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Dear George:

This is to follow up on our letter, dated January 8, 1992, asking that the Federal Communications Commission consider the possible designation of at least two (2) additional channels in the 156 -157 MHz frequency range to COMMERCIAL/NON-COMMERCIAL (Intership & ship-coast). We also suggested redesignating Channel 9 (156.450) to CALLING (Intership & ship-coast).

As previously stated, we are in no position to suggest which channels might be designated. However, we respectfully ask that they not be channels which are currently designated NON-COMMERCIAL. These channels are particularly cluttered during times when the Quick Response Marine Assistance Industry needs reasonably uncluttered communications to conduct its SAR, towing and salvage operations. Also, the industry in its operations must deal with disabled vessels which are at great distances (VHF wise), again necessitating reasonably uncluttered channels if we are able to safely service these vessels. The NON-COMMERCIAL channels are, as a practical matter, unusable to our membership and should be avoided.

We appreciate your consideration of this matter. Please feel free to contact me if we can be of assistance.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey Smith  
Executive Director

JS/bq