



MEMORANDUM

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Date: September 5, 1997

To: Magalie Salas, Chief, Compliance Division

From: Lawrence P. Petak, Chief, New Technology Development Division

Subject: Fraudulent Correspondence and Impersonation of an FCC Official

This is to request the assistance of the Compliance and Information Bureau to investigate an apparent fraudulent letter represented as official FCC correspondence.

The Experimental Branch (ELB) of the New Technology Development Division has received a copy of an apparently fraudulent letter that was represented as official FCC correspondence. A copy of the letter was filed in connection with an application for experimental license, file number 5743-EX-PL-97, filed by TeleCell Inc. A copy of the application and all correspondence with the applicant is attached.

As indicated in the attached correspondence, Mr. Dieter Maschewsky, the President of TeleCell, spoke with Mr. Carl Huie of the ELB and discussed the possibilities of experimental operation in the 890-945 MHz band. In a TELEFAX to Mr. Huie, Mr. Maschewsky stated that a former employee of his company, Mr. William Woodruff, had coordinated experimental use of the band with the FCC. He attached a copy of a letter to Mr. Woodruff, which bears the FCC seal and is signed by a Robert Townsend, Sr. Frequency Allocation Specialist, with a copy to a G. Brooks. The letter from Mr. Townsend advises TeleCell that the FCC is prepared to grant an experimental license for the frequency bands 890-900 MHz and 935-945 MHz. upon the receipt of an application Form 4200EL.

We are not aware of Mr. Townsend's employment. A check of the FCC directory revealed that neither Robert Townsend or G. Brooks are employed by the FCC. Nor does the FCC use Form 4200EL for experimental licensing.

Mr. Maschewsky explains in his correspondence that Mr. William Woodruff is no longer employed by TeleCell, Inc. Although he has been able to obtain Mr. Woodruff's address, Mr. Maschewsky has been unable to contact him.

Based on the information available, it appears that the letter signed by Mr. Townsend is fraudulent and that Mr. Townsend has misrepresented himself as an FCC employee in both the content of his letter and the unauthorized use of the FCC seal. I believe this warrants investigation by your office. If you require additional information, please feel free to contact Paul Marrangoni, Chief of the Experimental Licensing Branch, at 418-2425.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "P. Marrangoni".

cc: R. M. Smith
P. L. Marrangoni