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FROM: OBUCHOWSKI, Janice: FREEDOM TECHNOLOGIES INCORPORATED

TO: DR. D.A. BROMLEY

DATE OF
CORRESPONDENCE: 06/19/92

SUBJECT: SHE IS WRITING TO CONFIRM THEIR MEETING WITH DR.
BROMLEY ON 07/07/92. SHE ALSO ASKS FOR DR. BROMLEY'S
FURTHER SUPPORT AT THIS TIME.

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June 19, 1992

Dr. D. Allan Bromley
Assistant to the President
for Science and Technology
Old Executive Office Building
17th St. & Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.
Room 358
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Dr. Bromley:

This confirms our meeting on July 7, at 10:00 a.m. Accompanying me will be Salim Bhatia, CEO of BroadBand Technologies, and Rick Jones, Senior Vice President of that company.

We would like to discuss technology breakthroughs that permit immediate deployment of a cost-effective fiber optic network. What stands in the way is law and regulation that prohibits telephone company entry into video services.

We are grateful for White House support as demonstrated in the recent exchange of letters between Mr. Yeutter and Senators Dole and Burns. We believe that your further support at this time would be most helpful, as we expect the FCC to be addressing the video dialtone issue within a month.

Thank you, and I am looking forward to seeing you again.

Sincerely,

Janice Obuchowski

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DIRECTORATE STATUS

FROM: HEILMEIER, George H.: BELLCORE

TO: DR. D.A. BROMLEY

DATE OF
CORRESPONDENCE: 03/25/92

SUBJECT: HE IS WRITING TO EXPRESS HIS VIEWS ON
RECONFIGURATION OF THE PUBLIC NETWORK IN ORDER TO
ENABLE THE FBI TO MAINTAIN ITS ELECTRONIC
SURVEILLANCE CAPABILITIES. HE URGES OSTP TO LEAD A
REVIEW OF THE SITUATION.

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REMARKS:

Copy of reply signed by Dr. Bromley is attached.

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President and Chief Executive Officer

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March 25, 1992

Dr. D. Allan Bromley
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Washington, DC 20500

Dear Allan:

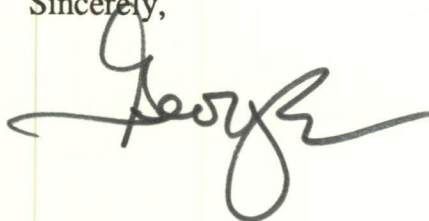
It was good to talk with you the other day and learn that your trip to Europe was a fruitful one.

As we discussed, I fully support the needs of the FBI to maintain its electronic surveillance capabilities in the face of technological change. Nevertheless, my reading of their proposal to amend the Communications Act of 1934 indicates that there needs to be more study. I believe that it is unrealistic to mandate 180 day compliance to unspecified modifications of the public network for the sake of preserving electronic surveillance capabilities. Taken to the extreme, the proposal would greatly impede modernization of the telecommunications infrastructure in this country, adversely impact service capabilities and increase costs to consumers, and ultimately reduce U. S. competitiveness.

There may, in fact, be no need to reconfigure the public network. The possibility of a portable solution to the embedded base issue, to be used on a case-by-case basis, should be vigorously pursued. The FBI should then work with telecommunications equipment manufacturers and the industry on a going forward basis to determine if its intercept needs in a digital environment can be met.

I would suggest that this issue needs a balanced technical review that, perhaps, your office could lead. I believe that this approach could preclude precipitous actions that would not serve the FBI or the country particularly well.

Sincerely,



OFFICE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY POLICY

STAFFING SHEET

SUBJECT: Electronic Surveillance and the PSN

ORIGINATOR: Michelle Van Cleave PHONE: X7326

DATE ORIGINATED: 4/14/92 DATE DUE: 4/15 CORR TRACKING NO: 9201067

EXTERNAL COORDINATION:

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2	DIRECTOR		
	GENERAL COUNSEL		
1	EXEC. ASST.		

ACTION REQUESTED: DAB - This issue has been reviewed at the highest levels -- I would like to brief you in person before you speak with Heilmeyer again -- I am meeting with FBI today.

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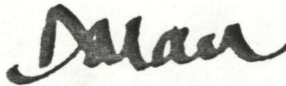
April 14, 1992

Dear George:

Thank you for your recent note concerning the Administration's proposed amendment to the Communications Act of 1934. I agree with your assessment of the need to maintain FBI electronic surveillance capabilities while at the same time not harming needed modernization of the nation's telecommunications infrastructure. Clearly Bellcore's support is vital to an effective national response.

I have asked my staff to look into the proposed technical remedies more closely, in consultation with the National Security Council and other interested departments and agencies. It would be helpful if you would ask the appropriate Bellcore representative(s) to get in touch with my Assistant Director, Michelle Van Cleave (202/395-7326) to discuss this matter further.

Sincerely yours,



D. Allan Bromley
The Assistant to the President
for
Science and Technology

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