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Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
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Re: Notice of *ex parte* Communication
CS Docket No. 03-124

Dear Secretary Dortch:

On December 8, 2003, Robert Miron, Chairman and CEO of Advance/Newhouse, Patrick Butler, Vice President of The Washington Post Company, Tom Might, President and CEO of Cable One, Michael Willner, President and CEO of Insight Communications, Alexander Netchvolodoff, Senior Vice President of Public Policy for Cox Enterprises, Bertram W. Carp, counsel for Advance/Newhouse, and the undersigned met with Commissioner Kevin J. Martin and, separately, with Commissioner Jonathan S. Adelstein and Johanna Mikes, Advisor to Commissioner Adelstein, and separately with Commissioner Michael J. Copps and Jordan Goldstein, Senior Legal Advisor to Commissioner Copps, concerning the possible remedies and conditions that are currently under consideration in connection with News Corp's proposed acquisition of a controlling interest in Hughes/DirecTV. Christopher J. Harvie, counsel for Advance/Newhouse, also attended the above-referenced meeting with Commissioner Martin; David Rudd of the Palmetto Group also attended the above-referenced meetings with Commissioner Adelstein and Johanna Mikes and with Commissioner Copps and Jordan Goldstein.

In each meeting, we stressed the importance of crafting remedies that effectively address the applicants' post-transaction incentives to withhold or threaten to withhold must-have Fox broadcast and regional sports network content as a means of extracting supracompetitive prices for such programming from competing MVPDs.

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Pursuant to section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, this letter is being filed with the Office of the Secretary via ECFS, with copies to the meeting participants via Email.

Any questions concerning this submission should be addressed to the undersigned.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bruce Sokler".

Bruce D. Sokler

cc: Commissioner Michael J. Copps
Commissioner Kevin J. Martin
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