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*Excellent questions*

Mr. James H. Quello  
Commissioner  
Federal Communications Commission  
1919 M Street, N.W., Suite 802  
Washington, D. C. 20554

Dear Commissioner Quello:

Thank you so much for agreeing to meet via telephone with our students. They are mostly juniors and seniors and are majors in telecommunications. The class is broadcast law and FCC regulation. We use the Communications Act of 1934, the FCC's "Law of Political Broadcasting and Cablecasting," and Pike and Fischer Radio Regulation as basics for the course. As a broadcaster and a Commissioner I'm sure we won't ask anything you can't easily handle.

At 11 a.m. your time, Tuesday, May 3, I'll place a phone call to your number at 202-632-7557. We'll have about 45 minutes or until you get tired of us.

Please understand, you're the guest, and you can talk about whatever you want to talk about. I'm sure there are some areas of broadcast regulation which you feel very strongly about. Say whatever you want to about them. Take five or ten or fifteen-minutes then invite questions. We're flexible.

You might tell us how the Commission is organized. We've heard there is a shortage of FCC engineers. Is it a problem? Budget-wise, does the FCC have enough money to do all it's supposed to do. How will the decrease from seven to five Commissioners affect the Commission? How serious is the Commission about Equal Employment Opportunity? Where de-regulation is concerned, what is the biggest advantage broadcasters have acquired from de-regulation? What is your position on equal opportunity, the fairness doctrine, and reasonable access? What is a typical day like in the life of Commissioner Quello? Since becoming a Commissioner in 1974 what has been the most difficult problem the FCC has come to grips with? Have your

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years as a broadcaster helped you to be a better Commissioner? Describe an FCC meeting for us. . . how is it conducted? When the University of Pennsylvania lost its license a few years ago you described some of their programming as "garbage." How do you feel about radio and television programming today? What kind of a job is the industry doing? What is the future for low-power TV stations? You were once a "player" (broadcaster), and now you're an umpire--a Commissioner. Which have you enjoyed the most? The NAB Code is no longer in effect. Is this good for broadcasting? What do you see for the future in telecommunications? If you could change one thing about telecommunications, all by yourself, what would it be?

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Complete 1st amendment rights for broadcasters - same as newspapers*

I'm sure we won't get through half of those, but it will give you an idea of the kinds of questions you might hear.

Again, thank you in advance and we'll be looking forward to next Tuesday.

Sincerely,

*Darrell E. Wible*

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Professor, Telecommunications

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