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VIA HAND DELIVERY

Ms. Magalie Roman Salas Secretary Federal Communications Commission Experimental Radio Services P.O. Box 358320 Pittsburgh, PA 15251-5320

RE.

APPLICATION FOR NEW EXPERIMENTAL LICENSE AND LETTER REQUESTING CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT OF APPLICATION FOR NATIONAL SECURITY PURPOSES PURSUANT TO 47 U.S.C. § 552(b) AND 47 C.F.R. § 0.457

Dear Ms. Salas:

On behalf of Northrop Grumman Corporation ("Northrop Grumman"), there is submitted herewith, an application on FCC Form 442 for a new station license in the Experimental Radio Service (other than broadcast). This application contains information that has been classified by the Department of Defense as "secret" pursuant to Executive Order 12958. Consequently, this filing includes only page 1 of the FCC Form 442. Pursuant to the Instructions For Completing FCC Form 442, the remaining portions of the application have heen submitted to the FCC's Security Operations Staff.

Specifically, the information contained in Exhibit 1 has been classified as "Secret" by the Department of Defense. This information is exempt from routine declassification pursuant to its X3 status. Accordingly, pursuant to Section 552(b)(1) of the Administrative Procedure Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(1) and Section 0.457 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 0.457, Northrop Grumman requests that this exhibit be treated as confidential for national security purposes and withheld from the public.

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Also enclosed is a check made payable to the "Federal Communications Commission" in the amount of \$90.00 to cover the requisite filing fee for the application and the request for confidential treatment. In addition, we have enclosed an Anti-Drug Abuse Act Certification form signed by an authorized representative of Northrop Grumman. This form should be associated with the FCC Form 442 as Exhibit 4.

Any questions concerning this filing may be directed to the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa M. Fowlkes

Attorney for Northrop Grumman Corporation

Enclosures