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PETITION FROM MS. MARY BYE, FRIENDS PEACE COMMITTEE, CONCERNING  
THE TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS

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27 May 1973

Secretary Trusteeship Council  
United Nations Plaza  
New York City

Friends Peace Committee has asked me to send you the enclosed petition with the hope that it will be presented to the Trusteeship Council for the 5 June hearings on Micronesia. Some of our members plan to be present and one of us would be happy to present a statement, similar to the petition, but perhaps expanded somewhat.

(Signed) Mary BYE

Enclosure

27 May 1973

Friends Peace Committee opposes the Pacific Atoll Cratering Experiments planned for Eniwetok Atoll, Micronesia because they will:

1. Violate the Agreement announced by Ambassador Haydn Williams in April 1972 that the island would be returned to its exiled inhabitants; and
2. Violate the United States commitments under the United Nations Charter and the Trusteeship Agreement. These binding obligations include acceding to the wishes of the Micronesian people, preparing them for self-government, and "protecting them against the loss of their lands and resources".

The Pacific Atoll Cratering Experiments are a symbol of the militarization of Micronesia in opposition to the express wishes of the inhabitants. It is clear to me as well as to the people of Eniwetok that the tests will cause environmental damages which will delay the return of the Eniwetokese to their island home. The experiments will scatter radioactive debris. The residus from nuclear devices detonated in the 40's and 50's. They will dig craters big enough for boat harbors, disrupt fishing for an indefinite period and possibly damage the fresh water level.

We understand that some Micronesians are coming to the Trusteeship Council meeting on 5 June. We trust that they will have the opportunity to speak to the gathering. Friends Peace Committee petitions the United Nations Trusteeship Council to consider the problems created by the continuing militarization. We petition the United Nations Trusteeship Council to insist that the United States Government offer appropriate reparations to the Micronesians who have suffered past personal and property damage. We petition the United Nations Trusteeship Council to demand that the United States meet its commitments to its Trust Territory in general; and to protect the people of Eniwetok in particular from environmental damage to their homeland by calling off the Pacific Atoll Cratering Experiments.

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