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To: Microsoft ATR
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Subject: Settlement

Dear Sirs;

I would like to briefly state my opinion about the Microsoft Anti-Trust settlement.

The remedies that have been proposed will have no effect on the behavior of this company. The history of their disregard for previous consent orders and decrees should make that clear. It should also be clear that they are using their monopoly position on desktop operating systems to aggressively pursue similiar total dominance of other markets such as multimedia transmitted over the Internet ("Windows Media Player"), security infrastructures ("Passort") and so on.

It may make sense for their to be only one maker of desktop operating systems. If so, then that company should be _effectively_ analyzed and regulated to ensure the needs of its customers (consumers and businesses) are being properly served, possibly in a manner like for public utilities.

Judge Jackson's Findings of Fact and the ridiculous behavior of Microsoft in the trial (ie the videotape debacle, Gates' deposition) should make it clear that this is a company that needs to be aggressively reined in.

Sincerely,

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