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**Re: Additional information to the letter to Kathryn Martin  
and Fred Gaechter dated February 14, 1994 concerning  
International Freephone Service (IFS).**

**Dear Ms. Martin and Mr. Gaechter:**

In the subject letter to you, the Carrier Liaison Committee (CLC) agreed to provide further information after its February 22, 1994 conference call. The purpose of the call was to review a list of identified issues developed at the CLC Ad Hoc 800 Database Committee (800 Committee) meeting on February 7, 1994 and recommend assignment to the appropriate CLC subtending forum or other entity.

On that conference call, it was acknowledged that conditions had changed considerably from the time that your initial inquiry had been made. This is due primarily to the non-support of the U.S.'s prior proposal on the world-wide use of coordinated 7 digit codes preceded by the 800 prefix.

At the CLC's January 27 meeting, the 800 Committee had been invited to identify and forward to CLC any issues thought to be appropriate for industry activity and make a recommendation as to the appropriate industry body to work on the issue. As a result of its meeting on February 7, the 800 Committee forwarded a list of issues it considered significant. During the conference call on February 22, the CLC reached consensus that two of these issues from this list were appropriate for industry activity given the status of the IFS work before Study Group A. These issues are as follows:

**1. Number Format**

Issue Statement:

Determine U.S. capabilities to allow "0" or "1" in the digit immediately following "800", (i.e., 011-800-XXX-XXXX) for domestic and international dialing.

Explanation:

This issue was accepted with the expectation that in other world zones, the seven digit code following 800 might also allow use of "0" or "1" as the first digit in addition to 2-9 (X) instead of being limited to 2-9 (N). The question is whether numbers dialed in the U.S. using such codes would be routed correctly. CLC's agreement to assign this issue for forum investigation does not constitute a recommendation to consider expansion of the domestic 800 numbering structure.

Recommended Assignment:

Industry Carriers Compatibility Forum (ICCF)

**2. Routing of International Freephone Calls**

Issue Statement:

Determine feasibility of routing international freephone calls to interexchange carriers based on the dialed digits.

Explanation:

This issue statement was generalized so that the formats currently being considered could be included. During the call, CLC was aware of the 7 digit fixed, 6-8 digit variable and 8 digit fixed dialing sequences. Also there is the need to determine which methods of access are feasible for delivery of IFS calls to IFS service providers, such as network identification embedded in the dialed digits, routing to the originating line primary interexchange carrier (PIC) as well as other methods which may be identified.

Recommended Assignment:  
Industry Carriers Compatibility Forum (ICCF)

The consensus resolution process is issue and contribution-driven, that is industry members normally introduce issues into the consensus forum process. Accordingly, MCI volunteered to coordinate an effort among the international interexchange carriers represented to introduce these issues at ICCF. CLC anticipates that these two issues will be introduced under the agenda item "NEW BUSINESS" at the March 16-17, 1994 ICCF meeting to be held in McLean, VA.

As additional decisions are made with regard to IFS and as these discussions raise issues appropriate for the CLC forums, members of the CLC and the industry will address these issues. At this juncture, we believe we have been responsive to the request before us. If CLC can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to call on us.

I can be reached at (202) 326-7291; Harry Miller, CLC Secretary can be reached at (202) 434-8824.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul K. Hart". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping initial "P" and a long, horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Paul K. Hart  
CLC Vice-Chairman