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**RTV CHICAGO** is providing a variety of Russian language television programming produced *specifically* for the Russian speaking community in Mid-West. The programming areas include:

- ↳ Local & International News
- ↳ Family Programs
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- ↳ Public News & Affairs Aimed at Events Concerning the Local Community
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**EXHIBIT 17**

**DESCRIPTION OF *KONTAKT* PROGRAM**



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November 15, 1996

Peter Zomaya, Vice President, WFBI TV Chicago  
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Dear Peter;

We are the producers of KONTAKT Ukrainian TV Magazine a one hour TV show which airs weekly on Channel 23 in Chicago since November 1994. KONTAKT's unique mission is twofold: first, to keep the North-American Ukrainian community connected with events unfolding in Ukraine and secondly, to keep the various Ukrainian communities in North-America connected to each other. The show is hosted by television personality Ola Szczuryk and professionally produced using today's state of the art digital technologies.

KONTAKT starts with a greeting from the show's host who outlines the upcoming features and leads into current news from Ukraine. Next is a feature news story dealing in depth with a current issue arising in Ukraine.

The following segment is " the Ukrainian Global Village " that features current events from the various Ukrainian communities in North-America. The host for the Chicago Ukrainian community is Natalia Chimiak-Kulas who presents a weekly report on the community life of the over 50,000 strong Ukrainians in that city.

The next segment is the show's feature story. An example of the topics covered would be the feature coverage of the annual CUNA achievement awards in Washington, DC, where the 1996 winner was Bohdan Watral CEO of the Selfreliance Ukrainian Federal Credit Union in Chicago.

This is followed by an arts and culture segment. Recent stories have been the 25 Anniversary of the Ukrainian Modern Art Institute in Chicago and the Gala concert on occasion of the 45th anniversary of Selfreliance in Chicago.

The show continues with a youth and children's segments featuring coverage of educationally oriented issues (summer camp in Baraboo, activities at St. Nicholas Ukr. Catholic School, youth participation in the Olympics, etc.).

The show comes up to the end of its one hour programming with a community events calendar which gives the viewer an overview of the upcoming community events in the Chicago area. KONTAKT signs off with our show host bidding everyone a prosperous week and closes with a musical number featuring a prominent Ukrainian performer or performance group such as the Hromovytzia Dance Troup from Chicago.

KONTAKT is at the beginning of its fifth year of programming and already reaches most Ukrainians in North-America with various broadcast centers throughout Canada and the USA. We are proud to be also serving and including in our coverage the vibrant Ukrainian community in Chicago.

Yours truly,  
Julia Kulas

## Faces and Places

by Myron B. Kuropas

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### Kontakt connects the community

You've seen their ad in The Ukrainian Weekly and Canada's Ukrainian News many times. The headline reads: "Modern Technology Linking Our Communities Together. North America's Ukrainian TV offers news from Ukraine, a kids' corner, a youth segment, as well as information about travel, entertainment, business, sports." It advertises "Kontakt," an innovative program that truly delivers on its promise. "Kontakt" connects. All of us. Not yet, but soon.

Now that "Kontakt" is a household word throughout many North American Ukrainian communities, where does the program go from here?

First, "Kontakt" plans to expand to Vancouver, Montreal, Ottawa, Detroit, Philadelphia, Florida, Washington and Cleveland. The next major step is a weekly broadcast to Ukraine.

Impossible, you say? Perhaps. But think of this. "Kontakt" got started in 1992 in only two markets, Toronto and New York. By 1994, "Kontakt" was producing 42 original shows per year, with 10 re-runs in the summer. Annual costs included \$380,000 for the Toronto operation and \$275,000 for New York.

Today the program airs in southern Ontario, the New York-New Jersey area, Chicago, Winnipeg, Thunder Bay, Saskatoon and Edmonton. Actually, it is transmitted by satellite across northern Canada from coast to coast with plans for similar expansion to the United States.

How is it that "Kontakt" has connected so well with the Ukrainian public in North America, while other organizations, institutions, programs and individuals in our community are struggling? There are three major reasons.

