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HAND DELIVERY

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

Re: **FCC Form 442 Application of Northrop Grumman Corporation
for a New Experimental Radio Service Authorization and a Request for
Confidential Treatment of the Application.**

Dear Madam Secretary:

On behalf of Northrop Grumman Corporation ("Northrop Grumman"), there is submitted herewith, on FCC Form 442, an application for a new experimental radio service authorization under Part 5 of the Commission's Rules.

Northrop Grumman is applying for this new authorization in order to fulfill various purchase orders with Lockheed Martin Tactical Aircraft Systems to design, construct and test APG-68 FMS radar systems for use in F-16 aircraft contracted for sale to foreign military customers. Because Exhibit I to Northrop Grumman's Form 442 application contains information that has been classified by the United States Department of Defense, Exhibit I will be submitted to the Commission's Security Operations Staff.

Specifically, the information contained in Exhibit 1 has been classified as "Confidential" by the Department of Defense's F-16 Security Guide pursuant to Executive Order 12958. 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(a), Northrop Grumman requests that that Exhibit I 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 \$100.00 to cover the requisite filing fee for the application and the request for confidential treatment.

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

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John M. R. Kneuer', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

John M. R. Kneuer
Counsel for Northrop Grumman Corporation

Enclosures
cc: Carl Huie
Steven Balaz