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Before the  
**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION**  
Washington, D.C. 20554

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In re Applications of	)	MM Docket No. 97-128
	)	
Martin W. Hoffman, Trustee-in-Bankruptcy for	)	File No. BRCT-881201LG
Astroline Communications Company	)	
Limited Partnership	)	
	)	
For Renewal of License of	)	
Station WHCT-TV, Hartford, Connecticut	)	
	)	
and	)	
	)	
Shurberg Broadcasting of Hartford	)	File No. BPCT-831202KF
	)	
For Construction Permit for a New	)	
Television Station to Operate on	)	
Channel 18, Hartford, Connecticut	)	

To: Administrative Law Judge  
John M. Frysiak

**MASS MEDIA BUREAU'S COMMENTS ON  
PETITION FOR EMERGENCY RELIEF AND STAY OF PROCEEDINGS**

1. On July 25, 1997, Richard P. Ramirez ("Ramirez")<sup>1</sup> filed a petition for emergency relief and stay of proceedings. The Mass Media Bureau submits the following comments in opposition.

2. This proceeding concerns the 1988 license renewal application of Martin W. Hoffman ("Hoffman"), Trustee-in-Bankruptcy for Astroline Communications Company

<sup>1</sup> By Memorandum Opinion and Order, FCC 97M-109, released June 20, 1997 ("MO&O"), Ramirez was made a party to this proceeding. The MO&O observed that Ramirez was a general partner of Astroline during the period in question and that he has first-hand knowledge regarding the control and operation of Astroline. The MO&O further noted that Astroline had not filed a notice of appearance and no longer exists.

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Limited Partnership ("Astroline"), for renewal of license for Station WHCT-TV, Hartford, Connecticut. See Memorandum Opinion and Order & Hearing Designation Order, 12 FCC Rcd 5224 (1997) ("HDO"). In light of apparent discrepancies between Astroline's representations concerning its ownership structure and locus of control on the one hand and documents "related to Astroline's relationship with a financing bank" and other matters related to Astroline's ownership and operations on the other hand, see HDO at paras. 3, 5, 7 and 11, the Commission specified the following issue:

- (1) To determine whether Astroline misrepresented facts to the Commission and the Federal Courts, in connection with statements it made concerning its status as a minority-controlled entity. HDO at para. 15.

The Commission designated the issue notwithstanding Astroline's bankruptcy and the fact that denial of Hoffman's renewal application might harm the interest of innocent creditors. HDO at para. 11.

3. Ramirez requests that the Presiding Judge stay the proceedings and delete the misrepresentation issue. In support, Ramirez first cites the outcome of a proceeding supposedly involving the "very facts that led to the designation" of this proceeding. Ramirez contends that the allegations advanced by Shurberg Broadcasting of Hartford ("Shurberg"), which were relied upon by the Commission in designating this matter for hearing, were "thoroughly adjudicated and rejected in the civil court system." Petition at pp. 2-3. Second, Ramirez argues that the Commission's decision not to grant relief to Hoffman under the

Commission's Second Thursday doctrine<sup>2</sup> was arbitrary and capricious. Ramirez points out that such relief was recently accorded another entity, citing MobileMedia Corporation, FCC 97-197, released June 6, 1997 ("MobileMedia"). Ramirez notes that, unlike the instant case, the Commission in MobileMedia stayed that proceeding in order to afford the bankrupt licensee the opportunity to show that the sale of its facilities would not benefit alleged wrongdoers notwithstanding the hundreds of alleged misrepresentations that led to designation of the proceeding.

