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Re: INC Interim NANP Expansion Report

Dear Mr. Moore:

Thank you for your letter of January 14, 2000 on the INC Interim NANP Expansion Report. You were correct that the North American Numbering Council (NANC) discussed the Report submitted by the Industry Numbering Committee (INC) at its January 18-19 meeting.

Although NANC meetings are open to the public (and, in fact, we schedule time during each meeting specifically for public participation), you are also correct that NANC has not solicited formal public comment on the INC Report. That is because (among other reasons), as the title suggests, the INC Report at this stage is only interim and there is much work to be done before the Report can or should be seriously considered.

NANC, as I'm sure you know, is comprised of representatives from various industry segments, as well as regulators, consumer representatives, foreign governments, and trade associations. Let me assure you that all of NANC's members share Ad Hoc's concern over the large costs and industry efforts that any NANP expansion effort will involve. You correctly stated the industry's (and NANC's) overall objective is to assure a sufficient and durable supply of numbers for the future.

In that regard, I need to make the point that work (such as has been done so far by INC) on NANP expansion does not, in NANC's view, detract in any way from the ongoing and substantial efforts to optimize existing numbering resources. Optimization is clearly NANC's first priority. Yet, given some of the estimates of potential NANP exhaust, it would be irresponsible for NANC not to begin working on possible expansion at this time. I'm sure that Ad Hoc understands and agrees with that position.

At the NANC meeting this month, we established an Issue Management Group (IMG) to advise the FCC on a possible response to the letter that INC has sent regarding the major assumptions contained in the Report. That IMG will report to the February 22-23 NANC meeting on its progress. If Ad Hoc has an interest in participating in the work of this group, please let me or Jeannie Grimes at the FCC know as soon as possible.

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Otherwise, please let me know if there's anything else that I can do to better understand and consider Ad Hoc's concerns as NANC proceeds with its important work. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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