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

Re: Written *Ex Parte* Presentation in CS Docket No. 97-80 (Commercial Availability of Navigation Devices); PP Docket No. 00-67 (Compatibility Between Cable Systems and Consumer Electronics Equipment); and MB Docket No. 03-15 (Second Periodic Review of the Commission's Rules and Policies Affecting the Conversion to Digital Television).

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Friday, June 20, 2003, David Arland, Director of Worldwide Public and Trade Relations, Consumer Products, Thomson Inc. ("Thomson"), sent the enclosed letter to W. Kenneth Ferree, Chief of the Media Bureau, in response to the Commission's May 20, 2003, letter to Thomson requesting information about certain aspects of the digital television transition. Additionally, copies of the enclosed letter were sent *via* email to Susan Eid, Legal Advisor to Chairman Powell; Jordan Goldstein, Senior Legal Advisor to Commissioner Capps; Stacey Robinson, Mass Media Legal Advisor to Commissioner Abernathy; Catherine Crutcher Bohigian, Legal Advisor on Media Issues for Commissioner Martin; Johanna Mikes, Advisor for Media Issues for Commissioner Adelstein; Rich Chessen, Chair of the DTV Task Force; and Amy Nathan of the Office of Strategic Planning and Policy Analysis.

In accordance with Section 1.1206 of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1206, one copy of this letter is being filed electronically in the above-referenced proceedings. Please direct any questions concerning this matter to the undersigned.

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lawrence R. Sidman".

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Enclosure

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