4. Although the instant pleading is styled as a petition for emergency relief, Ramirez has expressly asked the presiding judge to delete the misrepresentation issue. Petition at p. 3. Section 1.229(a) of the Commission's Rules provides that a motion to delete must be filed within 15 days after Federal Register publication of the designation order or summary thereof. Section 1.229(b)(3) states that if the motion is late filed, it will be granted only if good cause is shown for the delay in filing.<sup>3</sup> In any event, an issue will not be deleted absent a compelling showing of unusual circumstances such as where the Commission overlooked or misconstrued pertinent information before it at the time of designation. Post-Newsweek

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<sup>2</sup> In Second Thursday Corp., 22 FCC 2d 515, recon. granted, 25 FCC 2d 112 (1970), the Commission created an exception to the general rule that a licensee may not transfer facilities involved in a hearing concerning its character qualifications unless it is found qualified to remain a licensee. Under Second Thursday, a licensee in bankruptcy may assign its license if the individuals charged with misconduct will have no part in the proposed operations and will either derive no direct benefit from favorable action on the assignment or will receive only a minor benefit which is outweighed by equitable considerations in favor of innocent creditors.

<sup>3</sup> Section 1.229(c) relates only to motions to enlarge and, hence, does not apply to Ramirez' petition. Moreover, that section provides that, absent good cause, the motion will be considered fully on its merits only if it presents a question of probable decisional significance and such substantial public interest importance as to warrant consideration despite its lateness. In the Bureau's view, Ramirez' petition does not present such a question.

Stations, Florida, Inc., 52 FCC 2d 883, 885 (Rev. Bd. 1975).

5. Plainly, Ramirez' petition is late. Federal Register publication of the instant HDO summary occurred on June 9, 1997. See 62 Fed. Reg. 31340 (1997). Ramirez became a party to this proceeding on June 20, 1997. However, his petition was not filed until July 25, 1997, well after the 15-day deadline specified in Section 1.229(a). Thus, Ramirez' petition should not be granted or even considered unless Ramirez has shown good cause for the delay in filing. In this regard, although Ramirez asserts that his petition is his first opportunity to raise the questions to be considered (petition at n. 2), he does not directly address the good cause requirement. Accordingly, Ramirez' petition should be denied.

6. Moreover, considering the petition on its merits, it should still be denied. Initially, Ramirez bases his request for relief on the Commission's apparent failure to consider relevant litigation. That litigation focused on whether a limited partner of Astroline, Astroline Company (and its general partners), was liable as a general partner for certain debts "for having participated in the control of [Astroline's] business substantially the same as in the exercise of a general partner." In re Astroline Communications Co. Ltd., 188 B.R. 98, 100 (Bank. Ct. D. Conn. 1995) ("ACCL"). After a trial, the bankruptcy court concluded "Astroline Company's activities in connection with the Debtor do not meet the standard of substantially the same as the exercise of the powers of a general partner." ACCL, 188 B.R. at 105. As accurately represented by Ramirez, the bankruptcy court's decision was essentially affirmed by the United States District Court and the 2d Circuit Court of Appeals. Indeed, in

its decision, the 2d Circuit stated that "[t]he Bankruptcy Court's factual findings, which are not challenged as clearly erroneous, demonstrate that whatever the extent of their control over the Debtor's finances, the Limited Partners did not participate in and did not exercise any quantum of control over numerous and significant aspects of the Debtor's business. Their control of the Debtor was not "substantially the same as the exercise of the powers of a general partner." See Mass. Gen. Laws § 19." In re Astroline Communications Co., Limited Partnership, Debtor, Docket Nos. 96-5112(L), 5118(XAP), April 17, 1997, 111 F.3d 123 (Table), 1997 WL 187334 (2d Cir. (Conn.)).<sup>4</sup>

7. As discussed in the HDO at para. 2, the Commission's minority distress sale policy allows a broadcast licensee whose license has been designated for hearing to sell the station to a minority-controlled entity for a price no greater than 75% of the station's fair market value if the sale occurs prior to the commencement of the hearing. To qualify as a minority-controlled entity under the minority distress sale policy, Astroline's minority owners not only had to have legal control but also at least a 20 percent ownership interest. Faith Center, Inc., 99 FCC 2d 1164, 1173 (1984). As Ramirez observes, the bankruptcy litigation focused extensively on the question of who controlled Astroline. Assuming, *arguendo*, that Ramirez exercised sufficient control to satisfy the Commission's standards for determining control, a matter we need not now decide, it is clear that the bankruptcy court made no findings relative to Ramirez' ownership interests in Astroline (as well as those of other minority group

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<sup>4</sup> The opinion includes the following notice: "This summary order may not be cited as precedential authority, but may be called to the attention of the court in a subsequent stage of this case, in a related case, or in any case for purposes of collateral estoppel or res judicata. See Second Circuit Rule 0.23."

