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John Jeffrey
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Attention: Chief Executive Officer

Dear John:

The .com Registry Agreement executed between ICANN and VeriSign on March 1, 2006 ("2006 Agreement") provides terms for operation of the registry through 2012, and subsequent terms. The 2006 Agreement is pending approval before the Department of Commerce, but the timing of the approval is uncertain at this time.

On January 10, 2006, ICANN issued Resolution (06.02) as part of its Preliminary Report, authorizing the President and General Counsel to "extend the relevant renewal process deadlines as necessary and appropriate for up to six full months" for gTLD registry operators. Under Section 25 of the 2001 .com Registry Agreement, absent execution of the 2006 Agreement and the above resolution, VeriSign would be required to submit a proposal for operation of the registry for the renewal term eighteen months prior to the Expiration Date of the 2001 .com Registry Agreement. Since the parties already have agreed to terms for the operation of the .com registry through 2012 and subsequent terms, and in light of Resolution (06.02), we request confirmation that any applicable requirements for an extension of the 2001 .com Registry Agreement, including without limitation the submission of a renewal proposal for operation of the registry, are extended for six months.

I would appreciate it if you would confirm this extension.

Sincerely,

James M. Ulam
Senior Vice President and General Counsel

cc: Dr. Paul Twomey, CEO-ICANN