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DATE: May 14, 1999
TO: Blanca S. Bayo, Director of Records and Reporting
FROM: Michael C. Barrett, Division of Telecommunications *MCB*
Will Cox, Division of Legal Services *WC*
RE: May 18, 1999, Agenda Conference Item 25 *CB* (990223-TL)

In accordance with SOP 1607 (B)(3)(a)(3), staff has determined that supplemental information for the recommendation statement of Issue 1 would more clearly present our position. The supplemental information in no way alters our recommendation; it only provides more clarity. The current recommendation statement references only the named counties, not the exchanges within those counties and the supplemental statement makes this clarification.

Please replace the existing recommendation statement with the following:

No, the Commission should not approve the industry's plan. Staff recommends that the Commission should implement Alternative #7, ~~a geographic split in which (1) Manatee, Sarasota, Charlotte, Hardee, and DeSoto Counties including the Boca Grande exchange, but excluding the North Fort Myers exchange are placed in a new area code, and (2) the remaining counties are kept in the 941 area code.~~ **A geographic split is proposed such that all exchanges located predominantly within Manatee, Sarasota, Charlotte, Hardee, and DeSoto counties, including the entire Boca Grande exchange, would be placed in a new area code. All other areas would retain the 941 area code.** The Commission should also order the parties in this docket to send a letter to alarm companies and representatives of the counties, and place notices in the customers' bills of the need to reprogram any equipment which is area code sensitive.

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