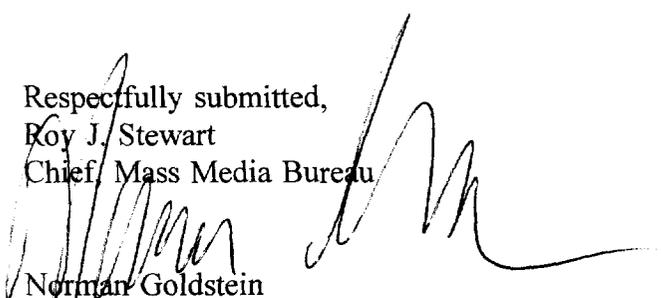
members). Thus, irrespective of the impact of the bankruptcy court's decision on the instant proceeding, that decision did not decide, much less address, all relevant matters regarding compliance with the Commission's minority distress sale policy. Hence, to the extent questions exist concerning the percentage of Ramirez' ownership of Astroline, Ramirez has not demonstrated that deletion of the misrepresentation issue is appropriate. In this regard, the Bureau recognizes that the bankruptcy proceeding received some evidence that relates to the question of Ramirez' ownership interests. See Petition at Attachments G, H. and I. However, in the Bureau's view, that evidence is far from dispositive in resolving the question of whether Ramirez' ownership interests in Astroline dropped below 20 percent during the period 1984 - 1991. If, as some federal income tax filings suggest (see attachments hereto), Ramirez owned less than 1 percent of Astroline while Astroline was representing otherwise to the Commission, it may well be that misrepresentations occurred. To dispel that question, Ramirez, as well as those involved in the preparation, execution and filing of the apparently incongruous documents submitted to the Internal Revenue Service on the one hand and the Commission and federal courts on the other hand must directly address and explain the differences in information provided therein.

8. Ramirez' claim that the Commission's decision was arbitrary and capricious because Hoffman was not accorded Second Thursday relief must also be rejected. In essence, what Ramirez seeks is reconsideration of the HDO. Section 1.106(a) precludes such in no uncertain terms. Moreover, considering that the question of misrepresentation remains, the presiding judge has no authority to second-guess the Commission's decision to commence this

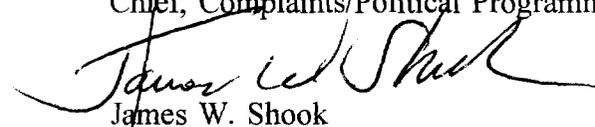
proceeding notwithstanding its potential impact on Astroline's innocent creditors, especially since the Commission fully considered the situation in the HDO (see para. 11). See Atlantic Broadcasting Company (WUST) et al., 5 FCC 2d 717, 720 (1966). That the Commission reached a different conclusion in MobileMedia and allowed the licensee therein to pursue Second Thursday relief is of no significance as the facts and circumstances for granting the requested relief in MobileMedia (see para. 13 thereof) differ significantly from those considered by the Commission in the instant proceeding.

9. Accordingly, the Bureau opposes Ramirez' petition for emergency relief and stay of proceedings.

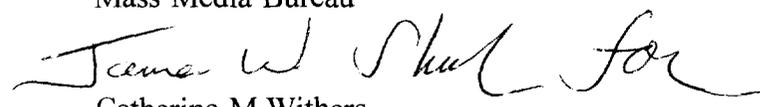
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Attachment 1, p. 1

Form **1065**

**U.S. Partnership Return of Income**

OMB No. 1545-0049

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**1985**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

For calendar year 1985, or fiscal year beginning 1985, and ending 19

A Principal business activity <b>COMMUNICATION</b>	Use IRS label. Other-wise, please print or type	Name	ASTROLINE COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY LIMITED PARTNERSHIP	D Employer identification number 04-2835780
		Number and street	18 GARDEN STREET	
B Principal product or service <b>COMMUNICATION</b>		City or town, State, and ZIP code	HARTFORD, CT 06105	E Date business started 1/85
C Business code number 4830				F Other total assets at end of tax year 17149448