The first is a clear mission. Knowing what one wants to accomplish is the first step in any successful venture. According to Jurij R. Klufas, "Kontakt's" executive producer, "our mission is to use the most effective media of influence and communication in a professional manner to tie and link our various communities together into one 'global village.'" Mr. Klufas believes our communities exist as "independent islands." The aim of "Kontakt" is to serve as a vehicle for promoting familiarity among all communities.

A second reason "Kontakt" is so successful is professional personnel. Knowing where one wants to go is one

Chicago and Edmonton.

Finally, there is the technical crew, the people who work behind the scenes to make it all come together. Marklan Radomsky, Arko Rymarczyk and Petro Hordylan work as editors with state-of-the-art digital computer editing facilities. Ihor Krut is "Kontakt's" newest cameraman. Local producers express mail local footage to Toronto, where it is edited and inserted into the final one-hour TV segment. Ihor Klufas produces the news from Ukraine, which comes to "Kontakt" weekly from state TV in Ukraine. He is also the executive director of the Ukrainian Media Center and handles the distribution of the program throughout North America.

A third reason "Kontakt" connects is its sponsorship of various community projects and events. "Kontakt" helped produce the feature video "Ukraine: The Land and Its People" in 1992 and "Ukraine's Olympic Debut" in 1994. The program also has served as media sponsor of the annual "Kontakt" Children's Festival in Toronto, Ukrainian Day at Ontario Place, the Verkhovyna Festival in Glen Spey, N.Y., the annual "Kontakt" Cup Baseball Tournament, and the New "Kontakt" Cup Ice Hockey Tournament.

According to Ukrainian News, 10 teams competed for the "Kontakt" Hockey Cup in 1995. Included were the Detroit Hetmany, the New York Kozaks, the Montreal Ukes and Chicago's Black and Blue. Following elimination rounds, the championship game was between Halenda's Oshawa and ODUM Toronto. The final score was 6-3 in favor of Halenda's Oshawa.

In 1994, "Kontakt" sponsored a television commercial scriptwriting contest for teenagers in each of its markets. Twenty-two young adults won a flight to Ukraine and a cruise along the Dnipro River and the Black Sea. Students in Ukraine participated in a similar contest sponsored by the Chervona Ruta Cruise Co. and were on the ship along with the North American winners. Air Ukraine also was one of the sponsors.

A more recent "Kontakt" project was the first ever Ukrainian telethon for "Help Us Help the Children of Chernobyl Canadian Fund." Over \$80,000 was raised.

Finally, "Kontakt" provides our community with valuable news and commen-

...one reason "Kontakt" is so successful is professional personnel. Knowing where one wants to go is one thing. Getting there, however, requires talented people who know how to get there.

"Kontakt" has a team that includes, in addition to Mr. Klufas, Dia Szczuryk, a TV professional who is both an entertainment host on mainstream TV and a regular in TV commercials. Ms. Szczuryk gives "Kontakt" an elegant touch of class. Then there is Adrian Tanchuk, a 19-year-old first-year student of radio and television at Ryerson Polytechnical Institute in Toronto. Mr. Tanchuk provides the show with youthful appeal and a sense of humor. Yulla Drozdowsky is host for the children's segment and is working hard to bring the youngest segment of our community into the "Kontakt" fold. The congenial Michael Curry is the entertainment host.

Lidia Prokop, Natalia Chiniak-Kulas and Katrusia Lubach serve as reporters and hosts, respectively, in New York,

ruised.

Finally, "Kontakt" provides our community with valuable news and commentary. Panel discussions on a variety of topics and personal interviews with significant Ukrainians are an integral part of "Kontakt" broadcasts. They provide the kind of information our community needs if we are to move into the 21st century.

Vision, a dedicated, competent and self-confident staff, and creative ideas are the secrets behind "Kontakt's" current success. For me, the fact that such an enterprise has not only survived but appears to be thriving is a reason to rejoice. Ukrainian youth is involved, monies are being raised, and our community is benefiting.

"Kontakt" is one enterprise that deserves the support of all Ukrainians in North America. It is no longer a shoe-string operation surviving from day to day. "Kontakt" already plays an important role in our community. It promises to become even more significant in the future.

