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Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 Twelfth Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: Ex Parte Notice – MM Docket No. 02-277**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On February 4, 2003, Mel Karmazin, President and Chief Operating Officer of Viacom, and Carol Melton and Anne Lucey of Viacom met with Ken Ferree and Paul Gallant of the Media Bureau, Susan Eid of Chairman Powell's office and Stacy Robinson of Commissioner Abernathy's office to discuss the media ownership rules that are the subject of the Commission's above-captioned biennial review proceeding. Specifically, for reasons based upon arguments made in Viacom's comments and reply comments in this proceeding, Mr. Karmazin discussed why structural ownership rules for broadcast radio and television should be relaxed.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's Rules and the Notice of Proposed Rule Making in MM Docket No. 02-277, an original and one copy of this letter are being submitted to the Secretary's office, two copies to Qualex International, and one electronic and one paper copy to each of Linda Senecal and Mania Baghdadi.

Sincerely,



cc: Ken Ferree  
Paul Gallant  
Susan Eid  
Stacy Robinson