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January 4, 2001

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

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Re: ***CS Docket No. 00-30; In the Matter of Applications of America
Online, Inc. and Time Warner, Inc. for Transfers of Control
Ex Parte Communication***

Dear Ms. Salas:

This letter provides notice that yesterday Marc Berejka and the undersigned, on behalf of Microsoft, had conversations with William Friedman, Legal Advisor, Office of Commissioner Tristani, and Marc Berejka had conversations with David Goodfriend, Legal Advisor, Office of Commissioner Ness, to discuss the importance of interoperability to the future of IM and the need to impose an effective and enforceable IM interoperability condition on a combined AOL and Time Warner.

Please direct any questions regarding this matter to the undersigned.

Sincerely,


Gerard J. Waldron

Attachments

cc: William Friedman, Legal Advisor, Office of Commissioner Tristani
David Goodfriend, Legal Advisor, Office of Commissioner Ness
Royce Dickens, Deputy Chief, Policy and Rules Division, Cable Services Bureau
Linda Senecal, Cable Services Bureau
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