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Re: Application of Teledesic Corporation, etc., File
Nos. 22-DSS-PL/A-94, 43-SAT-AMEND-95, and
127-SAT-AMEND-95

Dear Mr. Grannis:

Thank you for your letter of September 6, 1996, seeking "clarification" of my response to your previous inquiry regarding the effective date provisions of the congressional review provisions of the Contract With America Advancement Act of 1996, Pub. L. No. 104-121, 110 Stat. 847 (1996), *codified at* 5 U.S.C. §§ 801-808 ("the Act"). You ask for guidance whether the Commission has legal authority to grant "conditional licenses prior to the expiration date of the sixty-day review period under" the Act. Because your letter requests that I provide you with my legal opinion on matters currently pending before the Commission, I have decided to decline your request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William E. Kennard".

William E. Kennard
General Counsel