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Mr. Richard C. Beaird
Acting U.S. Coordinator
Office of International Communications and Information Policy
Bureau of Economic and Business Affairs
U.S. Department of State
2201 C Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20520-5818

Re: Application File No. ITC-214-20000302-00127


Dear Mr. Beaird:

We have received an application (File No. ITC-214-20000302-00127), filed by Sprint Communications Company, L.P. requesting authority to operate as a facilities-based carrier to provide service between the U.S. and Cuba. Sprint seeks authority to upgrade an existing private line circuit from 256 Kbps to 2 Mbps in order to provide additional private line services. Sprint will use its own facilities to connect with an authorized earth station in Franklin, New Jersey (FRN-03A) that will communicate with the INTELSAT Atlantic Ocean Region (AOR) satellite at 335.5 degrees E. L.

The application is filed pursuant to the Commission's Public Notice, Report No. I-6831, released July 27, 1993 which incorporates the July 22, 1993 letter (the "Letter") from the U. S. Department of State to the Commission. The Letter sets forth the procedures to be followed by the Commission and the U.S. Departments of Treasury, Commerce, and State in implementing the Cuban Democracy Act with respect to telecommunications between the U.S. and Cuba. A copy of the application is enclosed.

We would appreciate being advised as soon as possible whether the Department of State approves the grant of this application.

Yours truly,


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Chief, Telecommunications Division
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Enclosures

cc: Damon Wells