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GPO PROVIDES PUBLIC ACCESS TO MEMORANDUM AND ORDER AND FINAL JUDGMENT IN MICROSOFT CASE

Acting again in support of the Federal District Court for the District of Columbia, the Government Printing Office (GPO) prepared online access and print copies to the "Memorandum and Order and Final Judgment" in the Microsoft case issued at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 7, 2000, by Judge Thomas Penfield Jackson.

As with the "Findings of Fact" and the "Conclusions of Law" in the Microsoft case last November and April, respectively, GPO was asked to make advance preparations for the rapid dissemination of the "Memorandum." GPO had already established a specific URL for the Microsoft case documents on GPO Access, GPO's popular Internet information service (at www.access.gpo.gov). The Microsoft document URL is <http://usvms.gpo.gov>. At the Court's request, the document was to be made available in HTML and Adobe's Portable Document Format (PDF). GPO arranged to have the document loaded on 15 servers configured behind a BigIP load balancer, served by four T1 lines.

The Court asked that GPO make available printed copies of the "Memorandum" through its main bookstore on North Capitol Street in Washington, DC. Because of its relatively brief length, however, the Court also made available free copies at the courthouse at the time the order was released. GPO produced additional copies of the document for public sale at the bookstore beginning at 8 a.m. the following morning.

Following the announcement of the decision, a printed copy and electronic disk version of the 23-page document, titled Memorandum and Order and Final Judgment: United States of America v. Microsoft Corporation, C.A. 98-1232; State of New York, ex. rel. Eliot Spitzer, et al., v. Microsoft Corporation, C.A. 98-1233, were transferred to GPO by the Court. The electronic version was readied for release at 4:30 p.m. A sufficient number of print copies was quickly produced for the bookstore.

GPO Access experienced 40,000 successful connections in the first half-hour of release, and a total of 53,000 connections in the first hour. This compares with 90,000 connections in April during the first half-hour following release of the "Conclusions of Law," and approximately 152,000 connections last November during the first hour following release of the Judge Jackson's "Findings of Fact." Demand for print copies through the bookstore was also reduced.

Print copies of the "Memorandum and Order and Final Judgment" are being made available for public access through other GPO bookstores and Federal depository libraries located throughout the Nation.

GPO Access is one of the few Government Web sites established by law and one of the longest running, beginning operation in 1994. It is virtually the only Government Web site that provides easy, one-stop, no-fee access to information from all three branches of the Federal Government. It provides access to more than 170,000 Government information titles on GPO and other Federal agency servers. Monthly document retrievals today average approximately 21 million.

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