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**BY HAND**

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

Re: *Ex Parte* Presentation in Commercial Availability of Navigation Devices, CS Docket  
No. 97-80.

Dear Ms. Salas:

On March 15, 2001, executives from Sharp Corporation of Japan and Sharp Laboratories of America met with Commissioner Susan Ness and legal advisor David Goodfriend in the Commissioner's office to discuss the above-referenced rulemaking. The discussion was focused on possible further FCC actions to promote commercial availability from retail outlets of equipment used to access service from multichannel video programming systems, in particular, cable television systems.

Sharp indicated that a retail market for cable set-top boxes was not expected to develop before the end of 2001, and showed a summary of a market research report which indicated this.

In accordance with the Commission's rules, an original and one copy of this notification are being filed. Should any questions arise concerning this matter, please let me know.

Sincerely,



Marcus E. Maher

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cc: Commissioner Susan Ness  
David Goodfriend