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**THE PRESIDENT'S
NATIONAL SECURITY TELECOMMUNICATIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
(NSTAC)
CURRENT MEMBERS
(as of May 25, 1993)**

AMERICAN TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY (AT&T)

Mr. Robert E. Allen
Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer
American Telephone and Telegraph Company
Basking Ridge, NJ
Appointed January 18, 1989

BELL COMMUNICATIONS RESEARCH, INC. (BELLCORE)

Dr. George H. Heilmeier
President and Chief Executive Officer
Bell Communications Research, Inc.
Livingston, NJ
Appointed October 8, 1991

THE BOEING COMPANY

Mr. Stanley C. Beckelman
President
Boeing Computer Support Services
Seattle, WA
(Appointment pending to replace Mr. Hitsman who is retiring)

COMMUNICATIONS SATELLITE CORPORATION (COMSAT)

Mr. Bruce L. Crockett
President and Chief Executive Officer
Communications Satellite Corporation
Bethesda, MD
Appointed November 20, 1992

COMPUTER SCIENCES CORPORATION (CSC)

Mr. William R. Hoover
President and Chairman of the Board
Computer Sciences Corporation
El Segundo, CA
Appointed August 14, 1987

ELECTRONIC DATA SYSTEMS (EDS)

Mr. Lester M. Alberthal, Jr.
Chairman of the Board, President and Chief Executive Officer
Electronic Data Systems
Dallas, TX
Appointed January 15, 1993

GTE CORPORATION (GTE)

Mr. Charles R. Lee
Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer
GTE Corporation
Stamford, CT
Appointed October 8, 1992

HARRIS CORPORATION (HARRIS)

Mr. John T. Hartley
Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer
Harris Corporation
Melbourne, FL
Appointed May 2, 1988

HUGHES AIRCRAFT COMPANY (HUGHES)

Mr. C. Michael Armstrong
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer
Hughes Aircraft Company
Los Angeles, CA
Appointed November 20, 1992

INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS MACHINES CORPORATION (IBM)

Mr. Gerald W. Ebker
Vice President, and President Federal Sector Division
International Business Machines Corporation
Bethesda, MD
Appointed April 16, 1990

INTERDIGITAL COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION (INTERDIGITAL)

Mr. William J. Hilsman
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer
InterDigital Communications Corporation
Philadelphia, PA
Appointed November 9, 1989

ITT CORPORATION (ITT)

Mr. D. Travis Engen
Executive Vice President
ITT Corporation
New York, NY
Appointed May 13, 1992

LOCKHEED CORPORATION (LOCKHEED)

Mr. John N. McMahon
President
Lockheed Missiles & Space Systems Group
Sunnyvale, CA
Appointed May 13, 1992

MARTIN MARIETTA CORPORATION (MARTIN MARIETTA)

Mr. Norman R. Augustine
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer
Martin Marietta Corporation
Bethesda, MD
Appointed August 9, 1988

McCAW CELLULAR COMMUNICATIONS, INCORPORATED (McCAW)

Mr. Craig O. McCaw
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer
McCaw Cellular Communications, Inc
Kirkland, WA
Appointed March 16, 1988

MCI COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION (MCI)

Mr. Bert C. Roberts, Jr.
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer
MCI Communications Corporation
Washington, DC
Appointed January 15, 1993

METROPOLITAN FIBER SYSTEMS COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY

Mr. Royce J. Holland
President and Chief Operating Officer
Metropolitan Fiber Systems Communications Company
Oakbrook Terrace, IL
Appointed January 15, 1993

MOTOROLA, INC. (MOTOROLA)

Mr. John F. Mitchell
Vice Chairman of the Board
Motorola, Inc.
Schaumburg, IL
Appointed May 1983

NORTHERN TELECOM INC. (NTI)

Dr. Paul G. Stern
Chairman of the Board
Northern Telecom Ltd.
Potomac, MD
Appointed August 7, 1990

PACIFIC TELECOM, INC. (PTI)

