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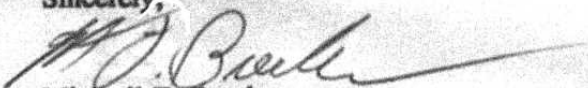
Re: Docket No. 960217-TI Initiation of show cause proceedings
against Telecuba, Inc. for violation of Rule 25-24.470, F.A.C.,
Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity Required

Dear Ms. Bayo:

Pursuant to Order Establishing Procedure and subsequent revisions thereto in the above-captioned matter, a prehearing conference has been scheduled for May 12, 1997 and a hearing scheduled for May 28, 1997. This is to advise you that Telecuba, Inc., respondent in this proceeding, and Staff have entered upon settlement discussions looking toward resolution of this matter without the need for hearing. At this time, no settlement has been reached. In order to afford parties an opportunity to pursue a settlement in this matter, it is respectfully requested that the hearing either be postponed or canceled subject to rescheduling if a hearing should remain necessary.

If you have any questions, please communicate with undersigned counsel.

Sincerely,


Mitchell F. Brecher

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