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May 27, 1999

Magalie Roman Salas, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
The Portals, Room TW-A325  
445 Twelfth Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: File Nos. **CSS-90-017**  
[IBFS File No. SAT-LOA-19900723-00002];  
SAT-AMD-19990125-00016

Dear Ms. Salas:

The undersigned is in receipt of a letter dated May 26, 1999 from Tara K. Giunta, counsel to WorldSpace, Inc. and AfriSpace, Inc. The letter takes the position that the General Aviation Manufacturers Association's ("GAMA's") filing of May 3 should not be considered by the Commission because it did not contain a certificate of service and was not served on AfriSpace or its counsel. The letter cites in this connection Commission Rule 25.154.

The May 26 letter is mistaken. On March 4, 1999 the Commission issued a special Public Notice dealing with the status of the AfriSpace application and the procedures for commenting thereon (see Attachment). That Public Notice specifically allowed ex parte presentations subject to the Commission's "permit but disclose" rules due to the international coordination and policy issues raised by the application.

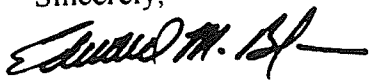
GAMA's letter was filed in accordance with the Public Notice. It was clearly a permissible ex parte presentation and supplied an original and one copy "for inclusion in the public record of this matter." Consequently, there is no basis for the AfriSpace request.

Accordingly, AfriSpace's May 26 request is without merit, and GAMA's letter should be considered.

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Any questions regarding this matter may be referred to the undersigned

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Edward M. Bolen", with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Edward M. Bolen  
President

cc: Tara K. Giunta, Esq.