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Re: Inmarsat Ventures Limited, File No. SAT-MS-C-20040210-00027

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Dear Ms. Dortch:

On behalf of Inmarsat Ventures Limited, we are writing to ask that the Commission designate this proceeding as "permit but disclose" for *ex parte* purposes. The Commission has the authority to do so by order, letter or public notice where the public interest so requires, as it does in this case. *See* 47 C.F.R. § 1.1200(a).

This proceeding involves Inmarsat's request for a determination that it has satisfied the remaining goals of the ORBIT Act. As such, it involves important policy matters, the resolution of which would benefit from a free exchange of views. Moreover, the information gathered in this proceeding will assist the Commission in its upcoming Report to Congress Regarding the ORBIT Act. *See* SPB-206 (Apr. 23, 2004). Moreover, designating the *ex parte* status of this proceeding as "permit but disclose" would be consistent with the Commission's treatment of a similar request by New Skies Satellites N.V. in an analogous situation. *See* SAT-00059 (Nov. 14, 2000).

Respectfully submitted,

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I, Alex Hoehn-Saric, hereby certify that on this 27th day of April, 2004, copies of the foregoing April 27 letter from Inmarsat Ventures Limited to the Commission were sent by hand-delivery (*) and by U.S. first class, postage pre-paid mail, to the following:

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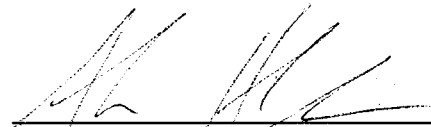
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