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SUBJ: POSSIBLE PROTEST CONCERNING COMMITTEE OF 24 GRANTING

HEARING TO PETITIONERS ON TTPI MATTERS

1. JEROME SHESTACK, CHAIRMAN OF THE INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE FOR WAR THE RIGHTS OF MAN. HAS SUBMITTED A REQUEST TO THE COMMITTEE OF 24 FOR A HEARING ON THE TRUST TERRITORY. THE PETITION COMPLAINS ABOUT ASSERTEDLY DILATORY TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL CIRCULATION OF INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE STATEMENTS ON THE TTPIT BUT PROVIDES NO INFORMATION ON THE SUBJECTS ON WHICH THE LEAGUE WISHES A HEARING. THE COMMITTEE OF 24 ADOPTED THE REPORT OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE ON PETITIONS (A/AC.109/L1085) RECOMMENDING APPROVAL OF THE ABOVE REQUEST ON JUNE 8. WE BELIEVE CONSIDERATION SHOULD BE GIVEN TO OUR DRAWING ATTENTION TO THE FACT THAT THE CHARTER VESTS ALL UN FUNCTIONS WITH RESPECT TO THE TTPI IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL (AND, BY DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY, THE TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL), NOT IN

RESEARCH REVEALS AT LEAST ONE OTHER OCCASION ON WHICH

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND ITS COMMITTEE OF 24.

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THE COMMITTEE OF 24 HEARD MICRONESIAN PETITIONERS; ON JUNE 4, 1971, IT HEARD LAZARUS SALI AND EKPAP SILK, THE CO-CHAIRMEN OF THE THEN JOINT COMMITTEE ON THE FUTURE STATUS OF MICRONESIA. WHILE WE FILED NO WRITTEN PROTEST, AMBASSADOR BENNETT AT THE SAME TIME HAD DISCUSSIONS WITH THE THEN CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE OF 24, NAVA CARILLO OF VENEZUELA, EXPLAINING OUR CHARTER-BASED OBJECTIONS TO THE COMMITTEE'S SENDING A VISITING MISSION TO MICRONESIA.

3. IN VIEW OF POLITICAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENTS IN MICRONESIA AND THE GREATER PROMINENCE WHICH TTPI MATTERS WILL BE HAVING IN THE TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL FRAMEWORK, WE SUGGEST THE DEPARTMENT CONSIDER WHETHER IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE TO MAKE A PROTEST FOR THE RECORD IN CONNECTION WITH THE INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE'S REQUEST FOR A HEARING: A LETTER ALONG THE FOLLOWING LINES MIGHT BE SENT:

BEGIN QUOTE DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN.

I AM WRITING TO YOU CONCERNING A PETITION ADDRESSED TO THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE SITUATION WITH REGARD TO THE GRANTING OF INDEPENDENCE TO COLONIAL COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE FOR THE RIGHTS OF MAN. THIS PETITION, CONTAINED IN DOCUMENT A/AC.109/PET.1263, REQUESTS A HEARING BEFORE THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE IN CONNECTION WITH THE TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS.

I WOULD LIKE RESPECTFULLY TO DRAW YOUR ATTENTION
TO THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 83, PARAGRAPH 1, OF THE CHARTER
ACCORDING TO WHICH "ALL FUNCTIONS OF THE UNITED NATIONS
RELATING TO STRATEGIC AREAS...SHALL BE EXERCISED BY THE
SECURITY COUNCIL." BY RESOLUTION 70 (1949) THE SECURITY
COUNCIL REQUESTED THE TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL TO PERFORM IN
ACCORDANCE WITH ITS OWN PROCEDURES, ON BEHALF OF THE SECURITY
COUNCIL, THE FUNCTIONS SPECIFIED IN ARTICLES 87, AND 88 OF
THE CHARTER RELATING TO THE POLITICAL, ECONOMIC SOCIAL AND
EDUCATIONAL ADVANCEMENT OF THE INHABITANTS OF SUCH STRACEGIC
AREAS" AND INSTRUCTED THE SECRETARY-GENERAL...TO ADVISE THE
SECURITY COUNCIL OF ALL REPORTS AND PETITIONS RECEIVED FROM
OR RELATING TO STRATEGIC AREAS UNDER TRUSTEESHIP, AND TO SEND
COPIES THEREOF, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER RECEIPT, TO THE

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TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL FOR EXAMINATION AND REPORT TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL."

IT MAY BE NOTED, INCIDENTALLY, THAT THE INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE FOR THE RIGHTS OF MAN HAS REQUESTED A HEARING BEFORE THE TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL DURING ITS FORTHCOMING SESSION, SEE T/PET.10/101 AND ALSO T/PET.10/100. THERE IS NO REASON TO ANTICIPATE THAT THIS REQUEST WILL NOT BE GRANTED.

IN VIEW OF ARTICLE 83 OF THE CHARTER, I WOULD LIKE TO PLACE ON RECORD THE VIEW OF THE UNITED STATES THAT THE GRANTING OF A HEARING BY THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON MATTERS INVOLVING THE TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS IS NOT CONSTITUTIONALLY APPROPRIATE.

YOURS SINCERELY.

ALBERT W. SHERER, JR. ACTING

END QUOTE. SHERER

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