

March 23, 1999

Ms. Marjorie Roman Salas
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
The Portals
445 - 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

RE: In the Matter of Application of AfriSpace Inc., for Authority to Launch and Operate a Satellite Sound Broadcasting Transmission System, File NO.: CSS-90-017 [IBFS File NO.: SAT-LOA-19900723-00002]; Amendment File No. SAT-AMD-19990125-000016 (Call Sign 52367)

Dear Ms. Salas:

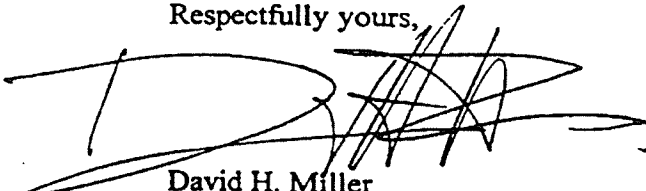
I am writing on behalf of the Corporate Council on Africa to support the above cited AfriSpace Inc. application.

The Corporate Council on Africa is a non-profit, non-partisan, membership organization of American corporations and individuals that are committed to developing the African private sector and strengthening the commercial relationship between the United States and Africa. The Council supports projects that it believes will assist Africa's economic, social and political growth.

The AfriSpace digital audio broadcast satellite system is the first broadcast satellite dedicated to serving Africa. The system will provide news and information programming that will help to equalize the access of African entrepreneurs to the information highway. Through partnerships with African broadcasters, it will stimulate private enterprise, provide investment capital, and enable technology transfer between the U.S. and Africa.

It is the Council's position that a flourishing Africa is not just good for African countries, but for the United States. Our national security, environmental protection and economic success hinges upon Africa's prosperity and stability. Because I believe that the AfriSpace Inc. project will help to contribute to a flourishing Africa, I urge the FCC to approve this application.

Respectfully yours,



David H. Miller
Executive Director