IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECLARATION ON THE GRANTING OF
INDEPENDENCE TO COLONIAL COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES

Letter dated 28 January 1969 from the Permanent Representative of
Australia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you that
Australia has decided to withdraw from membership of the General Assembly's Special
Committee on the Situation with Regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on
the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples.

As you know Australia has been a member of the Special Committee since it was
first constituted in January 1962, since which time there have been a number of
changes in the membership of the Committee.

Australia will, of course, continue to submit information on Territories under
its administration in accordance with its obligations under the Charter and will be
prepared to attend meetings of the Special Committee, at the Committee's
invitation, when such information on Australian Territories is being discussed.

I should be grateful if you would bring the text of this letter to the
attention of the President of the General Assembly.

(Signed) Patrick SHAW

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