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Dear Ms. Bayo:

Correspondence from Mr. Ed Parker of the Property Tax Administration Program in the Tangible Personal Property Section of the Department of Revenue dated June 18, 1997 indicates that my office will not be receiving the customary listing of pay phones and pay phone owners located in Pinellas County. The delay is ostensibly because Bell South submitted a formal request to the Florida Public Service Commission to consider their information regarding pay phones confidential.

My office has used this listing very successfully to ensure that uniformity and equity of assessment has been rendered on this particular category of personal property. Prior to correlating the data contained in this list, some owners of pay phones were apparently unaware of their responsibility under Florida Statute 193.052.

The correlation of the phone list with current tangible accounts has resulted in the addition of approximately \$3,459,000 net assessable value to the value roll over the last three years. It should also be noted that the data received by my office is treated as return information, and it is held as confidential under Florida Statute 193.074.

You are strongly urged to release the listing to county property appraisers to ensure equity and compliance with the law.

If you have any other questions, please contact my Director of Tangible Personal Property, Jim Gibson at 813-464-8470 or fax at 813-464-8788.

Sincerely yours,

JIM SMITH, CFA
Pinellas County Property Appraiser
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