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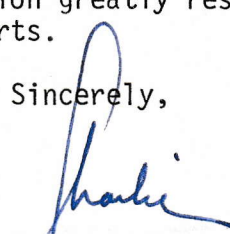
Dear Steve:

I recently returned from New York where I heard the oral argument in the Malrite/cable deregulation case. While predictions on court cases are always risky, I am optimistic about a quick and total victory.

Dave Saylor and Randy Nichols told me that you were particularly helpful in the preparation of the oral argument and at earlier stages of the litigation. You should feel justly proud of all the great contributions you have made over the last several years to the analysis of the cable deregulation problem, the drafting of this order and appendices, and the Commission's brief and oral argument. Your performance on the econometric aspects was especially outstanding.

I know you spent countless hours on this project. You should know that those of us who may have gotten more in the lime-light on the subject of cable deregulation greatly respect and very much appreciate your extraordinary efforts.

Sincerely,



Charles D. Ferris
Chairman