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Ms. Donna R. Searcy, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, N.W., Room 222
Washington, D. C. 20554

ATTN: :George S. Li, Chief
International Facilities Division
Room 534

Re: Request for Special Temporary Authority
Domestic Land-Based Ship Earth Station

Dear Ms. Searcy:

Communications Satellite Corporation (COMSAT) herein requests a grant of special temporary authority for the period beginning July 28, 1992 and extending until October 20, 1992 to provide satellite communications services via the INMARSAT system between land-based ship earth stations in the United States and the U.S. coast earth stations at Southbury, Connecticut (WA-28), and Santa Paula, California (KA-31). In support of this request, COMSAT submits as follows:

COMSAT, as U.S. Signatory to INMARSAT, has received a request from CBS, Inc. for permission to operate three INMARSAT Standard-A terminals from temporary-fixed locations in the United States. CBS intends to use the terminals to support its news reporting activities in disaster and other situations where no other communications systems are available.

INMARSAT has reviewed the CBS request and has approved access to the INMARSAT space segment. This approval is in accordance with INMARSAT's policies, and subject to its conditions, in regard to land-based ship earth stations engaged in non-maritime communications.

Because the subject land-based ship earth stations will use L-band frequencies in the Maritime Mobile Satellite Service portion of the spectrum, frequency coordination will not be an issue. In any event, the land-based units will operate on a non-interference basis with ship earth stations in the Maritime


Mobile Satellite Service. COMSAT will apply its regular maritime service charge for the proposed services, in accordance with its FCC Tariff 102.

CBS has filed an application with the Office of Engineering and Technology for an experimental license for its terminals.

COMSAT respectfully submits that the public interest will be served through the provision of this capacity and thus by a grant of temporary authority until October 20, 1992.

The requisite filing fee of \$610 is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,



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