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

Re: **EX PARTE**
ET Docket No. 95-18

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS
COMMISSION
OFFICE OF SECRETARY

Dear Mr. Caton:

Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Federal Communications Commission's ("Commission") rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206, I hereby notify you that representatives of the 2 GHz MSS Coalition ("Coalition") met Friday January 10, 1997 with Commissioner Susan Ness and her legal advisor Anita Walgren; Commissioner Rachelle Chong and her advisors, Jane Mago and Suzanne Toller; and Rudy Baca, senior advisor to Commissioner James Quello. The Coalition, whose members are Celsat America, Inc. ("Celsat"), COMSAT Corporation ("COMSAT"), Hughes Space and Communication International ("Hughes"), ICO Global Communications ("ICO"), and Personal Communications Satellite Corporation ("PCSAT"), was represented by the following individuals: Chris Leder and Jack Hannon for COMSAT, Jennifer Smolker and John Janka for Hughes, David Otten and Toni Cook Bush for Celsat, Lon Levin for PCSAT, and Bob Phillips and Cheryl Tritt for ICO.

During the meeting, the parties discussed a number of issues raised in the Coalition's comments in the above-captioned proceeding. Specifically, the Coalition urged the Commission to:

- immediately allocate 70 MHz at 2 GHz¹ to be available for MSS by the year 2000;
- open a filing window for applications for all 70 MHz;

¹ The Coalition urges allocation of 1990-2025 MHz on a primary basis and 2165-2200 MHz on a co-primary basis.

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- reaffirm the importance of sharing spectrum whenever possible, and defer all issues regarding relocation of incumbent downlink users at 2 GHz and relocation costs to a further notice of proposed rule making when additional information on the prospects for sharing between MSS and other services will be available; and
- provide strong encouragement to the broadcast industry and to the MSS industry to explore spectrum allocation solutions to uplink issues at 2 GHz which are consistent with Administration and FCC policies to promote efficient use of spectrum.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206, an original and two copies of this letter are being submitted to the Office of the Secretary for inclusions in the public record. Please direct any questions or concerns to the undersigned.

Sincerely,



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cc: Commissioner James H. Quello
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