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VIA HAND DELIVERY

Magalie Roman Salas
 Secretary
 Federal Communications Commission
 445 Twelfth Street, SW
 Washington, DC 20554

Re: *Ex Parte Communication: DA 00-2246*
 Fox Television Stations, Inc. Application for Assignment of Broadcast
 Licenses and Assets of Chris-Craft Industries, Inc.
 File Nos. BALCT-20000918ABB-ABD; BALCT-20000918ABF-ABS;
BALCT-20000918ABU-ABZ; BALCT20000918ACA-ACE

Dear Ms. Salas:

On Tuesday, May 8, 2001, Christopher R. Day and Angela Campbell of the Institute for Public Representation met with Mark Schneider, Senior Legal Advisor to Commissioner Ness, on behalf of the Office of Communication, Inc. of the United Church of Christ, Academy of Latino Leaders in Action, Black Citizens for a Fair Media, Center for Media Education, Consumer Federation of America, Consumers Union, New York Metropolitan Association of the United Church of Christ, Rainbow/PUSH Coalition and Valley Community Access Television ("Petitioners") regarding the above-referenced proceeding.

During the meeting, Petitioners' counsel discussed the expecting timing for a decision in the matter. Petitioners' counsel then reviewed their responses to Fox Television Stations, Inc. ("Fox") and Chris-Craft Industries, Inc's ("Chris-Craft") April 18, 2001, *ex parte* letter. Specifically, Petitioners highlighted the Commission's decision in *Renaissance II*, which specifically stated that the mere initiation of a proceeding to re-examine the Newspaper/Broadcast Cross-Ownership Rule is not enough to justify an interim waiver. Petitioners' counsel also stated that they would provide an analysis of this case to further clarify this issue.

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Petitioners' counsel also discussed the fact that the Mass Media Bureau has not made any further attempt to secure a waiver to access Fox and News Corporation's Hart-Scott-Rodino ("HSR") filing made with the U.S. Department of Justice. This request was made in the Commission's December 21, 2000, letter to Fox and Chris-Craft's counsel requesting additional information regarding the transaction. On January 25, 2001, Fox and Chris-Craft filed a response with the Commission refusing to execute a waiver allowing the Commission to access the HSR information. Since that time, the Commission has not further pursued this issue.

In compliance with the Commission's rules regarding *ex parte* communications, an original and one (1) copy of this letter is enclosed. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,



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