

MESSAGE FOR MARK FOWLER

MARK, NOW THAT YOU ARE LEAVING AND UNDERGOING A METAMORPHOSIS FROM "WHO'S WHO" TO "WHAT'S THIS," I CAN TELL YOU WHAT I REALLY THINK OF YOU. BUT, FIRST, IT ISN'T BAD BEING AN EX-CHAIRMAN. I'VE ALWAYS BELIEVED IT IS MUCH BETTER BEING A "HAS BEEN" THAN A "NEVER WAS."

REMEMBER WHEN I SAID YOU WERE LIKE A COW WHO GAVE GOOD RICH MILK, BUT THEN OCCASIONALLY KICKED OVER THE BUCKET? WELL, I MEANT IT! THE PRESS AGAIN USED THE LETHAL DEVICE OF QUOTING ME EXACTLY VERBATIM.

HOWEVER, I ALSO MEANT WHAT I SAID FOLLOWING THAT STATEMENT THAT SOMEHOW WASN'T NEARLY AS WIDELY QUOTED -- THAT NEVERTHELESS I WAS DAMN GLAD TO HAVE THAT COW IN MY BARN.

I WENT ON TO SAY IN TWO DIFFERENT SPEECHES THAT YOU HAVE DONE MORE THAN ANY OTHER FCC CHAIRMAN TO GET GOVERNMENT OFF INDUSTRY'S BACK. YOUR UN-REGULATORY ACCOMPLISHMENT HAVE BEEN VERY GRATIFYING TO THOSE OF US WHO REMEMBER CANDIDATE RONALD REAGAN'S MESSAGE BEFORE THE NAB VIZ:

"REMEMBER WHEN YOU GET IN BED WITH BIG GOVERNMENT, YOU ARE GOING TO GET MUCH MORE THAN JUST ANOTHER GOOD NIGHT'S SLEEP."

IN THE SAME SPEECH, I SAID YOU SHOULD BE NOMINATED FOR BROADCASTING'S ALL-TIME DE-REGULATORY HALL OF FAME FOR ELIMINATING TONS OF UNNECESSARY PAPERWORK AND REDUCING OPPRESSIVE REGULATION. I WON'T TAKE THE TIME TO LIST ALL THE DE-REGULATORY ACCOMPLISHMENTS. THEY ARE A MATTER OF RECORD. BUT I DID WANT TO SET THE PERMANENT RECORD STRAIGHT FROM MY STANDPOINT.

NEEDLESS TO SAY, YOU LEAVE THE COMMISSION WITH OUR RESPECT, OUR AFFECTION, AND OUR VERY BEST WISHES FOR CONTINUED FULFILLMENT IN THE PROMISING YEARS AHEAD. MARY JOINS ME IN SENDING YOU OUR VERY BEST.

AND MARK, LET'S CONTINUE OUR REGULAR SOCIAL LUNCHESES ON THE SAME ALTERNATE PAY BASIS. I'LL POP FOR THE FIRST ONE -- YOU SEE I CAN ALWAYS WRITE IT OFF AGAINST MY LIFETIME SAVINGS. I'LL CALL RIGHT AFTER YOU ANNOUNCE YOUR NEW PHONE NUMBER.

COMR QUELLO'S REMARKS RE MSF

TOO BAD I NEVER MET YOU  
ON THE TENNIS COURT -- I DON'T  
BELIEVE I WOULD HAVE BEEN ACED  
NEARLY SO OFTEN.

BUT MARK NOW THAT YOU ARE  
UNDERGOING A METAMORPHASIS FROM  
"WHO'S WHO" TO "WHAT'S THIS,"  
AS WE ALL MUST, YOU NEED LESS  
COMPETITION AND MORE UNDERSTANDING.

THAT UNDERSTANDING WOULD  
INCLUDE THE FACT THAT YOU HAVE  
DONE MORE THAN ANY OTHER CHAIRMAN  
TO GET GOVERNMENT OFF INDUSTRY'S  
BACK. IN MY BOOK YOU SHOULD BE  
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VERY BEST. AGAIN, BEST OF LUCK!