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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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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 Thursday, January 23, 1997 with Julius Genachowski, Chief Counsel to Chairman Reed E. Hundt. 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: Nancy Thompson for COMSAT; John Janka of Latham & Watkins for Hughes; Brian Weiner of Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom for Celsat; Bruce Jacobs of Fisher, Wayland, Cooper, Leader & Zaragoza, LLP for PCSAT; and Cheryl Tritt of Morrison & Foerster LLP 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 GHz<sup>1</sup> to be available for MSS by the year 2000;

<sup>1</sup> 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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- open a filing window for applications for all 70 MHz;
- 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,



Cheryl A. Tritt  
Counsel for ICO Global Communications

cc: Julius Genachowski