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VIA FAX

The Honorable Armi Jane Borje
Commissioner, National Telecommunications Commission
BIR Road, East Triangle, Diliman, Quezon City
Metro Manila, Philippines

Dear Commissioner Borje:

Since my last letter to you on January 30, 2003, we have received petitions from two U.S. carriers informing the FCC that certain carriers in the Philippines have blocked the direct circuits of AT&T Corporation, and WorldCom Inc. The affected U.S. carriers have now petitioned the FCC for protection from "whipsawing."

We are placing these petitions on public notice today and are seeking comment from the public prior to issuing a decision. As the loss of these circuits affect U.S. consumers, I anticipate that the FCC will promptly consider these petitions. Please find attached a copy of the public notice with information about the proceeding and instructions on filing comments.

As I mentioned in my previous correspondence, we continue to seek your cooperation in resolving this matter and restoring circuits on the U.S.-Philippines route.

If you have questions on this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me on 202-418-6437 or Jackie Ruff of my staff (202-418-7806). Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,

Donald Abelson
Chief
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