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Via Email jonathan@jdleeconsulting.com May 1, 2013

Jonathan D. Lee, Esq. Principal □ JD Lee Consulting, LLC □ 1776 I Street, N.W., Suite 900 Washington, D.C. 2006

Re: TerraCom Dear Mr. Lee:

Your letter of April 30, 2013 to William Appleton regarding TerraCom, Inc. was forwarded to me for review and response. Please direct any future communication regarding this matter to my attention.

Your letter requests the assistance of The E. W. Scripps Company regarding a security breach related to confidential information under the control of TerraCom and an affiliated company. Scripps respectfully declines your request.

Scripps is a media organization that operates an investigative news bureau in Washington D.C. Regardless of the flowery moniker you have used to characterize the bureau's newsgathering activities, the bureau's reporters have not violated the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act or any other law or regulation. Rather, in the process of gathering newsworthy information, the bureau accessed – via a basic internet search – personal and confidential information that apparently is available to anyone with a computer, an outlet and access to electricity. The search required no special skill and in no way "hacked" or illegally accessed any server or database operated by TerraCom or any other

company.

The information was gathered for journalistic purposes only. The bureau has no intent to reveal the personal information of any individual other than to contact authorities and to inform some of those whose personal information is publicly available as part of the reporting process on this story.

Scripps has no intention of providing you with the information you requested, as it is privileged under the DC reporter's privileged. *See*, D.C. Code §§ 16-4702, 4703.

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Rather than the name calling and the legal posturing, the appropriate manner in which to address the issues raised by TerraCom's apparent careless security practices is for Mr. Schmick or another company representative to agree to the on camera interview request submitted by Mr. Wolf. The bureau has made this request in writing and over the phone and is ready to conduct an on camera interview with Mr. Schmick or another company representative as soon as you agree. Later this afternoon, the reporters will again contact the spokesperson to follow up on this request.

Sincerely,

David M. Giles