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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
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Re: CC Docket No. 97-211
WorldCom, Inc. and MCI Communications Corporation

Dear Secretary Salas:

Pursuant to Section 1.1206(b)(2) of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b)(2) (1997), this is to provide an original and one copy of a notice of an oral *ex parte* presentation in the above referenced proceeding. On July 8, 1998, Catherine R. Sloan and David Porter of WorldCom, Inc., Andrew Lipman and Jean Kiddoo, counsel to WorldCom, and Jonathan Sallet and Larry Blosser of MCI Communications Corporation met with Michelle Carey, Michael Pryor, Don Stockdale and Michael Kende of the Common Carrier Bureau.

WorldCom and MCI debriefed the staff on meetings held earlier in the day with the Chairman and each of the Commissioners, and provided an update on the status of approvals at other regulatory agencies, including the conditional clearance by the European Commission. WorldCom and MCI advised the staff of the parties' belief that all outstanding information requests were now answered and urged the Common Carrier Bureau staff to work with the Commissioners' offices to complete drafting of a prompt and favorable decision that will allow the merger to close this summer.

Should there be any questions concerning this matter, please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

Larry A. Blosser

cc: Michelle Carey
Don Stockdale
Michael Pryor
Michael Kende

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