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Mr. Peter Doyle

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Federal Communications Commission

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Dear Mr. Doyle:

Call Sign: WBAI

Station's Facility ID Number: 51249

Applicant Name: Pacifica Foundation Radio

File Number: BMLH-19950802KA

I would like this informal complaint to be investigated. Actually, the information contained in this letter must be investigated by the Federal Communications Commission.

Several years ago due to overwhelming financial problems, WBAI was seeking to enter into a Public Service Operating Agreement with WFMU. Janet Coleman was a member of the Board of the WBAI Local Station Board and also served as a member of the Pacifica National Board. At this time Pacifica Foundation Radio was contemplating entering into a PSOA with several radio stations including WFMU. Several radio stations had expressed an interest, but every radio station had finally dropped out- except for WFMU.

Janet Coleman approached Ken Freedman, General Manager of WFMU. Coleman stated that she would vote that Pacifica permit WBAI to enter into a PSOA with one caveat- that Janet Coleman be permitted to keep her broadcasting hours. This is illegal.

I had not reported this previously because my only sources of information had come from individuals at WBAI. But several weeks ago I met an individual at Barnes and Noble, which is located at Union Square. This individual was wearing a WFMU shirt. I spoke to him and told him that I had been involved with WBAI. He confirmed that Janet Coleman had proposed to Ken Freedman that she would vote for a PSOA- if she were permitted to keep her programming hours. That is bribery and a violation of federal law.

Sincerely,


Edward Manfredonia