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From: Darlene Khosrowpour <Darlene.Khosrowpour@natinst.com>
To: A16.A16(rm8775)
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It has come to my attention that Ma Bell and Company are trying to put a halt to or restrictions to the Internet Phone Technology. I empathize with the Telephone companies' worries over this new technology. They figure that this technology will reduce their profits and then they will have to lay off thousands of people.

True - we don't need to place more people out of a job and we don't want to do that. However, we can NOT and should NOT halt the growth of technology as important as Internet for fear that companies will lose profits. What does that tell us about the Free Market? The purpose of this growth should be to send a message to the Telephone Industry that they need to update their outdated technology. They have the option to obsolete the twisted-wire technology of the 20th century and replace it with fiber for the 21st century. Yes, it is expensive! But, technology will march onward without them and they need to get in step. As for the possible job layoffs, they can switch careers if Ma Bell refuses to update herself.

We are approaching the turn of the century. Not too many of us lived during the last turn of the century, but judging from our history books, we underwent a similar change - the Industrial Revolution. Didn't it make our lives better? Though we may not see the level of the change as similar, people of the late 1800's and early 1900's must have felt as overwhelmed as we do with our new Internet technology changing OUR lives. That was a major industrialization change. Now we're facing a major technological change - the Technological Revolution. Watch out - it's the end of the world!

I'm speaking of changes - industrial, technological. What is the nature of our lives? - CHANGE. We are animals of change, yet when we do experience change, we fight it! What's the reason for it? Some people are so uncomfortable with change, they try to hold back technology. Remember the Dark Ages?

I do admit that there were problems that came with the Industrial Revolution, but it solved some problems as well. Nothing is ever perfect. Perhaps we know enough to minimize the problems by addressing them now - which is what we should do. The Technological Revolution will have a social effect as did the Industrial Revolution though it may not be as dramatic. We shouldn't be afraid that Internet Phone is going to create problems. The main thing to keep in mind is that new problems caused by "change" can be solved.

I remember in the early 1980's when Ma Bell's monopoly was broken and other carriers were allowed to "muscle" in on the business. What was the reason? To motivate Free Market and to allow free competition? No! At least, from my standpoint and the company for whom I worked, it was to help motivate a stagnant industry, and to create opportunities for technological advances. I don't mean that there haven't been technological advances but the underlying technology is still out-dated.

Another point is that the present phone service will outlive it's usefulness unless they try to look into the future and redirect their business to meet the new demands of the people. This technology really didn't just sneak up on them. Internet was just considered the

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domain of the geeks and nerds. In my opinion, people didn't realize the power of the Internet and its associated technological changes so they didn't have the foresight to plan for something like Internet Phone.

Now, let me just say that Ma Bell and Company's attempt to put a halt to Internet Phone or to slow its growth in any way is way out of line. We need the growth and we want Internet phone. The nature of the Telecommunications industry must change. They should not be allowed to hold us back in a type of Technological Dark Age.

Please be careful in your considerations!

Sincerely,
Darlene Khosrowpour

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From: <spencer@loop.com>
To: A4.A4(FCCMAIL)
Date: 4/14/96 2:06am
Subject: Educational Television

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Dear Mr. Hundt:

I am writing concerning a standard for educational programming which is required to be broadcast by television networks. From reading studies, and from my own casual viewing, I find that what the networks pass off as "educational programming" is anything but that. Most shows that I have seen are thinly veiled (if veiled at all) marketing vehicles for toys.

I urge you to do what is within your power to have the networks bring their educational programming to a well intentioned and higher standard.

Yours,
Spencer Krull

Spencer Krull
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From: Dale Hoskisson <HOSKISSO@VM1.NoDak.EDU>
To: A16.A16(rm8775)
Date: 4/16/96 5:13pm
Subject: Internet Phone

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I wish to voice my belief that it is absurd to stop free calls on the internet. Our phone system is outdated now and to ban phonecalls on the net would be a g reat step backwards. I have no doubt that such calls will be banned because the corporations that oppose it are too powerful. However it will be a mistake for our ultimate economic survival. We not only need to make the phone calls avail abale on the net but we need to make the internet available to everyone even mo re than we have made phones available.

