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William F. Caton
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, N.W. - Room 222
Washington, D.C. 20554

Federal Communications Commission
Office of Secretary

**RE: Ex Parte Notice
CC Docket No. 96-149**

Dear Mr. Caton:

On December 2, 1996, Mary McDermott of USTA, Jeff Reynolds of ALLTEL, Whitney Hatch of GTE and Robert Orent of Hiawatha Telephone Company met with John Nakahata, Legal Assistant to Chairman Hundt. The group discussed the issues raised in this proceeding regarding the rules applicable to interstate long distance service offered by independent LECs. The positions discussed were those contained in USTA's comments and replies on these issues.

Because of the lateness of the meeting, this notice is being filed today. An original and one copy of this ex parte notice are being filed in the Office of the Secretary. Please include this notice in the public record of these proceedings.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary McDermott
Vice President -
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cc: John Nakahata
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