**EXHIBIT 18**

**DESCRIPTION OF *UKRAINIAN MELODY HOUR* PROGRAM**

# Ukrainian



## Melody

## Hour

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 Director and Producer Concerts — Events 529-7606

Washington — New York — Baltimore — Newark — Philadelphia — Miami — Scranton

November 13, 1996

Mr. Peter Zomaya  
 Vice President  
 General Sales Manager  
 WFBB-TV, Ch. 23  
 Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mr. Zomaya:

I'm the producer of the "Ukrainian Melody Hour", the first Ukrainian TV program in the United States and in diaspora, which airs Saturdays, from 12:00 to 12:30 noon and Sundays, from 6:30 to 7:00 a.m. on Channel 23, WFBB-TV in Chicago since 1993.

"Ukrainian Melody Hour" with a great success airs Ukrainian songs, music and dances as well customs performed by the best groups and individual talents from Ukraine and other European countries, United States and Canada, including local from Chicago, historical and local Chicago events, and the 10-12 minutes News produced in Ukraine, United States and Chicago with interviews and commentaries by the well known Ukrainian Reporters. Each week we also include a public service segment of local in nature, church and other public announcements.

Our program is watched not only by the Ukrainian American viewers, but other ethnics with a great interest.

Mr. Edzio Dombrowski of Carneys Point writes on March 12, 1996:

Dear Mr. Marynowych: I never miss the Ukrainian Melody Hour. In my opinion it is the best program on television. Although I am 100% Polish descent, I love the Ukrainian people, customs, Divine Liturgies, singing and dancing, I especially look forward to your closing of the program which usually features fabulous Ukrainian dancers. I could watch your program for hours at a time. Why is the program so short while other ethnics groups have much longer air time? Hopefully, I pray that some day it will be extended for at least one hour.

Miss Sabrina Dubisse of Sewell writes: I'm 14 and I love to watch the show. I watch the Ukrainian Melody Hour every Sunday. I watch it, it really flies by. I wish the show could be extended to one hour. I love the music on the Ukrainian Melody Hour. It's very interesting to watch, and I love it.

This is my information for you about my program "Ukrainian Melody Hour" aired in Chicago, New York, Philadelphia and Lviv (Ukraine) - forty one years, since 1955 in existence.

Respectfully yours,

*Roman V. Marynowych*  
 Roman V. Marynowych

**EXHIBIT 19**

**STATEMENTS IN SUPPORT OF LOW POWER CHANNEL 23 PROGRAMMING**

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ISAAC TOMA  
President

November 18, 1996

MR PETER ZOMAYA  
VICE PRESIDENT  
GENERAL SALES MANAGER  
WFBT-TV CHICAGO  
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CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60661

Dear Mr. Zomaya:

We strongly support the efforts of WFBT-TV, Channel 23 in Chicago. Channel 23 is the only television station in the Chicago area that services the multi-cultural communities with local programming which provides local, national, and international news, children's programming, panel discussions, public affairs, variety, music, etc., in our native language.

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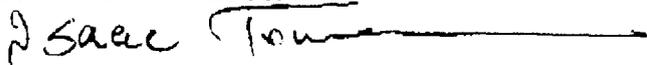
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Our day to day needs are accommodated by the services this station has provided for the past several years. It is incumbent upon the governing agencies to protect the special services that most media do not provide. Our community would not have any source to display our culture which we feel America is about.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

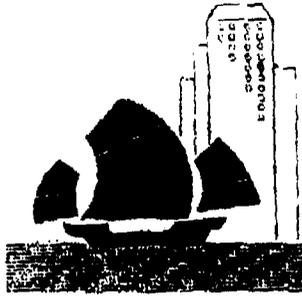
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HONG KONG CLUB

November 13, 1996

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Director of Hong Kong Club

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "David Yip Chiu".



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Dear Mr. Zomaya:

I am pleased to provide you with my comments regarding the excellent Taiwan-related programming that WFBT-TV Chicago, Channel 23, regularly broadcasts to the community.

Countless Chinese-speaking residents in the Chicago area benefit from the Taiwan-oriented news and entertainment programs which air nightly and on Sunday afternoons. These programs, which are broadcast in Chinese, keep many local viewers informed about events in the homeland and worldwide. Such programs also reach people who may not read or subscribe to newspapers.

International Audio Visual Communications (IAVC), which supplies WFBT-TV with satellite-news programs that are produced daily in the Republic of China on Taiwan, also covers special events. For example, WFBT-TV provided extended coverage on October 10 of the Republic of China's National Day celebrations in addition to IAVC's regular news program.

