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USA Networks filed a preliminary proxy statement on Schedule 14A with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) on January 24, 2002. Stockholders of USA Networks are urged to read the proxy statement because it contains important information about USA Networks, the transactions and related matters. Investors and security holders can obtain free copies of the proxy statement by contacting Investor Relations, USA Networks, Inc., Carnegie Hall Tower, 152 W. 57th Street, 42nd Floor, New York, NY 10019 (Telephone: (212) 314-7400). Investors and security holders can also obtain free copies of the proxy statement and other documents filed by USA Networks and Vivendi Universal with the SEC in connection with the transactions at the SEC's web site at www.sec.gov.

In addition to the proxy statement, USA Networks files annual, quarterly and special reports, proxy statements and other information with the SEC and Vivendi Universal files annual and special reports and other information with the SEC, each of which are available at the SEC's web site at www.sec.gov. You may also read and copy any reports, statements and other information filed by USA Networks and Vivendi Universal at the SEC public reference room at 450 Fifth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20549. Please call the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330 for further information.

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interests in the transactions, including as a result of holding options or shares of USA Networks' stock. Information regarding Vivendi Universal and its directors and officers is contained in the Schedule 13D filed by Vivendi Universal and the other members of its reporting group with the SEC on February 24, 1998, as amended from time to time on Schedule 13D/A. Information regarding USA Networks and its directors and officers is contained in the preliminary proxy statement.

The following is a transcript of an interview of Jean-Marie Messier.