

20 May 2002

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W., TW-A325  
Washington, D.C. 20554

*Re: Ex Parte / Docket No.01-185*

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Friday, 17 May 2002, on behalf of ICO Global Communications (Holdings) Ltd., Gerry Salemme and Scott Blake Harris met with Maureen McLaughlin, of the Office of the General Counsel, in the above captioned matter.

During the course of this meeting, ICO discussed the robust, advanced global services it hopes to provide, the need to provide such services in cities as well as rural and remote areas, and the practical impossibility of providing such services over anything other than a unified, centrally controlled satellite-based network. ICO also argued that its proposed ATC concept was nothing more than an integrated extension of its licensed MSS system, and was not – and could not be – a stand-alone terrestrial CMRS system. Finally, ICO pointed out that MSS systems, even with ATC, could never be direct competitors for the core markets of terrestrial CMRS systems.

In accordance with section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's rules, I am submitting an electronic copy of this letter. If you have any questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely yours,



Mark Grannis

Cc: Maureen McLaughlin