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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
The Portals, 445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Petitions for Protection From Whipsawing on the US-
Philippines Route
IB Docket No. 03-38
Ex parte

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Friday, February 28, 2003, on behalf of the Philippine Long Distance Telephone Company (PLDT), the undersigned had separate telephone conversations with Donald Abelson and Jennifer Manner. The conversations followed in-person meetings held earlier in the week, which were the subject of previous *ex parte* filings by PLDT. In the telephone conversations, I informed Mr. Abelson and Ms. Manner that PLDT had reached an interim agreement with WorldCom, which in turn prompted PLDT to restore direct access to its circuits to WorldCom's traffic. Additionally, I left a voice mail message for Bryan Tramont, providing him with the same information.

If there are any questions in this regard, please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,



Henry Goldberg
Attorney for Philippine Long
Distance Telephone Company

cc: Donald Abelson
Jennifer Manner
Bryan Tramont