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Hon. Marlene Dortch  
Secretary  
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Dear Ms. Dortch:

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

RE: MB Docket No. 02-277 (Omnibus Broadcast  
Multiple Ownership Proceeding)

Pursuant to 47 CFR §1.1206, this will disclose that in connection with this permit-but-disclose proceeding, on behalf of MMTTC I met on May 28, 2003 with the following: Jordan Goldstein, Esq., Legal Assistant to Commissioner Michael Copps (1:00 PM); Johanna Mikes, Esq., Legal Assistant to Commissioner Jonathan Adelstein (1:40 PM; supplemented briefly by telephone at 1:00 PM May 30, 2003); Catherine Bohigian, Esq., Legal Assistant to Commissioner Kevin Martin (3:00 PM); Stacy Robinson, Esq., Legal Assistant to Commissioner Kathleen Abernathy (4:00 PM); Michele Ellison, Esq., Deputy General Counsel (5:00 PM); and on May 29, 2003 by telephone with Commissioner Jonathan Adelstein (who was still in his office working at 9:00 PM).

Each of these meetings and discussions addressed the question of how to structure the "SDB Transfer Option" under which station clusters would be grandfathered but could be transferred intact if sold to a socially and economically disadvantaged business (SDB). The substantive points relating to this issue are contained in ex parte letters filed in the docket on May 27, 2003 and May 30, 2003. In addition, in the meetings with the Legal Assistants I urged (a) that the Commission release for public comment any formula used to determine voice tests; (b) that it place any civil rights initiatives addressed in our comments (particularly equal transactional opportunity) out for comment in further notices of proposed rulemaking as soon as possible, such that if the proposed diversity advisory committee reviews these matters it should be given dates certain upon which it should report back to the Commission on how the various proposals could be crafted and refined for rulemaking purposes; and (c) that if it examines recently-surfaced proposal to raise the local radio ownership cap in the top three markets to ten stations, it do so in a further NPRM rather than in this proceeding (for reasons set out in an ex parte letter filed in the docket May 29, 2003).

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An original and two copies of this letter are being filed with the Secretary.

Sincerely,

*David Honig*

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