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April 19, 2001

Ms. Magalie Roman Salas
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Level 3 Direct Access to INTELSAT (IB Docket No. 98-192)

Dear Ms. Salas:

Through this letter, Stratos Offshore Services Company ("Stratos") requests Direct Level 3 Access to INTELSAT pursuant to the Public Notice released by the Federal Communications Commission on October 14, 1999 (DA 99-2129).

Stratos currently holds an international Section 214 authorization to provide international telecommunications services to all countries on either or both facilities and resale bases (*see* FCC File No. ITC-ASG-19991220-00819). Pursuant to this authorization, Stratos operates as an international telecommunications services provider. Stratos requests Level 3 Direct Access to INTELSAT in order to remain competitive in the marketplace for these services.

Should you have any questions concerning the foregoing, or need any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,



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