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From: Dale Newton
To: Mike Powell
Date: Wed, Mar 26, 2003 10:19 AM
Subject: FCC should do more re: wireless

Dale Newton
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Minneapolis, MN 55408

March 26, 2003

Federal Communications Commission Chair Michael K. Powell
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From: James Baumgartner
To: Mike Powell
Date: Thu, Mar 27, 2003 1:07 PM
Subject: FCC should do more re: wireless

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From: Charles Albano
To: Mike Powell
Date: Fri, Mar 28, 2003 5:14 PM
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