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May 24, 1999

Secretary of the Senate
Office of Public Records
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Washington, DC 20510

Re: **Lobby Registration—Matsushita Electric Corporation of America**

Sirs:

Enclosed for filing please find Lobbying Registration Form LD-1, submitted by this firm in connection with our lobbying efforts on behalf **Matsushita Electric Corporation of America**. I would appreciate your notifying me at the telephone number listed above if you have any questions or problems regarding this form.

Very truly yours,



Robert J. Middleton, Jr.

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cc: Robert T. Cole, Esquire (w/ encl.)

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LOBBYING REGISTRATION

Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 (Section 4)

Check if this is an Amended Registration

1. Effective Date of Registration May 1, 1999

2. House Identification Number _____

Senate Identification Number _____

REGISTRANT

3. Registrant name Alston & Bird LLP

Address 601 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., North Bldg., 11th Floor

City Washington

State DC

Zip 20004-2601

4. Principal place of business (if different from line 3)

City Atlanta

State/Zip (or Country)

Georgia 30309

5. Telephone number and contact name

(202) 508-3300

Contact Robert J. Middleton, Jr. e-mail (optional) bmiddleton@alston

6. General description of registrant's business or activities

Law firm

CLIENT *A Lobbying firm is required to file a separate registration for each client. Organizations employing in-house lobbyists should check the box labeled "Self" and proceed to line 10.* Self

7. Client name Matsushita Electric Corporation of America

Address Two Panasonic Way, Panazip 7E-1

City Secaucus

State NJ

Zip 07094

8. Principal place of business (if different from line 7)

City _____

State/Zip (or Country) _____

9. General description of client's business or activities Distribution of consumer, commercial and industrial electronic products.

LOBBYISTS

10. Name of each individual who has acted or is expected to act as a lobbyist for the client identified on line 7. If any person listed in this section has served as a "covered executive branch official" or "covered legislative branch official" within two years of first acting as a lobbyist for the client, state the executive and/or legislative position(s) in which the person served.

Name	Covered Official Position (if applicable)
<u>Robert T. Cole</u>	
<u>Henry J. Birnkrant</u>	
<u>Per Juvkam-Wold</u>	

LOBBYING ISSUES

11. General lobbying issue areas. Select all applicable codes listed in instructions and on the reverse side of Form LD-1, page 1.

TAX

12. Specific lobbying issues (current and anticipated)

Legislation to confirm that IRS APAs constitute confidential tax return information protected from public disclosure.

AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS

13. Is there an entity other than the client that contributes more than \$10,000 to the lobbying activities of the registrant in a semiannual period and in whole or in major part plans, supervises or controls the registrant's lobbying activities?

No -> Go to line 14. Yes -> Complete the rest of this section for each entity matching the criteria above, then proceed to line 14.

Name	Address	Principal Place of Business (city and state or country)

FOREIGN ENTITIES

14. Is there any foreign entity that:

- a) holds at least 20% equitable ownership in the client or any organization identified on line 13; **OR**
- b) directly or indirectly, in whole or in major part, plans, supervises, controls, directs, finances or subsidizes activities of the client or any organization identified on line 13; **OR**
- c) is an affiliate of the client or any organization identified on line 13 and has a direct interest in the outcome of the lobbying activity?

No -> Sign and date the registration. Yes -> Complete the rest of this section for each entity matching the criteria above, then sign and date the registration.

Name	Address	Principal place of business (city and state or country)	Amount of contribution for lobbying activities	Ownership percentage in client
Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., Ltd.	1006, Kadoma Osaka, 571 Japan	Japan	-0-	100

Signature Robert Middleton Jr Date 5/21/95

Printed Name and Title Robert J. Middleton, Jr., Partner