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SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS

Over Twenty-five years of news editorial, operational and management experience including: Start up and Special Event project management, cost benefit analysis and critical thinking on issues, resourcefulness and creativity in solving new and challenging problems; conceptualization of ideas and issues; internal and external communication; short and long-range planning. Highly regarded for organizational, personnel and management skills. Excellent follow-through skills. Proven ability to work well with all levels of personnel.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- President of the ARGO Broadcast Center – Atlanta, GA summer of 1996. Conceived, financed, designed, staffed and built an independent broadcast facility catering to non-rights holding press covering the 1996 Summer Olympic Games. This facility also served as the primary International Broadcast Center (IBC) for the 1996 Paralympic Games.
- Director of Operations, 1994 World Cup Soccer Championships – Designed the domestic and international satellite network for this massive sporting event that was the equivalent of 30 Super Bowls in 31 days. I also hired the operations staff for each of the 9 venues as well as an additional 15 technicians to staff the operations center in Dallas.
- Director of Satellite Operations, 1986 Goodwill Games – Responsible for all backhaul from the Goodwill Games in Moscow as well as from the World Basketball Championships taking place simultaneously in several locations in Spain. Turner Sports was recognized with a National Emmy for “Technical Achievement” for operating the “World’s Largest Remote”.
- Director of Satellite Operations, USA Today on TV – Responsible for the design, staffing and implementation of a backhaul and distribution network for this groundbreaking syndicated program produced by GTG Entertainment. On day one, this program was aired on over 200 stations in the United States and Canada. Established, maintained and stayed within budget.
- Manager, Satellites and Circuits, Cable News Network – Original staff of the first 24-hour news network. Responsible for establishing numerous protocols and procedures for news backhaul from permanent CNN bureaus and remotes. Several firsts include use of transportable satellite uplink truck for breaking news.

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CAREER HIGHLIGHTS (cont.)

- Satellite Operations Producer, Gannett News Service – Created this first ever group-level position of operations producer based in Washington, DC bureau overseeing newsgathering operations of all 10 Gannett-owned television stations. This included regularly scheduled newsfeeds from Washington as well as breaking domestic and international news stories.
- Director of Broadcast Operations, VideoStar Connections – Conceived, designed, staffed and implemented a traveling road show of transmission services for local and network news operations beginning at the Democratic National Convention in San Francisco, followed by the Summer Olympics in Los Angeles and concluding at the Republican National Convention in Dallas.

EXPERIENCE

Cable News Network, Atlanta Georgia 2001 - 2003
Researcher/Producer - Military Desk

To explain weapons systems, tactics and military activities during Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom, I produced computer animations and wrote associated copy and edited scripts for accuracy, Contingency planning for war; included issues such as selection of domestic military bases for coverage, and identifying and securing expert analysts useful for different scenarios.

ARGO Connections, Inc., Atlanta Georgia 1981 - present
President

ARGO Connections, Inc. provides satellite and broadcast services to news organizations at the international, national, and local levels, and special-event broadcasting for customers ranging from the Olympic Organizing Committee to medical continuing education providers.

RTO92, Barcelona Spain 1992
Satellite Transmission Manager

Cable News Network, Atlanta Georgia 1991 – 1995
National Assignment Editor

GTG Entertainment, Rosslyn, Virginia 1987 – 1990
Director of Satellites, “USA Today on Television”

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EDUCATION

Master of Arts (Journalism), November 1997
University of Georgia

Thesis: Military-Media Relations During the Persian Gulf War
Principal advisor: Dr. Wallace Eberhard

Bachelor of Arts (Film and Television Studies), May 1976
Seton Hall University, South Orange, New Jersey