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Chairman Reed E. Hundt
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, NW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Merger of MCI Communications Corp. and British Telecommunications plc,
Gen. Docket No. 96-245

Dear Chairman Hundt:

On May 27, 1997, Deputy Secretary of Defense John P. White wrote to you reporting the successful conclusion of negotiations between the Department of Defense, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, MCI, and BT on national security and law enforcement issues raised by the above-captioned merger. The letter explained that the resolution of issues is reflected in an agreement, which is of record in this proceeding. DoD asked that the Commission condition any approval on the transfer of control of MCI's licenses or authorizations in this proceeding upon compliance with the agreement.

MCI and BT have no objection to the condition requested by DoD. This was always the intention of the parties, and we have so advised the Commission's staff (with whom the agreement has been carefully reviewed). To our knowledge, there is no legal impediment to the Commission approving the agreement and/or incorporating in its order in this proceeding the condition requested by DoD.

Sincerely,

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