Please consider the ultimate outcome of any such decision.

Thank you,
Sincerely,

Dale Y. Hoskisson

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From: John Parnell <jp@exis.net>
To: A16.A16(rm8775)
Date: 4/14/96 11:08am
Subject: Regulation of phone chat.

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Well, well - how does Internet voice chat differ from CB radio except that using the Internet does not deprive anyone of finite frequencies. You have squeezed and lessened the requirements for Ham to the point it is little better than CB channel 9. I am still a licensed Ham but your rules have so diluted the hobby that I can no longer enjoy meaningful interaction.

The time I have spent on the Internet, chatting around the world is like Ham of the 50's and 60's. Just look at the voice chat phone books, the number of Ham call signs. Meaningful discussions on every continent with BOTH men and women. I am learning French from a young lady as we chat each night.

These calls are not for business, nor are they people I already know. In case you haven't noticed - this world is getting smaller each day. The closer the citizens of countries interact, the better the life will be for my 2 great grandchildren. When will governments learn that they cannot legislate to keep technology from "We the people". Your job is to protect us from business and protect the misuse of radio frequency. Will you also legislate what and how Mrs. Fields Cookie Co. and WalMart communicates via satellite with 1000's of stores each day.

If your rules are enacted, then only those in the USA will be prevented from using voice chat on internet. You will be laughed at around the world - as we all hear daily about USA's silly encryption fiasco. Even our largest corporations use the long encryption in spite of NSC. Grow up mentally BIG BROTHER. You are servants of the people - not AT&T's lackeys.

John Parnell

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From: Steve 'flaco' O'Barr <STEPHEN.OBARR@ASU.Edu>
To: A16.A16(rm8775)
Date: 4/14/96 12:05pm
Subject: telephony over internet

the fcc would be foolish to regulate (other than illegal acts) telephony over the internet. one because you couldn't stop it. there is no way to know that someone is using the software (which will be around independent of the fcc's ruling) due to the nature of the transmission.

second, it would hinder private industry from developing important telecommunications software which benefits society as a whole.

lets keep the internet an open use of communication so people all around the world will benefit. i've made friends on every continent thanks to freenet!

so there!

chau

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From: Frank Soltész <fasoltesz@www.megahits.com>
To: A16.A16(rm8775)
Date: 4/14/96 1:52pm
Subject: Net Phoning

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I have just read that the FCC may rule to stop free internet phone access. I am writing this to ask that the FCC ALLOW FREE INTERNET PHONE ACCESS! This new access to the internet has not even begun yet and already the phone companies are asking for regulation to make themselves even richer. This new technology should be allowed to grow before any regulation is put in place.

PLEASE DO NOT REGULATE!

Thank you,
Frank Soltész

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From: Stephen DeLoach <deloach@major.cei.net>
To: A17.A17(kwerbach)
Date: 4/12/96 11:00pm
Subject: Internet Telephone

Dear Mr. Werbach,

I understand that you are the one at the FCC who is working on the New Petition by ACTA concerning regulation of Internet Phone Programs.

I hope that the public will prevail here for several reasons.

First off, most of the programs will NEVER replace long distance entirely due to the fact that these programs are not dependable. There is often static, and the connection depends on too many variables for the phone company to really be threatened.

Secondly, this is a wonderful hobby. It enables people to meet other people, much like a Ham radio, from all over the world. I have had an opportunity to meet people literally all over the world. These are not people I normally would have called, nor are they people I would have ever met.

Please consider that there are scores of people who use this and do so only on a recreational basis.

I would welcome a chance to talk to you further. You can E-Mail me at 73300.76@compuserve.com.

Thanks so much.

