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Ms. Magalie Roman Salas  
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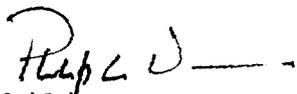
Re: Ex Parte Presentation in CS Docket No. 97-80

Dear Ms Salas:

On April 29, Ed Breen and Quincy Rodgers of General Instrument Corporation and I met with Commissioner Ness, David Siddall, and Anita Wallgren to discuss the status of digital set-top box design, manufacture, and sales in connection with the implementation of Section 304 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

Messrs. Breen and Rodgers described General Instrument's digital product line, the anticipated transition from analog to digital broadcasting, and the security and functionality issues inherent in retail availability of set-top boxes. The views they articulated about commercial availability of navigation devices are set forth in General Instrument's filings in CS Docket No. 97-80.

Sincerely,

  
Philip L. Verveer

cc: Commissioner Susan Ness

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