO REQUIRE THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT TO CANCEL THE PLEBISCITE PLANNED FOR THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS ON JUNE 17, 1975.

IN VIEW OF PREVIOUS TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL REQUESTS THAT THE UNITED STATES END SEPARATE NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS, IN VIEW OF THE LACK OF OFFICIAL UNITED NATIONS SUPERVISION OF THE PLEBISCITE (THE PLEBISCITE COMMISSIONER WILL BE APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES), AND BECAUSE THE PROPOSED COVENANT OF COMMONWEALTH HAS NOT BEEN MADE AVAILABLE IN EITHER CHAMORRO OR CAROLINIAN, THE LOCAL LANGUAGES, THE FRIENDS OF MICRONESIA URGES THE TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL TO DETERMINE THAT THE PLEBISCITE AS PRESENTLY PLANNED IS NOT A LEGITIMATE ACT OF SELF-DETERMINATION

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