Through its Taiwan-oriented and satellite-news programs, WFBT-TV in March 1996 provided the Chicago area's Chinese-speaking viewers with updates on mainland Chinese military exercises and missile tests that were conducted dangerously close to Taiwan. Viewers also followed broadcasts of the Republic of China's first-ever direct presidential election. Although both events received network-television coverage, I believe WFBT-TV's coverage offered greater depth and reached a wider Chinese audience than the networks' coverage could do.

I hope this letter adequately conveys the tremendous merits of WFBT-TV's Taiwan-oriented programming and my personal appreciation for your station's efforts and record of service.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Eric Chiang".

Eric C. C. Chiang  
Director

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**NOV. 13, 1996**

**TO WHOMSOEVER IT MAY CONCERN**

This is to certify that we strongly support the efforts of WFBT-TV channel 23 which is the only television station in Chicago area that is giving us very effective and impressive service as it is multi-cultural in its character meeting the local demands of our Asian Indian communities with local programs providing local, national, and international news. They have various programs such as children's programs, panel discussion, public affairs, variety, music, drama and other educative programs in our native language.

It is our Indian Community's desire to maintain close ties to our heritage and to preserve our culture which is very ancient dating back to thousands of years. Channel 23 is the only source to serve our deep cherished desires. This is the only program we have and we will do anything to preserve this outlet for our people.

Channel 23 has helped the community by announcing our important events which deal with scholarship grants, awards to significant community leaders and it has great educational information which is very helpful to the student community. We need this outlet very much.

Pranam Bharath fulfills our day to day needs for the past few years. our community would not have any source to display our culture which we feel America is about.

Finally, channel 23 is one of the best Asian Indian T. V. Station which is appreciated by one and all. Every Indian watches this program with eagerness and feels at home away from home.

I wish success in all their endeavors and may God bless the T.V program mor and more so that it may be blessing to many more in the years to come.

I wish God's best and may it prosper day by day.

Yours Sincerely,

Rev. Dr. Jacob J. Agepog,  
Minister, DMTC



*Dr. Barbara L. Lin, D.D.S.*

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*Sincerely*  
*Barbara Lin*

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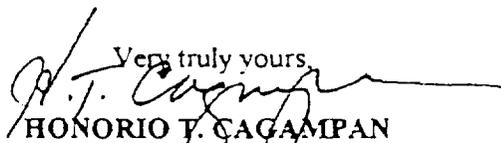
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Sir:

I wish to convey to you our appreciation and support for the efforts of WFBT-TV, Channel 23 in Chicago, the only television station in Chicago that services the multicultural communities with programming that provides local, national and international news, panel discussions, a talk show, public affairs, music and entertainment in Filipino.

The Filipino-American community in Chicago is a strong and vibrant one which maintains close ties to the homeland and its culture and heritage. WFBT-TV Channel 23 is the only source which provides the Filipino-American community with updated daily information on the Philippines. Channel 23 also has helped the Filipino-American community by announcing important events, such as scholarship grants, awards to community leaders, educational data and other vital information which would otherwise not have been efficiently disseminated. At the same time, we believe that Channel 23's programming contributes significantly to a greater understanding and appreciation for cultural diversity in Chicago.

Channel 23's importance to multicultural Chicago cannot be overemphasized. It is our hope that governing agencies will continue to support the special services which only Channel 23 provides.

Very truly yours,  
  
HONORIO T. CAGAMPAN  
Consul General

The Commissioner  
The Federal Communications Commission  
Washington, D.C.

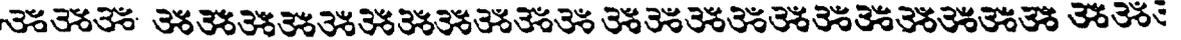
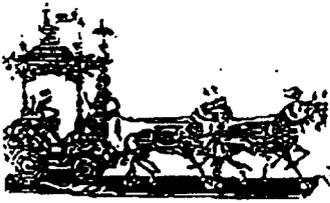
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WE STORNGLY SUPPORT THE EFFORTS OF WFBT-TV, CHANNEL 23 IN CHICAGO . CHANNEL 23 IS THE ONLY TELEVISION STATION IN THE CHICAGO AREA THAT SERVICES THE MULTI-CULTURAL COMMUNITIES WITH LOCAL PROGRAMMING WHICH PROVIDES LOCAL, NATIONAL, AND INTERNATIONAL NEWS, CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING, MUSIC, AND OTHER VARIETY ENTERTAINMENTS IN OUR NATIVE LANGUAGE.

