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Ms. Marlene Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
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Re: 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); MB Docket No. 03-15 (Second Periodic Review of the Commission's Rules and Policies Affecting the Conversion to Digital Television); and MB Docket 02-230 (Digital Broadcast Copy Protection).

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Wednesday, September 3, 2003, Lawrence R. Sidman of Paul, Hastings, Janofsky & Walker LLP, on behalf of Philips Electronics North America Corporation, met with Paul Gallant (Legal Advisor to Chairman Powell), Jordan Goldstein (Legal Advisor to Commissioner Copps), and Tony Dale (Legal Advisor to Commissioner Martin) on issues in the above-referenced proceedings.

Specifically, Mr. Sidman reiterated the importance of the Commission adopting expeditiously (hopefully at its September 10 open meeting) the recommended regulations contained in the December 19, 2002 Memorandum of Understanding enabling the manufacture of "digital cable-ready" unidirectional digital televisions and other digital products. Mr. Sidman also discussed Philips' concerns that that Commission's adoption of the "plug and play" regulations in no way prejudice the outcome of its broadcast flag proceeding, including the open question of the Commission's authority to adopt digital broadcast content protection regulations absent an explicit Congressional mandate to do so. Mr. Sidman's presentation tracked Philips' comments and reply comments filed in the Commission's broadcast flag and Second DTV Periodic Review proceedings; Philips' April 2, 2003, presentation to staff of the Media Bureau regarding the comparative attributes of encryption-based and watermarking-based digital content protection systems; and comments and reply comments filed in the plug and play proceeding by the Consumer Electronics Association and the National Cable and Telecommunications Association.

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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. Please direct any questions concerning this matter to the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,



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cc: Paul Gallant
Jordan Goldstein
Tony Dale