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Re: *Ex Parte* Notification
MB 02-277

Dear Ms. Dortch:

This is an *ex parte* notification filed pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission's Rules.

On March 10, 2003, the undersigned, on behalf of the Hearst-Argyle Television, Inc., met with Commissioner Martin and his Legal Advisor, Catherine Bohigian.

The undersigned discussed relaxation of the duopoly rule and, specifically, the arguments filed on behalf of Hearst-Argyle Television, Inc. in the Comments and Reply Comments filed by NAB and NASA on this issue in Docket No. 02-277.

An original and one copy of this letter are being filed with the Secretary with additional copies delivered to each person who participated in the meetings.

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If any questions should arise during the course of your consideration of this matter, it is respectfully requested that you communicate with this office.

Very truly yours,

Charles F. Marshall, III

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cc: Commissioner Kevin J. Martin
Catherine Bohigian