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The following is the text of the 1967 United Nations Day message by the President of the Trusteeship Council, Dr. Angie Brooks of Liberia.

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Dr. Angie Brooks of Liberia has sent a United Nations Day message to the Trust Territory.

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"In commemoration of the twenty-second anniversary of the founding of the United Nations, I am very happy to extend to the Peoples and Governments of the Trust Territories of the Pacific Islands, Nauru and New Guinea, my warmest greetings and best wishes for their happiness and welfare.

Marshalls

"Of the original eleven Trust Territories, eight have already fulfilled the aims set forth for them in the Charter of the United Nations. Only three --all Pacific Islands Territories--have still to complete their progress. At its thirty-fourth session held during June this year, the Trusteeship Council was pleased to note that as regards the Trust Territory of Nauru, although further negotiations were still to be carried out between the Administering Authority and the representatives of the people of Nauru, the Council closed with the knowledge and understanding that Nauru would become independent by 31 January 1968. I had the occasion then to express my personal hope and feeling that this Trust Territory would achieve the goals

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"During the last session, we were happy to have in our midst representatives of the people of these Territories: Head Chief Hammer DeRoburt; and Councillors, James Atagan Bop and B. Detudamo of Nauru; Mr. Zure Zurecnuoc and Mr. Edric Eupu of the elected House of Assembly of Papua and New Guinea; and Mr. Lazarus Salii and Mr. Amata Kabua, elected members of the Congress of Micronesia.

"In the other two Trust Territories, steps have been taken towards the achievement of Article 76 b of the Charter, and in accordance with the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples.

"This past year, the Council dispatched a mission to the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands. I had the pleasure of being the Chairman of that mission. In our report we said that the problems of Micronesia were very special and very considerable, but we were confident that the Trust Territory would show rapid progress in many fields.

"In New Guinea the House of Assembly has been enlarged and it is expected that a larger proportion of indigenous representatives will result when general elections are held in that Territory in March 1968.

"May I reiterate what past presidents of the Councils have said? We in the United Nations and especially the Trusteeship Council are watching with the most sympathetic interest as you, the people of the Trust Territories, strive toward the goals of Chapter XII of the Charter of the United Nations and the Declaration on the Granting

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of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples; that is, to transfer all powers to the peoples of the Trust Territories without any conditions or reservations in accordance with their freely expressed will and desire without any distinction as to race, creed or colour, in order to enable them to enjoy complete independence and freedom. We will do all in our power to help you achieve your aspirations for your future well-being in accordance with your freely expressed wishes."

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