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July 14, 2004

*Via Electronic Delivery*

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Applications for Consent to Assignment of Licenses and  
Authorizations of Verestar, Inc. (Debtor-in-Possession) and  
Verestar Networks, Inc. (debtor-in-Possession) to  
SES AMERICOM, Inc.

IB Docket No. 04-174

Dear Madam Secretary:

On June 25, 2004, GWTP Investments, L.P. ("GWTP") filed a Petition to Dismiss or Deny ("Petition") the above-referenced applications, claiming, inter alia, that the Applicants had failed to demonstrate that the proposed transaction would not in some way (GWTP was not specific in this regard) pose a threat to national security or effective law enforcement. See Petition at 19-22.

On July 6, 2004, the Applicants filed a joint Opposition to Petition to Dismiss or Deny ("Opposition"), in which they demonstrated, inter alia, that all necessary steps were being taken with the appropriate agencies and departments of the U.S. Government to address any national security and law enforcement concerns. See Opposition at 11-12.

On July 12, 2004, GWTP filed its Reply, in which it claimed, inter alia, that the Applicants' statements in the Opposition with respect to the national security and law enforcement issues were inadequate and that further inquiry was required. See Reply at 7.

However, also on July 12, 2004, the Federal Bureau of Investigation ("FBI"), on behalf of the Department of Justice ("DOJ") and the Department of Homeland Security ("DHS"), filed copies of an exchange of letters between SES Americom, Inc. and DOJ and notified the Commission that, "in reliance upon the representations made on behalf of SES Americom, [the DOJ, FBI and DHS] have decided not to file objections or other comments with the Commission regarding these applications." See Letter from Patrick W. Kelley, Deputy General Counsel,

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary

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Federal Bureau of Investigation, to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, dated July 12, 2004.

If there are any questions regarding this matter, please contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jeffrey H. Olson', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

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cc: Angela W. Kronenberg, Esq.

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## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Kathleen Kerr, hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Letter to Marlene H. Dortch was served this 14th day of July, 2004 via E-mail and U.S. Mail, First Class, postage pre-paid, to each of the following:

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