G Check method of accounting (1) <input type="checkbox"/> Cash (2) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accrual	(3) <input type="checkbox"/> Other	N Was there a distribution of property or a transfer of a partnership interest during the tax year? If "Yes," see page 5 of the instructions concerning an election to adjust the basis of the partnership's assets under section 754.	Yes	No
H Check applicable boxes. (1) <input type="checkbox"/> Change in address (2) <input type="checkbox"/> Final return (3) <input type="checkbox"/> Amended return				
I Number of partners in this partnership ▶ 6	Yes	No		
J Is this partnership a limited partnership (see page 3 of instructions)?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
K Is this partnership a partner in another partnership?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
L Are any partners in this partnership also partnerships?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
M Does the partnership meet all the requirements shown on page 5 of the instructions under Question M?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>

1 a Gross receipts or sales \$ 200089	1b Minus returns and allowances \$	1c Balance ▶	200089
2 Cost of goods sold and/or operations (Schedule A, line 7)		2	1641434
3 Gross profit (subtract line 2 from line 1c)		3	-1441345
4 Ordinary income (loss) from other partnerships and fiduciaries		4	
5 Taxable interest and nonqualifying dividends		5	19510
6 a Gross rents \$	6b Minus rental expenses (attach schedule) \$	6c Balance net rental income (loss) ▶	
7 Net income (loss) from royalties (attach schedule)		7	
8 Net farm profit (loss) (attach Schedule F (Form 1040))		8	
9 Net gain (loss) (Form 4797, line 17)		9	
10 Other income (loss)		10	
11 TOTAL income (loss) (combine lines 3 through 10)		11	-1421835

12 a Salaries and wages (other than to partners) \$ 481347	12b Minus jobs credit \$	12c Balance ▶	481347
13 Guaranteed payments to partners (see page 7 of instructions)		13	
14 Rent		14	16414
15 a Total deductible interest expense not claimed elsewhere on return (see page 7 of instructions)	15a 447309	15c Balance ▶	447309
b Minus interest expense required to be passed through to partners on Schedule K-1 (1065), lines 10, 15a(2), and 15a(3)	15b		
16 Taxes		16	48224
17 Bad debts (see page 7 of instructions)		17	10472
18 Repairs		18	
19 a Depreciation from Form 4562 (attach Form 4562) \$ 398051	19b Minus depreciation claimed on Schedule A and elsewhere on return \$	19c Balance ▶	398051
20 Depletion (Do not deduct oil and gas depletion. See page 8 of instructions)		20	
21 a Retirement plans, etc. (see page 8 of instructions)		21a	
b Employee benefit programs (see page 8 of instructions)		21b	
22 Other deductions (attach schedule)		22	2167403
23 TOTAL deductions (add amounts in column for lines 12c through 22)		23	3569220
24 Ordinary income (loss) (subtract line 23 from line 11)		24	-4991055

Please Sign Here

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than taxpayer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

Signature of general partner: *[Signature]* Date: 4/3/80

Preparer's signature: *[Signature]* Date: 4/3/80

Firm's name (or yours, if self-employed) and address: Arthur Andersen & Co. 65-0782-90

Preparer's social security no.: 352 40 5265

Check if self-employed

E.I. No. ▶

ZIP code ▶

Laura L. Smith  
Exhibit No. 12 For I.D.  
 Prit.  Deft.   
Witness: *[Signature]*  
Date: 2-2-94

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Attachment 1, p. 2

**SCHEDULE K-1  
(Form 1065)**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

**Partner's Share of Income, Credits, Deductions, etc.**

For calendar year 1985 or fiscal year

beginning \_\_\_\_\_ 1985, and ending \_\_\_\_\_ 19\_\_

OMB No. 1545-0049

**1985**

Partner's identifying number ▶ 108-48-3484  
Partner's name, address, and ZIP code  
RICHARD P. RAMIREZ  
C/O ASTROLINE COMMUNICATIONS CO.  
LIMITED PARTNERSHIP  
18 GARDEN ST HARTFORD, CT 06105

