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From: Fleet Introduction Director, Littoral Combat Ship (PMS 501)
To: Chairman, Federal Communications Commission

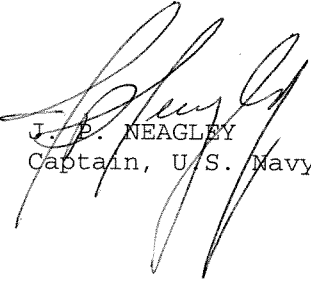
Subj: REQUEST FOR EXPEDITED PROCESSING (FCC FILE NO. 0607-EX-PL-2006)

1. The Harris Corporation submitted an OET Experimental License Application, FCC File Number 0607-EX-PL-2006, in November 2006. This application is currently awaiting final processing by the Commission's Office of Engineering and Technology.

2. The Harris Corporation application is in direct support of a Navy technology development program called the Sea Lancet Radio. This radio is a critical enabler for a fast-paced surface combatant program, the Littoral Combat Ship (LCS). The LCS is intended to counter a set of maritime threats to national security, and has specific requirements to support homeland defense missions.

3. Initial testing of the Sea Lancet system is scheduled to begin on March 19, 2007. I understand that some 23 other applications are in the queue for processing ahead the Harris application and approval is unlikely prior to the 19th. Detailed plans exist for further development and integration of the Sea Lancet radio following completion of the experiment supported by this application, and delay would have significant impact to the operational objectives of the program.

4. I request your consideration for expedited processing of the Harris application by 19 March 2007 if possible. Your attention to this matter is appreciated, and should you have any questions I may be contacted at 202-781-2971.


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