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June 4, 1998

**BY HAND**

Ms. Magalie Roman Salas  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
1919 M Street, N.W., Room 222  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: Ex Parte Communications in CS Docket No. 97-80**

Dear Ms. Salas:

On June 4, 1998, Lawrence R. Sidman of Verner, Liipfert, Bernhard, McPherson & Hand, representing Philips Electronics North America Corporation ("Philips"), spoke telephonically with Susan Fox, Senior Legal Advisor to Chairman Kennard; Anita Walgren, Legal Advisor to Commissioner Ness; Paul Misener, Senior Legal Advisor to Commissioner Furchtgott-Roth; Rick Chessen, Senior Legal Advisor to Commissioner Tristani, Jane Mago, Senior Legal Advisor to Commissioner Powell, and Karen Kornbluh, Deputy Chief of the Mass Media Bureau, regarding the Commission's proposed rules implementing Section 629 of the Communications Act.

The substance of these discussions is reflected in the attached letter to Chairman Kennard, which is hereby filed with your office as a written *ex parte* communication in the above-mentioned proceeding.

In accordance with Section 1.1206 of the Commission's Rules, an original and one copy of this letter and the attached letter to Chairman Kennard are being filed with your office. Any questions concerning this matter should be directed to the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

*Lawrence R. Sidman*

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**cc (with attachment): The Honorable Susan Ness  
The Honorable Harold Furchtgott-Roth  
The Honorable Michael Powell  
The Honorable Gloria Tristani  
Susan Fox, Senior Legal Advisor to Chairman Kennard  
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