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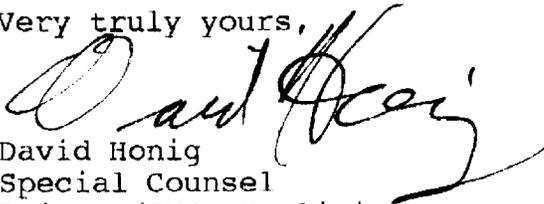
RE: CC Docket No. 97-211, WorldCom/MCI Merger:  
Oral and Written Ex Parte Communications

Dear Ms. Salas:

This letter is written regarding the above-referenced "permit but disclose" proceeding. See Public Notice (Corrected), DA 98-49 (released January 12, 1998).

This morning, on behalf of the Rainbow/PUSH Coalition, a petitioner to deny the WorldCom/MCI merger applications, Rev. Jesse L. Jackson, Sr., Thomas Hart, Esq. and I briefly discussed the MCI/WorldCom merger in separate meetings with Chairman Kennard, Commissioner Powell, and Commissioner Ness, each of whom was accompanied by members of their staffs. We were accompanied by other persons who did not speak to the merger applications. The points discussed orally are set out in the enclosed document, which is also that portion of a longer written list of points (including other issues addressed in the meetings) which related to the WorldCom/MCI merger.

Very truly yours,

  
David Honig  
Special Counsel  
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Attachment

cc: Hon. William Kennard  
Hon. Michael Powell  
Hon. Susan Ness  
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TALKING POINTS: HON. WILLIAM KENNARD

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[Excerpts relating to WorldCom/MCI Merger; presented and discussed orally in separate meetings with Chairman Kennard, Commissioner Powell and Commissioner Ness]

- WorldCom has filed a "stealth application" to acquire MCI. The application does not even try to show how its "benefits" outweigh the effects of greater concentration in the long distance market.
- Moreover, WorldCom has submitted no plans to:
  - protect against redlining in the provision of local residential service
  - aggressively compete for long distance residential customers of all races and income levels
  - ensure equal employment opportunity and minority entrepreneurship opportunities
  - integrate the WorldCom Board of fifteen White males -- the only one-race, one-gender board of any major telecom company.
- Already, WorldCom has announced where the first "new jobs" will go -- 3,000 of them for Internet services, to Leesburg, Virginia, with no plans even to train D.C. residents or provide them with transportation. WorldCom's labor plan is to invest in Leesburg and write off Anacostia. If President Clinton's good idea to fund training in computer skills is adopted, where will these trainees get jobs?
- The FCC should either return the application or demand that WorldCom provide a detailed showing of what will happen to residential, small business and inner city consumers; what will happen to equal employment opportunity; what will happen to minority entrepreneurship.
- WorldCom -- aspiring to be a major communications company -- has refused to communicate with us at all. You, Chairman Kennard, might appropriately encourage Mr. Ebbers to open a dialogue with us.