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Dear Counsel:

As you are aware, Fox Television Stations (FTS) has filed applications seeking Commission approval of FTS’s acquisition of control of ten television broadcast station licenses held by subsidiaries of Chris-Craft Industries. Through this pending transaction, FTS proposes to own station WWOR-TV, Secaucus, New Jersey, which will implicate the Commission’s television/newspaper cross-ownership rule due to the common ownership of collocated station WNYW(TV) and the New York Post in New York City. By Order, DA 01-528, released March 1, 2001, the Chief of the Mass Media Bureau adopted a Protective Order with respect to alleged proprietary information proffered by the News Corporation Limited (News Corp.) regarding the financial condition of the New York Post. See also DA 01-579, released March 5, 2001 and DA 01-976, released April 19, 2001, amending DA 01-528. As noted by the Bureau Chief, the “Order does not constitute a resolution of the merits concerning whether the confidential documents would be released publicly by the Commission upon a proper request under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) or otherwise.”

Please be advised that the Commission has received an FOIA request from Paul D. Colford concerning certain documents submitted by News Corp. under the Protective Order. A copy of Mr. Colford’s request is enclosed. Any comments you may wish to
make with respect to this FOIA request should be directed to the undersigned at Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room 2-A663, Washington, D.C. 20554 and served upon Mr. Colford.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

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Enclosure

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