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

Re: In the Matter of Reallocation of the 216-220 MHz Government
Transfer Band: ET Docket No. 00-221

Dear Ms. Salas:

This is in reference to the Commission's invitation for public comment on the possibility of allowing new, high-power uses of the band 216-220 MHz and the related notion that the band 216-217 MHz be auctioned.

The Dallas Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation currently supports the use of law enforcement tracking equipment in this frequency band. We have been very pleased with the results we have achieved with its use.

In particular, such equipment has made a dramatic contribution to the apprehension and conviction of criminals and to a reduction in crime rates. It has proven invaluable in the rapid recovery of stolen money and property. Furthermore, all the criminals apprehended through use of radio frequency tracking equipment were convicted of their crimes and removed from the community. The time and cost of these investigations were reduced due to the utilization of radio frequency tracking equipment.

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The Federal Bureau of Investigation urges that the Commission not allow new, high-power users in the band or an auction of the segment 216-217 MHz. We urge the Commission to preserve the band for interference-free law enforcement tracking of stolen goods.

Sincerely

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