



United States Department of State
Washington, D.C. 20520

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Federal Communication Commission
445 12th Street. SW
Attn: Mr. James Burtle, Manager, Experimental Licensing Branch
Washington D.C. 20554

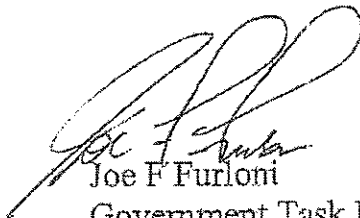
Dear Mr. Burtle,

The Department of State Bureau for International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs (INL) requests expedited handling and approval of the FCC Form 442 Application for Radio Station Authorization, Confirmation Number EL153047, File Number 0274-EX-PL-2007, dated June 4 2007. ARINC Engineering Services has filed the Form 442 to conduct ground and flight testing of a new airborne signal sensor being procured by INL for use by the Colombian National Police (CNP). The sensor will be installed in new CNP Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance Aircraft Program (ISRAP) airborne platforms to interdict narco-terrorist activities in Colombia.

ARINC has been advised that a backlog of up to 100 days exists for approval of the Form 442. Any delay in deploying the ISRAP platforms with the new signal sensor equipment jeopardizes the success of on-going counter-narco-terrorist activities in Colombia and has the potential to negatively impact Department of State programs and to increase the security risk to US and Host Nation Government forces conducting counter-narco-terrorist operations. These intelligence aircraft will also play an essential role in searching for, and potentially coordinating the rescue of, the three U.S. hostages who have been held captive in Colombia by the narco-terrorists for over four years.

To facilitate required ground and flight testing and to permit the scheduled deployment of the platforms, we request that you expedite your timely approval of the Form 442.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joe F Furloni", is written over the typed name.

Joe F Furloni
Government Task Leader
Department of State INL