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December 21, 2000

Ms. Magalie Roman Salas
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
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RE: FCC WT Docket No.: 96-86
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Dear Ms. Salas:

On December 21, 2000, Lawrence Sidman of Verner, Liipfert, Bernhard, McPherson & Hand, Chtd., counsel to Nokia Telecommunications, Inc. ("Nokia") met with Clint Odom, Legal Advisor to Chairman William Kennard, to discuss the Commission's approach to both the interoperability and general use channels in the 700 MHz band reserved for public safety agency use.

During the course of the meeting, Nokia reiterated its support for the 12.5 KHz equipment standard for interoperability and a 6.25 KHz equipment standard for general use channels. In light of both technical and market structure challenges confronting competitive suppliers of equipment, Nokia explored the availability of the waiver process to accommodate certain circumstances where dual mode capability could not be integrated into 6.25 KHz mobile radio units when the Commission might require 12.5 KHz equipment for interoperability channels but the public safety agency otherwise desires to deploy 6.25 KHz equipment for the general use channels as soon as possible.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. §1.1206, an original and one copy of this letter are being filed with your office.

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If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lawrence R. Sidman".

Lawrence R. Sidman

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