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Ms. Magalie Roman Salas, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**RE: CC Docket No. 98-184 In the Matter of GTE Corporation, Transferor, and Bell
Atlantic Corporation, Transferee, For Consent to Transfer of Control**

Dear Ms. Salas:

On April 25, 2000 George Kohl, Assistant to the President, and I met with Commissioner Ness and Jordan Goldstein, legal advisor, to discuss the GTE-Bell Atlantic merger. We discussed why the Applicants' Internet divestiture proposal meets all legal requirements, encourages market-opening policy objectives, and therefore the proposed merger warrants prompt Commission approval.

Sincerely,



Debbie Goldman, Research Economist
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cc: Commissioner Susan Ness
Jordan Goldstein

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