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Equipment Approval Services
P.O. Box 358315
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Re: Volunteers in Technical Assistance
FCC Call Sign WA8XFI
File No. 0116-EX-ST-1999

Dear Sir or Madam:

Volunteers in Technical Assistance ("VITA") hereby requests an extension, or, in the alternative, reinstatement, of the above-referenced experimental Special Temporary Authorization ("STA"). Authority is requested for 180 days from the date of grant of this request. Also submitted herewith please find a check in the sum of \$45.00 to cover the requisite filing fee.

The Commission granted the above-referenced STA on April 27, 1999. The STA authorized VITA to use an earth station located at VITA's headquarters in Arlington, Virginia to communicate with the Portuguese low earth orbiting satellite known as POSAT-1. VITA operates the earth station in connection with a program to test and develop experimental low-earth orbiting "packet radio" satellite technology. Owing to administrative oversight, VITA's STA expired on October 27, 1999.

VITA's need to operate its earth station is ongoing. The subject earth station is used as part of an overall experimental program designed to foster basic infrastructure improvements and self-sufficiency in developing nations. Grant of the requested extension, or reinstatement, will enable VITA to continue its humanitarian efforts.

VITA hereby certifies that the operation parameters of its earth station communications have not changed from those outlined in the above-referenced experimental STA. VITA additionally certifies that no party to this request is subject to a denial of federal benefits pursuant to Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988, 21 U.S.C. § 862.

Please direct all questions and correspondence with regard to this matter to:

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Henry Norman".

Henry Norman
President
Volunteers in Technical Assistance

cc: Carl Huie (FCC)
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