Mr. Charles E. Robinson
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer
Pacific Telecom, Inc.
Vancouver, WA
Appointed May 1983

ROCKWELL INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION (ROCKWELL)

Mr. Kent M. Black
Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer
Rockwell International Corporation
Richardson, TX
Appointed April 9, 1990

SPRINT CORPORATION (SPRINT)

Mr. William T. Esrey
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer
Sprint Corporation
Kansas City, MO
Appointed July 1990

TRW, INC. (TRW)

Mr. Joseph T. Gorman
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer
TRW Incorporated

Appointed May 23, 1993

UNISYS CORPORATION (UNISYS)

Mr. Albert F. Zettlemoyer
President, Paramax Corporation
Senior Vice President, Unisys Corporation
McLean, VA
Appointed May 23, 1993

U.S. TELEPHONE ASSOCIATION (USTA)

Mr. Robert C. Brown, III
Chairman of the Board
U.S. Telephone Association
Sugar Land, TX
Appointed March 13, 1991

U S WEST, INC.

Mr. Richard D. McCormick
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer
U S WEST, Inc.
Englewood, CO
Appointed March 13, 1991

WILLIAMS TELECOMMUNICATIONS GROUP INC (WILTEL)

Mr. Roy A. Wilkens
President
Williams Telecommunications Inc
Tulsa, OK
Appointed November 20, 1992

**SAMPLING OF FORMER MEMBERS OF
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<u>NAME</u>	<u>COMPANY</u>	<u>STATE</u>	<u>DATES SERVED</u>
E.C. Pete Aldridge	McDonnell Douglas Electronic Sys	MO	12/18/89-03/30/92
Robert J. Amman	Western Union Corporation	NY	04/xx/88-UNKNOWN
Rand V. Araskog	ITT World Communications	NJ	12/08/82-05/12/92
Theodore F. Brophy	GTE	CT	12/13/82-10/07/92
Charles L. Brown	AT&T	NY	12/13/82-03/19/87
Joseph V. Charyk	Communications Satellite Corp.	DC	12/08/82-03/24/86
Vincent N. Cook	IBM	MD	12/13/82-01/31/89
Malcolm R. Currie	Hughes Aircraft Corporation	CA	12/08/88-11/19/92
Robert M. Flanagan	Western Union Corporation	NJ	12/13/82-01/14/86
Emanuel Fthenakis	American Satellite/Fairchild	MD	12/13/82-07/08/86
Irving Goldstein	Communications Satellite Corp.	DC	03/25/86-10/19/92
Robert C. Hall	Satellite Business Systems	VA	12/13/82-02/XX/86
Paul H. Henson	United Telecommunications	KS	12/13/82-07/XX/90
Henry E. Hockeimer	Ford Aerospace & Comms	MI	12/13/82-UNKNOWN
Edward E. Hood, Jr.	General Electric Company	CT	12/13/82-02/28/93
William C. Hittinger	RCA Corporation	NJ	12/13/82-UNKNOWN
John N. Lemasters	Contel	GA	07/07/86-02/08/88
Robert S. Leventhal	Western Union Corporation	NY	01/15/86-UNKNOWN
David H. Lubetzky	TRT Telecommunications Corp.	DC	12/13/82-UNKNOWN
Rocco J. Marano	BELLCORE	DC	UNKNOWN-10/07/91
John F. McDonnell	McDonnell Douglas Corporation	MO	07/20/87-12/17/89
William G. McGowan	MCI Telecommunications Corp	DC	12/13/82-05/XX/92
Ruben F. Mettler	TRW, Inc.	OH	12/13/82-12/31/88
Mark K. Miller	Boeing Aerospace Company	WA	UNKNOWN -05/01/89
James E. Olson	AT&T	NY	03/20/87-01/18/89
H. Ross Perot	Electronic Data Systems	TX	12/13/82-03/13/85
Dale F. Pilz	Southern Pacific Communications	CA	12/13/82-UNKNOWN
Robert M. Pirnie	U.S. Independent Telephone Ass.	DC	12/13/82-UNKNOWN
Thomas G. Pownall	Martin Marietta Corporation	MD	UNKNOWN-04/XX/88
Robert M. Price	Control Data Corporation	MN	12/13/82-03/XX/90
Allen E. Puckett	Hughes Aircraft Company	CA	12/13/82-03/03/88
Albert D. Wheelon	Hughes Aircraft Company	CA	03/04/88-05/05/88
Charles Wohlstetter	Contel	NY	02/09/88-UNKNOWN
Donald E. Yockey	Rockwell International	CA	12/13/82-9/30/88