Yours truly,
Steve DeLoach

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From: Brian Ott <darkmaj@exis.net>
To: A17.A17(kwerbach)
Date: 4/13/96 1:27am
Subject: Internet Communications

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I understand the telephone companies wanting to ban long distance calling over the net, the reasons for this are as green as money. Any effort to break the communications monopoly would meet strong resistance as a matter of course. I would simply like to say that this form of interaction between people is what the net is all about, it may decrease profits for the telephone companies slightly but will not replace talking on the phone. It also allows people who could not talk to one another due to cost constraints communicate and share ideas. please don't allow our freedom and burgeoning world village to be compromised in the name of greed. I oppose this measure or any other which restricts the basic rights of free speech. Thank you for your time.

Brian Ott
Concerned Net Citizen.

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From: Danny Jarrell <dannyjar@lightspeed.net>
To: A17.A17(kwerbach)
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Subject: Rulemaking No. 3775

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Dear Mr. Werbach:

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My name is Danny Jarrell and I am concerned about the governments interest in regulating phone services via the internet. I have 2 teenage boys both of whom are still in school. More than once 1 of them has done a report for school on a different country and by being able to talk to someone from that country it has improved their understanding of that country,what people in that country are concerned about,and general information that they could not find in reference books on the subject. I realize that I am just 1 person and that that doesn't count for much,but never-the-less I am asking you to fight the regulating of the internet. I feel that the internet came into being by individual persons for the good of all. At the time the internet was being set up the "big cats" of business wanted nothing to do with it, but now that they understand the possibilities of the whole thing they what total control over it. Since they cannot get that control by themselves they are now having the government do it for them. Please do not allow to be taking away what was established for the use of all persons.

Thank You For Your Time

Sincerely

Danny R. Jarrell

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From: M.A. <mx149@pgh.net>
To: A17.A17(kwerbach)
Date: 4/15/96 5:11pm
Subject: Please help the "little people!"

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Dear Mr. Werbach,

Somehow I just KNEW that the ACTA=92s petition to stop companies from sel= ling software and=20 hardware products that enable use of the Internet to voice long distance = services was=20 coming! I could quote you some of the ludicrous reasons that the ACTA is= giving for trying=20 to halt Internet Telephony, but I am sure that you already know all of th= eir reasons. The=20 ONE reason that is NOT in the petition is The Almighty Buck! Please do n= ot let BIG=20 BUSINESS do this to us! Please help to keep the Internet free from the g= iant, money hungry=20 monster corporations that are afraid of it.

Sincerely,

M.A. Fricano mx149@pgh.net

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From: Adam J. Richter <adam@yggdrasil.com>
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Subject: Comments on potential FCC regulation of internet services

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To whom it may concern:

These are my comments about ACTA's request that the FCC attempt to regulate internet access services. I own a four person company that publishes software from the internet: Yggdrasil Computing, Inc. Yggdrasil shares a high speed "T1" internet connection with another company in our building for the past two years. I have been using the internet for over a decade.

I am opposed FCC regulation of the internet.

It is important to realize that the telephone business is essentially based on computer technology. While the prices of most computer hardware and software products have fallen by orders of magnitude in the past two decades, prices for telephony services and equipment have dropped very little, and then almost entirely in areas that are unregulated or have been deregulated. The internet is a new paradigm that will eventually replace the existing telephone system because it reduces the inefficiency inherent in the current regulatory environment. Allowing internet services to carry voice traffic will put some much need pressure on the existing RBOC's to adjust their prices and settlement charges to remain competitive.

In addition, FCC regulation of the internet raises serious first amendment issues, since it is essentially regulation based on content and there is no scarce resource involved as the case is with analog radio spectrum.

Finally, there is the fact that the internet is an international resource, not unlike the air or the open seas. When local governments, such as the United States of America, attempt to regulate the internet there is a serious question of whether they have jurisdiction to do so.

Sincerely,

Adam J. Richter
President
Yggdrasil Computing, Incorporated

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Regarding the ACTA petition, please consider that your actions will lead the world on how other countries respond. Whatever regulations you enact will probably be used as just a base regulation in other countries for further controlling of the Internet.

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