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DEAR SIRs:

IN THE MATTER of 1998 BIENNIAL REGULATORY REVIEW -- AMENDMENT of PART 97 of
THE COMMISSION'S AMATEUR SERVICE RULES, FCC WT DOCKET 98-143.

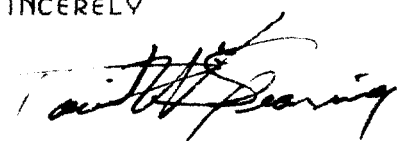
I FIND THE ARRL'S PROPOSAL FOR RESTRUCTURING THE AMATEUR RADIO LICENSE
CLASSES ACCEPTABLE AND APPROPRIATE FOR OUR TIMES. I WOULD PREFER A SIMPLER
SYSTEM, WHICH WOULD MAKE ONLY TWO CLASSES: "CODE", PROPOSED CLASSES "A, B, &
C"; AND "NO-CODE", PROPOSED CLASS "D".

WE NEED TO PUT THE TEETH INTO ENFORCEMENT POLICIES: THE LAST THING WE NEED
IS ANOTHER 11 METER BAND (C B BAND). PERHAPS MORE PEOPLE ARE NEEDED TO GET
THE JOB DONE.

THE WRITTEN TESTS SHOULD BE TOUGHER AND INCLUDE QUESTIONS ON OPERATING
PROCEDURES AND DIGITAL MODE OPERATION.

FURTHER, I WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE OPENING OF A VLF BAND. WE ARE SEEING OTHER
COUNTRIES ALLOWING AMATEUR OPERATORS PRIVILEGES IN THE 30 TO 200 KHZ RANGE.
WE DO HAVE THE 1750 METER BAND (160 - 180 KHZ) WHICH SHOULD DEFINITELY BE
GIVEN AMATEUR STATUS. A SHARED BAND FROM 30 TO 250 KHZ WOULD ALLOW THE
EXPLORATION OF A FORGOTTEN SEGMENT OF THE SPECTRUM.

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