



## North American Numbering Plan Planning Letter

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At the request of its government, the Turks and Caicos Islands has been assigned a new NPA code: 649. The Turks and Caicos Islands will use the existing NXXs and customer line numbers in the new 649 NPA, i.e., the 649 NPA will replace the 809 NPA for all current telephone numbers. The Turks and Caicos Islands will depart from the 809 NPA when the 649 NPA is implemented as described below. The 809 NPA will continue to serve the needs of the Caribbean countries remaining in the 809 NPA. Cable & Wireless, Turks & Caicos Islands, on behalf of the Government of Turks and Caicos Islands, will be responsible for the administration of the central office codes (NXXs) within the 649 NPA.

The introduction of the new 649 NPA, and the beginning of a permissive dialing period, will take place at 12:01 AM local time (05:01 GMT) on Sunday, June 1, 1997. The permissive dialing period will end at 12:00 AM local time (05:00 GMT) on Sunday, May 31, 1998. During the permissive dialing period either 809 or 649 will be acceptable in a dialed number terminating in the new 649 NPA. After the permissive dialing period, calls dialed to the Turks and Caicos Islands NXXs with the 809 NPA will be routed to intercept.

Beginning on June 1, 1997 (i.e., the start of the permissive dialing period) all *new* NXXs activated in the Turks and Caicos Islands will be assigned in the new 649 NPA code only. These new NXXs may be duplicates of NXXs already assigned in the 809 NPA, and calls directed to these new NXXs in Turks and Caicos Islands must be dialed with the new 649 NPA code to avoid being routed to another destination in the Caribbean.

All international and domestic carriers are asked to ensure that the new 649 NPA has been activated throughout their networks prior to June 1, 1997. Test calls to verify routing to the new 649 NPA can be made by dialing 649-946-1496. The test number will be operational from within the 649 NPA on February 1, 1997. It is not expected the test number can be reached from outside the 649 NPA until shortly before the beginning of permissive dialing. Calls successfully completed to the test number will receive a recorded announcement. The test number will be disconnected in May 1998.

In the event that calls cannot be completed to numbers in the 649 NPA, please contact the following trouble reporting numbers between the hours of 13:00 and 21:30 GMT Monday to Thursday and on Friday from 13:00 to 21:00 GMT: 809-946-2719 (voice) or 809-946-2122 (fax).

Attached is a map of the Turks and Caicos Islands and the area of the Caribbean covered by the new 649 NPA. The NXXs that will be moving to the 649 NPA are included on the map.

The dialing plan for the new 649 NPA is as follows:

- All home NPA (HNPA) local calls will be dialed on a 7-digit basis with no prefix, i.e., NXX-XXXX (7 digits). Please note: During the permissive dialing period, local calls can be dialed with either 5 or 7 digits. At the end of the permissive period, local calls dialed with 5 digits will fail to complete.
- All foreign NPA (FNPA) direct dialed calls to other destinations in the NANP area will be dialed with a prefix "1" and 10 digits, i.e., 1 + FNPA + NXX + XXXX (1 + 10 digits).
- All operator assisted calls within the NANP area, including credit card, collect, and third party calls, will be dialed with a "0" prefix followed by 10 digits, i.e., 0 + NPA + NXX + XXXX (0 + 10 digits).

For questions concerning the implementation of the 649 NPA contact Mr. Newton Ginton, International Operations Officer, Cable & Wireless (W. I.) Ltd., at 809-946-2652 (voice), 809-946-2122 (fax), or by email at [newton@Caribsurf.com](mailto:newton@Caribsurf.com).

