General Atomics Aeronautical Systems, Inc. (GA-ASI) builds the Predator Unmanned Air Vehicle. We require the use of frequencies controlled by the FCC for aircraft production testing, pilot training and development test activities at our facilities listed on the subject request. The current volume of Government program activity has congested the C-Band frequencies already approved for our use. The additional Ku Band frequencies we have requested are needed to allow us to meet our support requirements for the US Army, US Navy and US Air Force Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom war efforts. Our ability to provide trained pilots for our overseas operations is at a critical point and we need access to the additional Ku Band frequencies as soon as possible.

Any effort that you can expend to expedite this request would be greatly appreciated by GA-ASI and our customers.