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Dr. Maurice Mountain OSD(ISA)ST&D Room 4D828 Pentagon Washington, D.C. 20301

Dear Dr. Mountain:

I am writing to you with regard to the efforts of Mr. Arnold McCalmont of the Technical Communications Corporation to change the commodity jurisdiction of his communications equipment from the Office of Munitions Control to the Department of Commerce.

In a telephone conversation with Patrick D'Addario of my staff on March 7, 1975, you indicated that your office was drafting a letter in response to Mr. McCalmont's request for an explanation of the classification of his products as munitions. You explained that your response would be forthcoming as soon as you received the necessary technical information from the National Security Agency.

While I do not pretend to have any particular expertise in communications technology, it is incomprehensible to me that it would take eleven weeks to compile already-existing information. I feel strongly that Mr. McCalmont is entitled to the explanation he seeks, and I urge you to furnish him with that information as expeditiously as possible. I would appreciate your sending me a copy of your correspondence with Mr. McCalmont.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Paul E. Tsongas

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cc: Arnold McCalmont