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Ms. Kathy Smith
Office of the Chief Counsel
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Dear Mr. Wentland and Ms. Smith,

U.S. military forces continue to have a significant presence in the country of Iraq and the surrounding region for support of peace enforcement operations. Forces in the region continue to rely heavily on the Iridium satellite system for mobile time-sensitive communications.

The Special Temporary Authorization (STA) for the Iridium system to use additional channels through June 12, 2003 appears to be positively affecting system performance. Based on the Department of Defense's support of peace enforcement operations in Iraq, the Department is supportive of extending the existing STA for an additional thirty (30) days. The Department of Defense will continue to monitor the Iridium system usage by U.S. forces and other key government entities that are engaged in the rebuilding of Iraq. We will advise your office immediately if the continued heavy usage of the Iridium system by US forces subsides prior to the end of this additional thirty-day period.

The Department provides this statement of support for the additional Iridium channels with the intent and understanding that this temporary allocation will in no way result in negative implications to the Globalstar system. The Department's action in this case is not intended to and should in no way prejudice the outcome of the open proceeding related to the affected spectrum band.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Carl Wayne Smith".

CARL WAYNE SMITH
General Counsel

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