

September 13, 1999

MEMORANDUM TO: Annette Vietti-Cook, Secretary
FROM: Edward McGaffigan, Jr. /S/
SUBJECT: COMSECY-99-031 - ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONCERNING STAFF REQUIREMENTS -
SECY-99-070 - IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR THE PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS INITIATIVE
(DSI-14)

I largely concur in Chairman Dicus' proposal to leave open the possibility that we may need a longer transition than a month. The staff's proposed one month transition, with a briefing of the Commission offices mid-way through the month, seems too short a time for potential problems to surface. I would prefer a longer transition, say, two months, and a meeting late in that period, in which the Commission offices hear not only from the staff, but also from public users of the new system. I also believe that the possibility of a shorter transition than the six months originally mandated by the Commission should be discussed by the staff with stakeholders at the September 17th meeting on "policies related to the release of information."

cc: Chairman Dicus
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