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PETITION FROM MR. STEPHEN C. MURRAY, FRIENDS OF MICRONESIA,  
CONCERNING THE TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS

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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, requests the Trusteeship Council to require the Government of the United States of America to cancel the plebiscite planned for the Northern Mariana Islands on 17 June 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 1/ 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 in accordance with resolutions 1514 (XV) and 2621 (XXV) of the General Assembly.

Yours very truly,

(Signed) Stephen C. MURRAY  
Friends of Micronesia

1/ For the text of the Covenant to Establish a Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in Political Union with the United States of America, see document T/1759, annex.