Partnership's identifying number ▶ 04-2835780  
Partnership's name, address, and ZIP code  
ASTROLINE COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY  
LIMITED PARTNERSHIP  
18 GARDEN STREET  
HARTFORD, CT 06105

A Is partner a general partner (see page 3 of instructions for Form 1065)?  Yes  No  
B Partner's share of liabilities (see page 10 of instructions for Form 1065)  
Nonrecourse \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Other \$ 9417352  
C What type of entity is this partner? ▶ INDIVIDUAL

D Enter partner's percentage of  
Profit sharing 21.0000 % 0.7500 %  
Loss sharing 21.0000 % 0.7500 %  
Ownership of capital 21.0000 % 0.7500 %  
E IRS Center where partnership filed return ▶ ANDOVER, MA  
F Tax Shelter Registration Number ▶

G Reconciliation of partner's capital account			(d) Income not included in column (c), plus deductible income	(e) Losses not included in column (c), plus allowable deductions	(f) Withdrawals and distributions	(g) Capital account at end of year
(a) Capital account at beginning of year	(b) Capital contributed during year	(c) Ordinary income (loss) from line 1 below				
-45153		-37061		200		-82414

	(a) Distributive share item	(b) Amount	(c) 1040 filers enter the amount in column (b) on:
Income (Loss)	1 Ordinary income (loss)	-37061	Sch. E, Part II, col. (e) or (f)
	2 Guaranteed payments		Sch. E, Part II, column (f)
	3 Dividends qualifying for exclusion		Sch. B, Part II, line 4
	4 Net short-term capital gain (loss)		Sch. D, line 4, col. (f) or (g)
	5 Net long-term capital gain (loss)		Sch. D, line 12, col. (f) or (g)
	6 Net gain (loss) under section 1231 (other than due to casualty or theft)		Form 4797, line 1
	7 Other (attach schedule)		(Enter on applicable lines of your return)
Deductions	8 Charitable contributions		See Form 1040 instructions
	9 Expense deduction for recovery property (section 179)		(See Partner's instructions for Schedule E-1 (Form 1065))
	10 Other (attach schedule)		(Enter on applicable lines of your return)
Credits	11 Credit for income tax withheld		See Form 1040 instructions, line 57 for Backup withholding
	12 Other (attach schedule)		(Enter on applicable lines of your return)
Self-employment	13 a Net earnings (loss) from self-employment		Sch. SE, Part I
	b Gross farming or fishing income		(See Partner's instructions for Schedule E-1 (Form 1065))
	c Gross nonfarm income		
Tax Preference Items	14 a Accelerated depreciation on nonrecovery real property or 15-year or 18-year real property		Form 6251, line 4c
	b Accelerated depreciation on leased personal property or leased recovery property other than 15-year or 18-year real property		Form 6251, line 4d
	c Depletion (other than oil and gas)		Form 6251, line 4i
	d (1) Gross income from oil, gas, and geothermal properties		See Form 6251 instructions
	(2) Deductions allocable to oil, gas, and geothermal properties		See Form 6251 instructions
	e (1) Qualified investment income included in Schedule K-1, line 1 (2) Qualified investment expenses included in Schedule K-1, line 1		(See Partner's instructions for Schedule E-1 (Form 1065))
f Other (attach schedule)			

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Schedule K-1 (Form 1065) 1985

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Attachment 2, p. 1

Form 1065

U.S. Partnership Return of Income

OMB No. 1545-0099

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1987

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service  
A Principal business activity  
**COMMUNICAT'N**  
B Principal product or service  
**COMMUNICAT'N**  
C Business code number  
**4830**

Use IRS label. Otherwise, please print or type.  
Name **ASTROLINE COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY LIMITED PARTNERSHIP**  
Number and street (or P.O. Box number if mail is not delivered to street address)  
**18 GARDEN STREET**  
City or town, state, and ZIP code  
**HARTFORD, CT 06105**

