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Fred Gaechter
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Re: Your correspondence dated November 29,
1993

Dear Ms. Martin and Mr. Gaechter:

In the above referenced correspondence you had asked the leadership of the CLC Ad Hoc 800 Database Committee ("800 Committee") and the Industry Numbering Committee ("INC") to review an international freephone service ("IFS") proposal which would effectively establish the dialing pattern 800 + 7 digits as the international standard for international toll free dialing. The INC agreed that the 800 Database Committee should address the issues identified in your letter regarding the development of a U.S. position. You had requested that our assessment include, but not be limited to:

- * World Zone 1 '800' capacity, projected growth and associated considerations;
- * Accessing SMS by international service providers outside World Zone 1;
- * The potential use of '0' and '1' as the first digit of the 7-digit subscriber number;
- * Expansion plan when the '800' numbering resource exhausts; and
- * Potential modification(s) required to the "Industry Guidelines for 800 Number Administration" to accommodate the international assignments;

Subsequent to your letter, Marian Hosmer (AT&T), representing Study Group 2, provided the 800 Committee with an informal presentation of the proposal on November 30, 1993.

In addition, the full 800 Committee met via conference call on Friday, December 17, 1993, to discuss the proposal in more detail.

Your proposal was generally well received. The Committee discussed several benefits this service may have for multinational companies. Although many concerns and issues were raised, there were no objections to continuing work on the proposal and the 800 Committee has agreed to continue its review. Please note that the 800 Committee would predicate any response on the assumption that existing U.S. 800 customers must retain control of their 800 numbers and remain unaffected by these international 800 numbering plans.

The 800 Committee discussed many of the issues raised in your letter. The 800 Committee sees a need to discuss the issues in more detail and with all affected parties. The 800 Committee may not be the primary point of contact on all of the issues raised above. Some of the issues such as SMS expansion, implementation, and conditions of access by non-U.S. based service providers may be more appropriately addressed by the owners of the SMS system. In fact, representatives of the SMS owners may contact you directly.

The 800 Committee has agreed to expand its next meeting an extra day to February 7, 1994, to devote time exclusively to the IFS proposal. In addition, we encourage a continuing review of the proposal and a continuing dialogue within the United States National Committee Study Group A. We will provide a written update to you after the February 7, 1994 meeting.

Sincerely,



for
Don Katz
Michael Nelson
800 Committee Co-Leaders

cc: John Manning, INC Chair
Ron Havens, INC Vice Chair