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VIA COURIER

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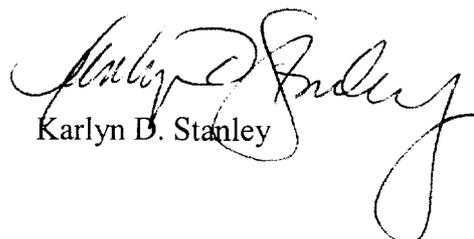
Dear Ms. Salas:

The purpose of this letter is to disclose a permitted *ex parte* contact between the undersigned counsel on behalf of Centennial Cellular Corp., and certain Commission personnel with regard to the issue of universal service funding. Specifically, on March 28, 2000, undersigned counsel, accompanied by Ms. Cathleen Schultz of this office, met with Gene Fullano and Robert Loube of the Accounting Policy Division of the Common Carrier Bureau.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss Centennial Puerto Rico Operations Corp.'s quarterly USAC data submission for universal service support in Puerto and, in particular, the appropriate method for reporting Centennial's mobile phones and identifying the associated wire centers.

Should there be any questions regarding this matter, please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,


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