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November 27, 1985

Mr. Will A. McGibbon  
Chief, Spectrum Management Division  
Room 7218  
Federal Communications Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20554  
U.S.A.

Dear Mr. McGibbon:

This refers to the 1952 Convention between Canada and the United States of America concerning the operation by citizens of either country of certain radio equipment or stations in the other country.

There have been a number of agreements made between common carrier communication companies in Canada with similar companies in the United States. These agreements allow mobile telephone radio units that are associated with these common carrier communication companies to obtain similar service in the other country. Presently, the mobile radio unit is required to be registered and issued a permit to operate in the other country, in accordance with the 1952 convention.

In the 1952 convention, the statement "... it may be required, however, that such mobile stations first be registered and issued a permit ..." can be taken as permissive rather than a requirement. Therefore, if you agree please consider this letter as a proposal for an informal arrangement to suspend the requirement for the registration of and the issuance of a permit to mobile radio units operating in the other country through a common carrier communications company. This proposal has been agreed to by the Department of External Affairs and does not include those stations identified in section (a) of Article II of the Convention.

Yours truly,

R.W. Jones  
Director General  
Radio Regulatory Branch

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20554

May 14, 1986

In reply refer to:  
31220-C

Mr. R.W. Jones  
Director General, Radio  
Regulatory Branch  
Department of Communications  
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Dear Mr. Jones:

This is in reply to your letter dated November 27, 1985, concerning the Convention between the United States of America and Canada relating to the operation by citizens of either country of certain radio equipment or stations in the other country.

Please consider this letter as our acceptance of your proposal for an understanding between the Commission and the Department of Communications to suspend the requirement for the registration of and the issuance of a permit for mobile telephone radio units operating through a common carrier communications company. You may wish to note that under our rules, a mobile unit so operated would be considered to be associated with and covered by the authorization issued to the common carrier serving the land mobile station (47 C.F.R. 22.9 (c) (1)) if that station is not separately authorized. Responsibility for operational control and maintenance of the mobile unit shall be as set forth in 47 C.F.R. 22.514 (copy enclosed). As specified in your letter, this understanding does not include those stations identified in section (a) of Article II of the Convention.

The foregoing understanding constitutes an administrative change within the terms of the convention that is acceptable to the United States Department of State and shall be considered effective as of the date of this letter.

Sincerely,

Will A. McGibbon  
Chief, Spectrum Engineering Division

Enclosure

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File no: 1030-1

April 5, 1991

Ms. Beverly Baker  
Deputy Chief, Private Radio Bureau  
Federal Communications Commission  
2025 M Street N. W.  
Washington, DC 20554  
U.S.A.

Dear Ms. Baker:

This refers to the 1952 Convention between Canada and the United States of America concerning the operation by citizens of either country of certain radio equipment or stations in the other country.

There have been subsequent agreements made that permit the operation of certain terrestrial mobile telephone radio units associated with common carriers in both countries to operate in either country. Arrangements have also been reached whereby the permit required under the 1952 Convention for such mobile units to operate in the other country is waived. Our exchange of letters between Mr. Robert W. Jones of November 27th, 1985 and Mr. Will A. McGibbon of May 14th, 1986 refers.

It is now understood from the June, 1988 FCC/DOC meeting that there are mobile radio systems that come under Article II (a) of the 1952 Convention that need to be included under such an arrangement. We have also been approached by the Radio Advisory Board of Canada to permit other terrestrial mobile systems operating through licensed repeater stations, to operate with the same privileges as now granted for those of the common carriers.

In the 1952 Convention, the statement that "...each country may require the registration of examination of citizens of the other country and the issuance of a permit...." is permissive rather than obligatory. Therefore, if you agree, we would like to suspend the requirement under the 1952 Convention for the registration and the issuance of a permit to terrestrial mobile radio units operating in the other country, providing such mobiles are under the control of a properly licensed terrestrial station in the country in which it is operating.

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If this proposal is acceptable, your reply will constitute an administrative change under the 1952 Convention to be effective immediately.

Yours truly,

M.K. Nunas  
Director  
Spectrum Management Operations  
Radio Regulatory Branch

April 15, 1991

In reply refer to:  
7300-02

Mr. M.K. Nunas  
Director  
Spectrum Management Operations  
Radio Regulatory Branch  
Department of Communications  
300 Slater Street  
Ottawa, Ontario  
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Dear Mr. Nunas:

I have received and reviewed your letter of April 5, 1991, concerning the 1952 Convention between Canada and the United States. Your letter specifically addresses the operation by citizens of either country of certain radio equipment or stations in the other country.

In your letter you suggest that we "suspend the requirement under the 1952 Convention for the registration and the issuance of a permit to terrestrial mobile radio units operating in the other country, providing such mobiles are under the control of a properly licensed terrestrial station in the country in which it is operating." You further state in your letter that if this proposal is acceptable to me, my reply will constitute an administrative change under the 1952 Convention to be effective immediately.

I have reviewed the content of your letter and find your proposal completely acceptable. Please accept this reply as my concurrence. As you suggest, this administrative change shall become effective immediately.

Sincerely,

Beverly G. Baker  
Deputy Chief, Private Radio Bureau