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Mr. James Burtle, Chief, Experimental Licensing Branch Federal Communications Commission Experimental Licensing Branch 445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W., Room 7-A321 Washington, D.C. 20554 RECEIVED - FCC

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Federal Communication Commission Bureau/Office

Re: Application for Consent to Assign Experimental Authorization for WB2XDE, File No. 0040-EX-AL-2001

Dear Mr. Burtle:

Thank you for your letter of March 29, 2002 notifying us that the OMB has approved the continued use of the revised Form 702. Pursuant to your instructions, COMSAT Corporation d/b/a COMSAT World Systems requests that the Experimental Bureau consider the above-referenced application filed on the revised Form 702 on April 20, 2001.

Since the initial filing of this application, the International Telecommunications Satellite Organization ("INTELSAT") privatized on July 18, 2001, as scheduled. The assignee, Intelsat LLC, now serves as the licensee for the C- and Ku-band satellites formerly operated by INTELSAT. Prompt approval of this application would serve the public interest by facilitating Intelsat LLC's operation as a private entity and ensuring the efficient provisioning of services and service initiatives to customers.

Please address any questions concerning this matter to the undersigned at (301) 214-3459 or Jennifer D. Hindin of Wiley Rein & Fielding LLP at (202) 719-4975.

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