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NOTICE OF EX PARTE PRESENTATION

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Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW, TW-A325
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Consolidated Application for Authority to Transfer Control of XM Satellite
Radio Holdings, Inc., and Sirius Satellite Radio Inc., MB Docket No. 07-57

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On July 10, 2008, Lewis Gibbs, President of The Word Network, Bishop Paul S. Morton of Atlanta, Bishop Charles H. Ellis III of Detroit and Lewis J. Paper and the undersigned of Dickstein Shapiro LLP, on behalf of The Word Network, met with Commissioner Michael J. Copps, Rick Chessen, Legal Assistant to Commissioner Copps and Michael Steffen, Intern, to discuss the above referenced proceeding.

The Word Network representatives described The Word Network media program, the work of The Word Network, and the experience of The Word Network with Sirius, including the background of pending litigation. The Word Network representatives advocated that if the merger is approved, any channels reserved for Qualified Entities also be available to not for profit entities offering programming designed to respond to the needs and interests of minority audiences. The representatives of The Word Network also explained that if the merger is approved, there is a need for a body independent of XM and Sirius to administer the allocation of those channels, and discussed, as one such possible mechanism, a board composed of distinguished Americans of minority background who would function in a role analogous to the trustees used as part of certain transfers or assignment transactions in the broadcasting arena. In addition, The Word Network representatives asked that in the alternative and/or in addition, the Commission clarify that, if the merger is approved, any channels set aside for noncommercial, educational and informational programming would be available to entities like The Word Network and discussed whether the same body that administered selection of the Qualified Entities could administer the channels set aside for noncommercial, educational and informational programming or whether a separate administrative and selection apparatus was appropriate.

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Please feel free to contact me if there are any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Albert H. Kramer".

Albert H. Kramer

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cc: Michael J. Copps, Commissioner
Rick Chessen, Legal Assistant to Commissioner Copps
Michael Steffen, Intern