

The Commissioners, FCC  
re: proceeding 00-30 (Time-Warner merger)

With reference to the case before you concerning the merger of Time/Warner and AOL, I hold

- 1) That to grant the merger would constitute a violation of the principles of anti-monopoly which the American government holds out to the world
- 2) Would permit far too much concentration of power in hands which have shown themselves unsuitable to receive it.
- 3) Would constitute a breach of the right to free speech of the American citizen and is thus unconstitutional

-Should these measures be passed, because America is in fact the example and the light of freedom to people throughout the world, the effect will be to decrease freedom in the world. That, peace being wholly dependent on freedom, the upholding of such a merger would be a blow to world peace, as it is to freedom.

The internet exists as an alternative to the other systems of communication, such as telephone and the passing of photographic and print media. The people of America are accustomed to freedom in the use of such media. Now the idea is to give control of a large part of the expression and communication of citizens to the control of large organisations.

What fitness have these organisations shown? AOL has been criticised many times for restrictive and regressive policies. Speaking as a leader of the Buddhist Community in Australia