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William Caton
Acting Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M St., NW
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: EX PARTE in MCI Communications Corp. and British Telecommunications plc Application for Transfer of Control, GN Docket No. 96-245

Dear Mr. Caton:

On August 12, 1997, I discussed with Kerry Murray an issue raised by Commission staff with respect to the above-captioned docket. The inquiry concerned MCI's views about its ability to insulate itself from U.S. litigation, once the proposed merger is concluded, based on privileges and immunities that are attributable to BT in its capacity as the U.K.'s Intelsat signatory. MCI responded that U.S.-based affiliates of foreign "signatory" carriers should not be able to assert blanket immunity in U.S. courts, provided that the signatory relationship, and privileges and immunities that arise out of that relationship, are respected and recognizable in U.S. law and regulation.

Sincerely,

Mary L. Brown

cc: Kerry Murray

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