

United States Government  
Memorandum

**Date:** March 24, 1987  
**To:** Richard M. Smith, Chief, Field Operations Bureau  
**From:** Commissioner James H. Quello  
**Subject:** Monitoring projects.

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As you know, over the years I have expressed concern about our decision-making process pertaining to allocation matters. Recently, I have discovered projects conducted by the Field Operations Bureau that monitored the occupancy and use of 800 MHz bands in large metropolitan areas. The data from these projects indicate that significant numbers of 800 MHz channels remain unoccupied. Comments filed in PR Docket No. 86-404 by a leading SMR licensee reaffirms my concerns about how our allocation decisions are made.

I am currently in the process of collecting as much information as I possibly can to assess more accurately how the allocation process is working. To assist me with this effort, I am requesting copies of any and all correspondence with the Field Operations Bureau staff, Private Radio Bureau, Office of Plans and Policy and/or the Office of Engineering and Technology (formerly, Office of Science and Technology) dating back to 1981 pertaining to monitoring or other projects focusing on occupancy, use and/or need for private land mobile radio channels. I would appreciate data, studies and memoranda associated with the recent revelations of the 1985/1986 monitoring projects, as well as memoranda on the role of occupancy and use studies in the allocation or take-back process.

I continue to appreciate the assistance and cooperation you and your staff give my office.

  
James H. Quello

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