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But one point that I want to make even more strongly is that there is NO plan to sell any more of the AMPRNet address space now or at any time in the future.

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We all apologize for the secrecy, but it was forced upon us in order to participate in the IP address global marketplace. That is not an open arena, and likely never will be. And that is not our doing. Large corporations and governments, those who are the only possible buyers of the required magnitude, do not conduct their business details in public. By keeping it under wraps during the negotiations, we and the negotiators we employed were able to obtain the best sale price available.

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With more than 50 million dollars that now must be spent on promoting amateur radio by supporting those that make ham radio what it is and what it can be, we believe that the address space now converted to funds will do more good for more hams and the future of amateur radio than any unused idle addresses held for an unlikely future use could possibly do.

In the near future, we expect to invite interested groups (and later, when we have the clerical support to handle the paperwork, individuals) to apply for funding to support their projects, whether they be fundamental research, scholarships for education, design of new algorithms or technology, or the construction of Amateur facilities. The granting committee is being formed as we speak, and we will publish a document on how to qualify for funding as soon as we can -- it is being written now.

Best wishes and 73,
- Brian

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