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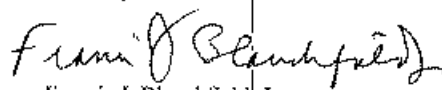
Gentlemen:

We enclose for filing with each of your offices an original of Form LD-2 for the midyear report (i.e., for the January 1 - June 30 semiannual) for Mayer, Brown & Platt in compliance with the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995.

We are also enclosing a duplicate copy of this letter with the request that you indicate your receipt of this document on it, and return it to us in the enclosed, self-addressed and stamped envelope.

Please let us know if we need to do anything further at this time in connection with this registration.

Sincerely,

  
Francis J. Blanchfield, Jr.

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Enclosure

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## LOBBYING REPORT

Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 (Section 5) - All Filers Are Required To Complete This Page

1. Registrant Name Mayer, Brown & Platt	
2. Address <input type="checkbox"/> Check if different than previously reported 100 N. Tryon Street, Suite 2400, Charlotte, NC 28202	
3. Principal Place of Business (if different from line 2) City: Charlotte State/Zip (or Country) North Carolina 28202	
4. Contact Name Francis J. Blanchfield, Jr.	Telephone (704) 444-3510
E-mail (optional)	
5. Senate ID # 6314-12	
6. House ID #	
7. Client Name <input type="checkbox"/> Self Morris Communications Corporation	

TYPE OF REPORT 8. Year 2000 Midyear (January 1-June 30) ☒ OR Year End (July 1-December 31) ☐

9. Check if this filing amends a previously filed version of this report ☐

10. Check if this is a Termination Report ☐ Termination Date \_\_\_\_\_

11. No Lobbying Activity ☐

### INCOME OR EXPENSES - Complete Either Line 12 OR Line 13

<b>12. Lobbying Firms</b> INCOME relating to lobbying activities for this reporting period was: Less than \$10,000 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$10,000 or more <input type="checkbox"/> ⇒ \$ _____ Income (nearest \$20,000) Provide a good faith estimate, rounded to the nearest \$20,000, of all lobbying related income from the client (including all payments to the registrant by any other entity for lobbying activities on behalf of the client).	<b>13. Organizations</b> EXPENSES relating to lobbying activities for this reporting period were: Less than \$10,000 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$10,000 or more <input type="checkbox"/> ⇒ \$ _____ Expenses (nearest \$20,000) <b>14. REPORTING METHOD.</b> Check box to indicate expense accounting method. See instructions for description of options. <input type="checkbox"/> Method A. Reporting amounts using LDA definitions only <input type="checkbox"/> Method B. Reporting amounts under section 6033(b)(8) of the Internal Revenue Code <input type="checkbox"/> Method C. Reporting amounts under section 162(e) of the Internal Revenue Code
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Signature Francis J. Blanchfield, Jr.  
Printed Name and Title Francis J. Blanchfield, Jr.

Registrant Name Mayer, Brown & Platt Client Name Morris Communications Corporation

**LOBBYING ACTIVITY.** Select as many codes as necessary to reflect the general issue areas in which the registrant engaged in lobbying on behalf of the client during the reporting period. Using a separate page for each code, provide information as requested. Attach additional page(s) as needed.

15. General issue area code Tax (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues

Estate and Gift Tax Reform

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted

☒ Check if None

N/A

18. Name of each individual who acted as a lobbyist in this issue area

Name	Covered Official Position (if applicable)	New
Francis J. Blanchfield, Jr.		<input type="checkbox"/>
Myron L. Moore, III.		<input type="checkbox"/>
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19. Interest of each foreign entity in the specific issues listed on line 16 above

☒ Check if None

Signature Francis J. Blanchfield, Jr.

Date 8-10-04

Printed Name and Title Francis J. Blanchfield, Jr.