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INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS CENTER

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

Re: Amendment of Afrispace, Inc.'s Application for Authority to Construct, Launch and Operate a Subregional Africa and Middle Eastern Satellite Sound Broadcasting Transmission System.

File No. CSS-90-017 [IBFS File No. SAT-LOA-19900723-00002];

Amendment  
File No. SAT-AMD-19990125-00016 (call sign 52367)

Dear Ms. Salas:

We want to join others who wholeheartedly support ref. Amendment to Afrispace Inc.'s application for authority to construct, launch and operate a satellite sound broadcasting transmission system destined for Africa and the Middle East. We can fully appreciate the system's potential for education, agriculture information and the dissemination of information concerning health care. Without question, African development would be enhanced through the introduction of direct sound broadcasting. Further, it would carry the assurance of quality reception.

In addition, we believe that this initiative helps to fulfill President Clinton's goals of promoting democracy, economic and social development through partnership with the African people. For those among us who served on the African continent, we know the value of the free flow of information as an essential in the development process. It is for these reasons that we fully support Afrispace's ref. Amendment.

Sincerely,

  
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Director



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