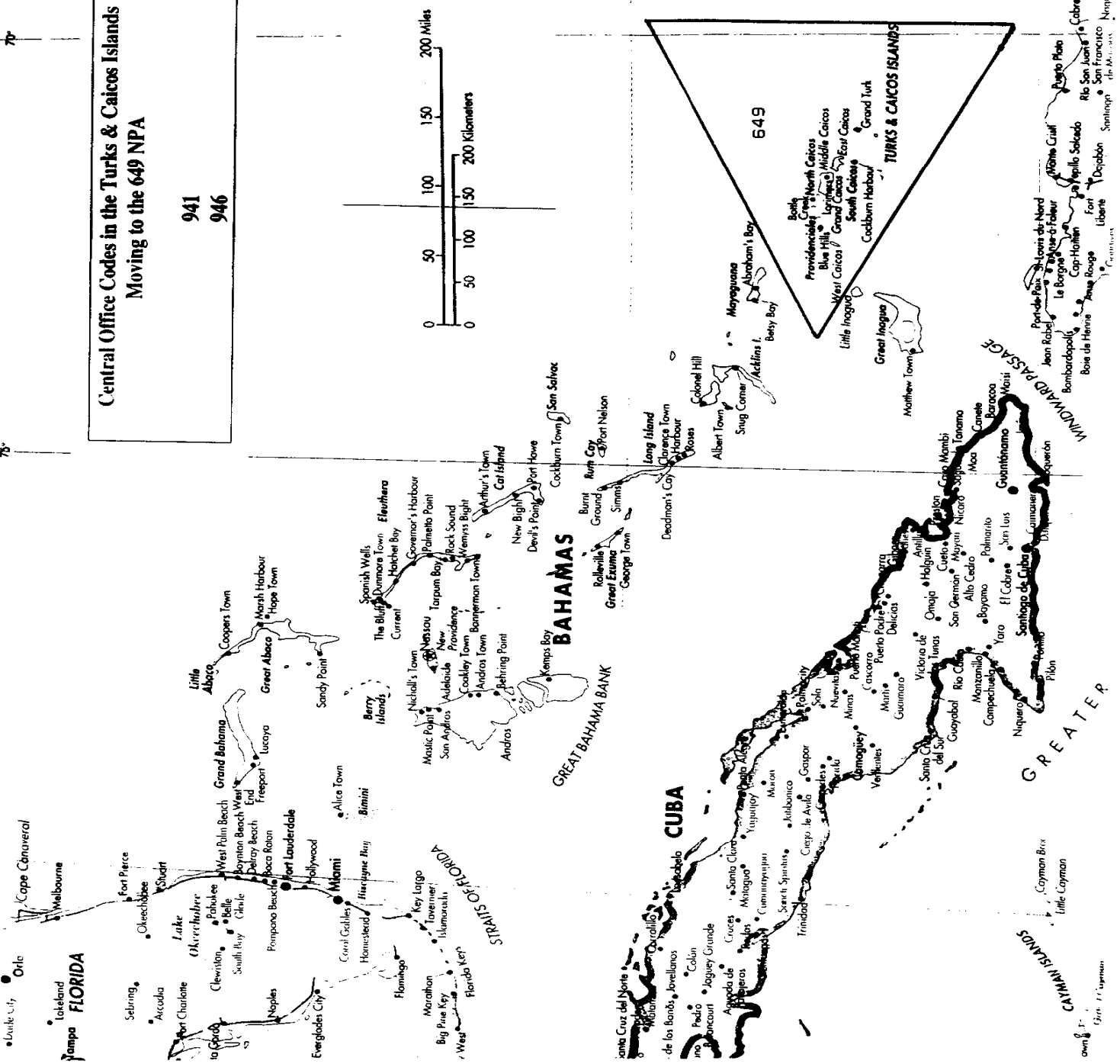
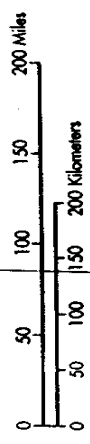
Questions concerning the contents of this letter may be referred to Jim Deak, Bellcore, at 908-699-6612.



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**Central Office Codes in the Turks & Caicos Islands  
Moving to the 649 NPA**

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