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Energy. The NSTAC's Energy Task Force recently assisted the Department of Energy in planning and implementing its Telecommunications Electric Service Priority (TESP) Restoration Initiative (brochure enclosed). The TESP Initiative encourages electric utility companies to voluntarily ensure that critical telecommunications facilities (such as switching offices and network management centers) are given priority power restoration or refueling if their backup power systems fail or their fuel resources are depleted in

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Emergency Response. The NSTAC Industry Executive Subcommittee's Operations Working Group is completing an assessment of telecommunications industry's emergency responses to Hurricanes Andrew and Iniki, including areas in which Government and industry coordination could be improved. Potential recommendations include revising the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Emergency Support Function #2 (Communications) in the Federal Response Plan to take advantage of new and emerging wireless technologies and electric utility power restoration plans.

Enhanced Call Completion. The NSTAC's Enhanced Call Completion Task Force reported its findings and recommendations at NSTAC XIV (included in enclosed NSTAC Executive Report to the President) on how the Government can keep its critical call completion rates at high levels during emergency or disaster responses, when networks are stressed from damage or extreme network congestion. Since then, the task force was deactivated and a more informal Enhanced Call Completion Ad Hoc Group was established to help the NCS define its requirements and apply the appropriate evolving technology which will give priority call completion to NS/EP users in the event of major network damage or congestion. For example, enhanced call completion features could ensure that President Clinton's call gets through to the Governor of California, even if calls to that area have been blocked by earthquake damage or by the telephone companies' network management schemes to prevent system overloads.

IMMEDIATE APPLICATION. The NSTAC and the Government's National Communications System (NCS) are uniquely positioned to support the President's February 22, 1993, "Technology for America's Economic Growth" program. While the NCS mission is to ensure coordinated planning and use of telecommunications and standards across the Government, the NSTAC's information and advice to the President is eventually implemented within the NCS. For the past 11 years, the NSTAC and the NCS Committee of Principals (senior officials representing the 23 NCS member Departments and Agencies) have been forging closer working relationships between industry and Federal, State, and local Governments on a variety of programs such as the National Coordinating Center (NCC) for Telecommunications, the National Telecommunications Management Structure (NTMS) and the Telecommunications Service Priority (TSP) System. The NSTAC in its unique partnership with the NCS can provide the President, National Security Council, National Economic Council, and the proposed inter-agency Task Force on Information Infrastructure, the necessary planning and technical expertise needed to develop our Nation's high-speed national telecommunications network of the 21st century.

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IMMEDIATE APPLICATION. The NSTAC and the Government's National Communications System (NCS) are uniquely positioned to support the President's February 22, 1993, "Technology for America's Economic Growth" program. While the NCS mission is to ensure coordinated planning and use of telecommunications and standards across the Government, the NSTAC's information and advice to the President is eventually implemented within the NCS. For the past 11 years, the NSTAC and the NCS Committee of Principals (senior officials representing the 23 NCS member Departments and Agencies) have been forging closer working relationships between industry and Federal, State, and local Governments on a variety of programs such as the National Coordinating Center (NCC) for Telecommunications, the National Telecommunications Management Structure (NTMS) and the Telecommunications Service Priority (TSP) System. The NSTAC in its unique partnership with the NCS can provide the President, National Security Council, National Economic Council, and the proposed inter-agency Task Force on Information Infrastructure, the necessary planning and technical expertise needed to develop our Nation's high-speed national telecommunications network of the 21st century.