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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

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

Re: Notice of Ex Parte Presentation, CS Docket No. 97-80

Dear Ms. Dortch:

This letter is submitted pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206.

On April 27, Jeffrey Lawrence of Intel Corporation and the undersigned met with Steven Broeckaert, Mary Beth Murphy, Nancy Murphy, Brendan Murray, Alison Neplokh, and Jeffrey Neuman, of the Media Bureau. The subject was Intel's Petition for Waiver of 47 C.F.R. § 76.640(b)(4), the IEEE 1394 output mandate for cable-supplied set-top boxes. Intel believes it is in the public interest for the Bureau to grant Intel's requested waiver expeditiously, in order to allow set-top box manufacturers to begin selling boxes containing Intel's "system-on-a-chip" media processors, which support home networking over Internet Protocol ("IP"). The Commission has recently issued its Fourth Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in Docket 97-80, which proposes, *inter alia*, to modify Section 76.640(b)(4). Under the proposed revision, cable operator-supplied set-top boxes would be permitted to include various alternate interfaces in place of the IEEE 1394 interface. If the revision is adopted as proposed, we believe that set-top boxes containing Intel's system-on-a-chip processors will be in compliance. An interim waiver of the IEEE 1394 requirement, pending the conclusion of the rulemaking, would help to advance the goal of promoting and enabling home video networking by allowing operator-supplied set-top boxes containing Intel's cost-effective systems-on-a-chip to reach subscribers sooner. The undersigned noted that the Bureau has on several occasions granted similar interim waiver relief while a rulemaking is pending.

In accordance with Section 1.1206 of the Federal Communications Commission rules, this letter is being filed electronically with your office. A copy of this notice has also been sent to the parties listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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