D Employer identification number  
**04-2835780**  
E Date business started  
**01/01/85**  
F Enter total assets at end of tax year  
**\$ 17666,462.**

G Check accounting method: (1)  Cash (2)  Accrual (3)  Other  
H Check applicable boxes: (1)  Final return (2)  Change in address (3)  Amended return

I Number of partners in this partnership **6**

	Yes	No
J Is this partnership a limited partnership (see the instructions)?	X	
K Is this partnership a partner in another partnership?		X
L Are any partners in this partnership also partnerships?	X	
M Does the partnership meet all the requirements shown in the instructions for Question M?		X
N Was there a distribution of property or a transfer (for example, by sale or death) of a partnership interest during the tax year? If "Yes," see the instructions concerning an election to adjust the basis of the partnership's assets under section 754	X	

O At any time during the tax year, did the partnership have an interest in or a signature or other authority over a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)? (See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for Form TD F 90-22.1.) If "Yes," write the name of the foreign country

P Was the partnership the grantor of, or transferor to, a foreign trust which existed during the current tax year, whether or not the partnership or any partner has any beneficial interest in it? If "Yes," you may have to file Forms 3520, 3520-A, or 826

Q Was this partnership in operation at the end of 1987?  Yes  No

R Number of months in 1987 that this partnership was in operation **12**

S Check this box if the partnership has filed or is required to file Form 8264. Application for Registration of a Tax Shelter

T Check this box if this is a partnership subject to the consolidated partnership audit procedures of TEFRA. (See page 7 of the instructions.)

Caution: Include only trade or business income and expenses on lines 1a-21 below. See the instructions for more information.

	1a	1b	Balance	1c
1a Gross receipts or sales	\$ 2,509,459			2,509,459.
2 Cost of goods sold and/or operations (Schedule A, line 7)				8,143,060.
3 Gross profit (subtract line 2 from line 1c)				-5633,601.
4 Ordinary income (loss) from other partnerships and fiduciaries (attach schedule)				
5 Net farm profit (loss) (attach Schedule F (Form 1040))				
6 Net gain (loss) (Form 4797, line 18)				
7 Other income (loss)				
8 TOTAL income (loss) (combine lines 3 through 7)				-5633,601.
9a Salaries & wages (other than to partners) \$ 1,308,497		9b Minus jobs credit \$	Balance	9c 1,308,497.
10 Guaranteed payments to partners				
11 Rent				
12 Deductible interest expense not claimed elsewhere on return (see instructions)				99,734.
13 Taxes				255,228.
14 Bad debts				-42,845.
15 Repairs				
16a Depreciation from Form 4562 (attach Form 4562) \$ 1,275,784		16b Minus depreciation claimed on Schedule A and elsewhere on return \$	Balance	16c 1,275,784.
17 Depletion (Do not deduct oil and gas depletion.)				
18a Retirement plans, etc.				
b Employee benefit programs				
19 Other deductions (attach schedule) SEE STMT. 1				-1675,784.
20 TOTAL deductions (add amounts in column for lines 9c through 19)				1,220,614.
21 Ordinary income (loss) from trade or business activity(ies) (subtract line 20 from line 8)				-6854,215.

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Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules & statements, & to the best of my knowledge & belief, it is true, correct, & complete. Declaration of preparer (other than taxpayer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

Signature of preparer **PRELIMINARY AND TENTATIVE FOR DISCUSSION PURPOSES ONLY** Date

Paid Preparer's Use Only

Preparer's signature **ARTHUR ANDERSEN & CO.** Check if self-employed  Preparer's social security no. **36-0732690**  
Firm's name (or yours, if self-employed) and address **100 OLIVER STREET BOSTON, MA** E.I. No **02110** ZIP code

Attachment 2, p. 2

**SCHEDULE K-1 (Form 1065)** **Partner's Share of Income, Credits, Deductions, etc.** OMB No. 1545-0099

For calendar year 1987 or fiscal year beginning \_\_\_\_\_ 1987, and ending \_\_\_\_\_ 19 **1987**

