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Re: *Ex Parte* Letter Concerning IB Docket No. 97-95

Dear Ms. Salas:

Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. Sec. 1.1206, transmitted herewith for inclusion in the file relating to the above-referenced docket is a copy of a letter dated June 7, 2001 from David M. Cote, President and CEO, TRW Inc., to Arlan K. van Doorn of the FCC's Enforcement Bureau. Issues raised in this letter pertain to matters that are before the Commission in the referenced proceeding.

An original and two copies of this letter are being submitted for inclusion in the record.

Respectfully submitted,

David S. Keir
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cc: Mr. Arlan K. van Doorn

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Dear Mr. van Doorn,

It was a pleasure to meet you at the NSTAC meeting yesterday. I'm very excited by the new opportunities that TRW is pursuing in telecommunications and appreciate the work that the FCC is doing in facilitating new technologies. As I mentioned, one of our key projects has been in limbo for several years awaiting licensing. I'm hopeful that the FCC will continue to clear out paper filings to allow new entrants an opportunity to use these valuable resources.

TRW is an applicant for Fixed Satellite Service licenses in the V-band and 2nd round Ka-band proceedings. These processing rounds were initiated in 1997 and have yet to result in licenses, primarily because of the lack of remaining orbital slots in CONUS locations after the first round of Ka-band licenses were issued. TRW has taken the lead in orchestrating the spectrum allocation process at V-band, where we helped develop the successful US position at WRC-00. Unfortunately less successful have been our diligent efforts to help resolve the 2nd round Ka-band slot contention, where we hosted the industry group meetings for nearly three years without consensus. Unfortunately this means that the hard decisions fall back to the FCC as regulator.

TRW's plans tie both the Ka and V-band together in unique ways that will benefit both public and national interests. Unfortunately this means that we need our license in both bands before we can proceed. Clearly the driver here is making additional Ka-band slots available over CONUS. We've hoped that strong milestone enforcement would facilitate this but recent success has been mixed and licensing is still not at hand.

We're hopeful that the FCC Enforcement and International Bureaus will be able to objectively assess and dispose of old licenses that remain undeveloped but 'in play'. We've made many filings to this effect and encourage you to act on them quickly. If TRW can be of any further assistance in this process, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Dave