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IT IS OUR COMMUNITY'S DESIRE TO MAINTAIN CLOSE TIES TO OUR HERTIAGE AND CULTURE-CHANNEL 23 IS THE ONLY SOURCE TO SERVE OUR NEEDS. THIS IS THE ONLY PROGRAMMING WE HAVE AND WE WANT TO PRESERVE THIS AT ANY COST .

CHANNEL 23 HAS HELPED THE COMMUNITY BY ANNOUNCING OUR IMPORTANT EVENTS WHICH DEAL WITH SCHOLARSHIP GRANTS, AWARDS TO SIGNIFICANT COMMUNITY LEADERS AND VITAL EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION. WE NEED THIS OUTLET IN CHICAGO.

OUR DAY TO DAY NEEDS ARE ACCOMMODATED BY THE SERVICES THIS STATION HAS PROVIDED FOR THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS, IT IS INCUMBENT UPON THE GOVERNING AGENCIES TO PROTECT THE SPECIAL SERVICES THAT MOST MEDIA DO NOT PROVIDE. OUR COMMUNITY WOULD NOT HAVE ANY SOURCE TO DISPLAY OUR CULTURE WHICH WE FEEL AMERICA ABOUT.

SINCERELY,

  
ANIL PILLAI,  
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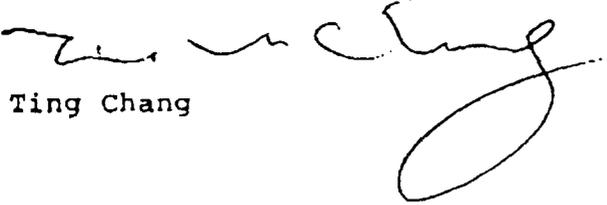
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Manager of Administration

  
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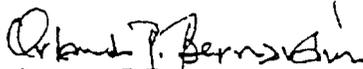
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*Publisher-Editor*

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NOVEMBER 13, 1996

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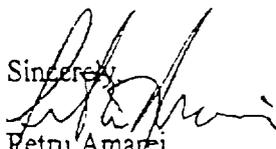
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Sincerely,



Petru Amarej

President, POE Corp.



November 13, 1996

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Sincerely,

Juan G. Gil

Client Service Director.



International TV News Correspondent

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ROMANIAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

October 15, 1996

Mr. Petru Amarei, President  
Christian Television Network  
4013 N. Milwaukee Suite 307  
Chicago, IL 60641

Dear Petru:

Thank you so much for the opportunity to tape a telecast with you in the interest of the Romanian Missionary Society. It was good for me to gain a better understanding of your vision and approach in serving the Romanian community at large in this area.

It is obvious that the Lord is blessing your efforts, and I applaud Jerry Rose for his making the studios available to you. I've known Jerry for many years, and he has hung in there through thick and thin.

You have some wonderful people working with you, and I enjoyed seeing those I knew before coming as well as getting acquainted with some new faces. This is a day when we need to life up our Lord and His gospel above all the differences which I call distinctives. Our differences with each other won't matter when we get on the other side, so they shouldn't matter here. People can be so narrow in their perspectives, I once heard a woman say about another preacher in town, "No doubt he will be in heaven, but I sure hope he doesn't live on my street." We smile at that, but it's a sad commentary on our attitudes in the Body of Christ.

Be faithful, brother! I look forward to another time when we can be together again.