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

Partner's identifying number ▶ 108-48-3484 Partnership's identifying number ▶ 04-2835780

Partner's name, address, and ZIP code: RICHARD P. RAMIREZ  
C/O ASTROLINE COMMUNICATIONS CO. LIMITED PARTNERSHIP 18 GARDEN ST HARTFORD, CT 06105

Partnership's name, address, and Zip code: ASTROLINE COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY LIMITED PARTNERSHIP 18 GARDEN STREET HARTFORD, CT 06105

A(1) Is partner a general partner?  Yes  No  
If "yes" to Question A(1):

(2) Did this partner materially participate in the trade or business activity(ies) of the partnership?  Yes  No

(3) Did this partner actively participate in the rental real estate activity(ies) of the partnership?  Yes  No

B Partner's share of liabilities  
Nonrecourse \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Other \$ 15,532,225

C What type of entity is this partner? ▶ INDIVIDUAL

D Enter partner's percentage of: (i) Before decrease or termination % (ii) End of year %  
Profit sharing 0.7178 %  
Loss sharing 0.7178 %  
Ownership of capital 0.7178 %

E IRS Center where partnership filed return ▶ ANDOVER, MA

F Tax Shelter Registration Number ▶ \_\_\_\_\_

G(1) Did the partner's ownership interest in the partnership increase after Oct. 22, 1986?  Yes  No  
If yes, attach statement (See page 13 of the Form 1065 Instructions.)

(2) Did the partnership start or acquire a new activity after Oct. 22, 1986?  Yes  No  
If yes, attach statement (See page 14 of the Form 1065 Instructions.)

H Check here  if this Schedule K-1 is for a short tax year required by section 706(b).

I Reconciliation of partner's capital account:		(d) Income not included in column (c), plus nontaxable income	(e) Losses not included in column (c), plus unallowable deductions	(f) Withdrawals and distributions	(g) Capital account at end of year
(a) Capital account at beginning of year	(b) Capital contributed during year	(c) Income (loss) from lines 1, 2, 3, & 4 below			
-142,804		-53,311	17,710		-213,825

Caution: Refer to attached Partner's Instructions for Schedule K-1 (Form 1065) before entering information from this schedule on your tax return.

	(a) Distributive share item	(b) Amount	(c) 1040 filers enter the amount in column (b) on:
Income (Loss)	1 Ordinary income (loss) from trade or business activity(ies)	-53,311	(See Partner's Instructions for Schedule K-1 (Form 1065)) Sch. B, Part I, line 2 Sch. B, Part II, line 4 Sch. E, Part I, line 5 Sch. D, line 5, col. (f) or (g) Sch. D, line 12, col. (f) or (g) (Enter on applicable lines of your return)
	2 Income or loss from rental real estate activity(ies)		
	3 Income or loss from other rental activity(ies)		
	4 Portfolio income (loss):		
	a Interest		
	b Dividends		
	c Royalties		
Deductions	d Net short-term capital gain (loss)		(See Partner's Instructions for Schedule K-1 (Form 1065)) (Enter on applicable lines of your return)
	e Net long-term capital gain (loss)		
	f Other portfolio income (loss) (attach sch.)		
	5 Guaranteed payments		
Credits	6 Net gain (loss) under section 1231 (other than due to casualty or theft)		See Form 1040 Instructions Form 8586, line 8 (See Partner's Instructions for Schedule K-1 (Form 1065))
	7 Other (attach schedule)		
	8 Charitable contributions		
	9 Expense deduction for recovery property (section 179)		
	10 Deductions related to portfolio income		
	11 Other (attach schedule)		
Credits	12a Credit for income tax withheld		See Form 1040 Instructions Form 8586, line 8 (See Partner's Instructions for Schedule K-1 (Form 1065))
	b Low-income housing credit		
	c Qualified rehabilitation expenditures related to rental real estate activity(ies) (attach schedule)		
	d Credit(s) related to rental real estate activity(ies) other than 12b and 12c (attach schedule)		
	e Credit(s) related to rental activity(ies) other than 12b, 12c, and 12d (attach schedule)		
13 Other credits (attach schedule)			