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Ms. Magalie Roman Salas  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Room TWB204  
Washington, D.C. 20054

**Ex Parte Presentation in Docket No. 00-30**

Dear Ms. Roman Salas:

Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, an original and one copy of this letter are being filed as notice that representatives of The Walt Disney Company, James Olson (legal counsel, Howrey Simon Arnold & White), Jonathan Baker (Associate Professor of Law, American University) and myself met on August 30, 2000 with Dr. Jerald Faulhaber and Michael Kende in the Office of Plans and Policy to discuss issues raised by the proposed merger of AOL and Time Warner.

The parties discussed issues raised by Disney in its comments filed in this proceeding. Specifically, the company raised its concerns regarding the competitive issues posed by the combination of AOL's services and Time Warner's content and control of the distribution platform. Disney reiterated its concerns that the combined entity would have both the incentive and the ability to discriminate against alternative content providers attempting to offer services such as interactive television.

Sincerely,

Marsha J. MacBride

- cc: Dr. Jerald Faulhaber
- Mr. Michael Kende
- James Bird, Office of General Counsel
- Royce Dickens, Cable Services Bureau
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