Serving Christ with you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Darrel L. Anderson". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Darrel L. Anderson, Th.D.  
Executive Director

Consulate of H. K. Jordan  
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 المملكة الأردنية الهاشمية  
 في شيكاغو  
 الرقم :  
 التاريخ :

Peter Zomaya, Vice President,  
 General Sales Manager  
 WFBT Channel 23  
 26 North Halsted Street  
 Chicago Il. 60661

Date: 11/12/1996  
 Ref: CON/USA/OUT/126

Dear Mr. Zomaya,

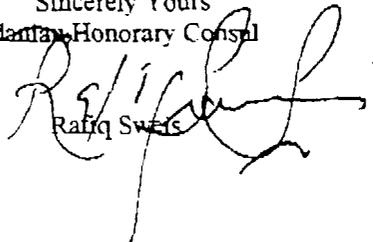
Thank you so much for your kind letter dated 11/08/1996 regarding the Arab Programming that airs on WFBT-TV. There is no question that such a program had a profound impact on the Arab Community in Chicago. For a long time, the Arab Community was longing to have a TV station that cater for their needs and address their own issues. The WFBT-TV was the first channel to broadcast a program in Arabic.

In addition to tackling issues that are of concern to the Arabic Community the program has its impact on the young Arab- American. made it possible for young Arab- American to relate to their Arabic culture and heritage. The Program also contributed to improving their Arabic language through the different program provided.

The Arab Program provided by the WFBT-TV was also crucial in terms of keeping the Arab-American Community informed about the different activities organized by different Arab Organization in Chicago. - It was a great pleasure for me to watch the interview made by Mr. Faisal Al-Hussaini during his visit to Chicago.

There is no doubt that the program was of great value to the Arab community. At the same time we look forward extending its timing for more hours and providing a variety of programs that are of interest to the Arab Community. Thank you so much for your services with best personal regards.

Sincerely Yours  
 Jordanian Honorary Consul

  
 Rafiq Sweis

11-13-1996 5:47PM

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# CROATIAN-AMERICAN ASSOCIATION

**ILLINOIS CHAPTER:**

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CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60608  
TELEPHONE: 312/890-1001  
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**NATIONAL OFFICE:**

818 18TH STREET, N.W.  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20006

November 13, 1996

TO: FCC

RE: WFBT-TV (CH. 23)  
CATV

To Whom It May Concern:

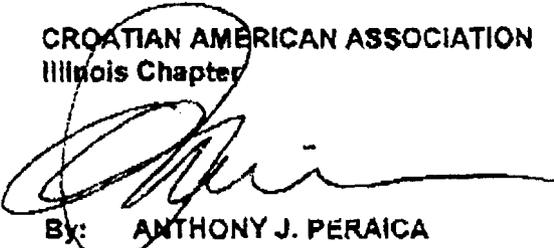
We are writing this letter to express our concern that WFBT-TV, Channel 23, Chicago, continue to operate in its usual manner. Croatian-Americans in the Chicagoland Area have come to rely upon WFBT-TV Channel 23 and its weekly program, CATV (Croatian-American Television), for local, national and international news, cultural programming, public affairs issues, music and variety in our native language. Without WFBT-TV and its commitment to the multi-cultural communities in our area, many Croatian-Americans would be without any television source for these important services.

Channel 23 has also helped our community by announcing our important events, such as cultural and educational events and availability of community services. The Croatian-American community NEEDS WFBT-TV Channel 23!

We request that all governing agencies protect the special services provided by WFBT-TV, and which are ignored by the media at-large. Without it, we would have no outlet to display our culture and to educate our children about their heritage.

Very truly yours,

CROATIAN AMERICAN ASSOCIATION  
Illinois Chapter



By: ANTHONY J. PERAICA  
CAA National President

**EXHIBIT 20**

**STATEMENT OF HONORABLE RICHARD M. DALEY  
IN SUPPORT OF LOW POWER CHANNEL 23 PROGRAMMING**

SENT BY:

11-18-96 : 4:55PM : OFFICE OF THE MAYOR-

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EXHIBIT 20

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
CITY OF CHICAGO

RICHARD M. DALEY  
MAYOR

November 18, 1996

To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing to express my support for the efforts of WFMT-TV, Channel 23 in Chicago.

Chicago is proud of its multi-cultural make-up. Channel 23 serves our city's many ethnic communities with local, national and international news, children's programming, panel discussions, public affairs, and entertainment broadcast geared to many cultures in their languages.

Channel 23 also addresses many of the day-to-day needs of our city, such as announcing scholarships, publicizing community leadership awards, and disseminating vital educational information. I am pleased to support the continuation of its license.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Richard M. Daley".

Mayor