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HAND DELIVERY

Magalie Roman Salas, Esq.
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Experimental Radio Services
P.O. Box 358320
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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 Ms. 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 the requirements of a contract with the Boeing Space and Defense Group (Contract No. JU9570) to design, construct and test MESA radar systems for use in Project Wedgetail aircraft to be operated by the Australian Air Force. Exhibit I to Northrop Grumman's Form 442 application contains information that has been classified by the United States Department of Defense as "Secret". In addition, Exhibit I also contains certain information that will be classified as "Secret" for national security purposes by the Government of Australia. Therefore, in accordance to the instructions for Form 442, Exhibit I will be submitted to the Commission's Security Operations Staff.

Specifically, the information contained in Exhibit 1 has been classified as "Secret" by the Department of Defense pursuant to Executive Order 12958. This information is exempt from declassification pursuant to its X5 status. Accordingly, pursuant to Section 552(b)(1) of the Administrative Procedure Act, 5 U.S.C. §

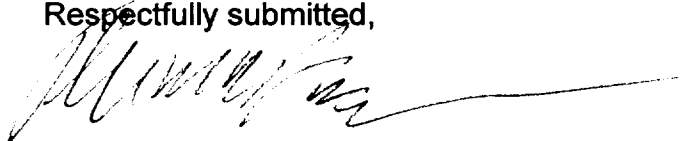
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552(b)(1), and Section 0.457 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 0.457, Northrop Grumman requests that Exhibit I be treated as "Secret" for national security purposes and withheld from the public.

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 submitted,



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Enclosures
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