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Ms. Magalie Roman Salas  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445-12th Street, SW  
Room TW-A325  
Washington, DC 20554

**Re: CC Docket Nos. 96-98 and 99-68**

Dear Ms. Roman Salas:

On September 15, 2000, United States Telecom Association Interim President and CEO Gary Lytle and the undersigned met with Commissioner Gloria Tristani and Deena Shetler to discuss the above-referenced docket. In this meeting, the USTA representatives reiterated the substantive positions presented in USTA's filed comments and reply comments in the proceeding and urged that the Commission move promptly to decide the issues before it on remand from the Court of Appeals.

In accordance with Section 1.1206(a)(1) of the Commission's rules, an original and one copy of this notice and summary are being submitted. Please include this notice in the public record of these proceedings. If there are any questions regarding this submission, please contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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cc: Commissioner G. Tristani  
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