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In Reply Refer To:
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Re: Your request for Special Temporary Authorities to provide satellite communications services via the INMARSAT satellite system between the land earth stations at Southbury, Connecticut (Call Sign WA-28) and Santa Paula, California (Call Sign KA-31), and three INMARSAT-A, fifteen INMARSAT-B and eleven INMARSAT-M land-based ship earth stations from temporary-fixed locations in the United States.

Dear Mr. Kilminster:

This is in response to your letters of May 22 (SRD-0088), May 23 (SRD-0089) and May 26 (SRD-0090), 1995, requesting Special Temporary Authorities for the COMSAT Corporation, through its COMSAT Mobile Communications division, to provide satellite communications services via the INMARSAT satellite system between the land earth stations at Southbury, Connecticut (Call Sign WA-28) and Santa Paula, California (Call Sign KA-31), and three INMARSAT-A, fifteen INMARSAT-B and eleven INMARSAT-M land-based ship earth stations from temporary-fixed locations in the United States.

Comsat has identified the following entities to be served by a grant of the authority requested herein: COMSAT Mobile Communications (CMC) intends to use two INMARSAT-A terminals for test and demonstration purposes; Scientific-Atlanta, Inc. (SAI) intends to use ten INMARSAT-M terminals to test and demonstrate the communications capabilities of INMARSAT-M technology to its prospective customers; Homestead Police Department, Florida (HPD) intends to use its INMARSAT-A terminal for emergency communications when normal means of communications are disrupted by an emergency or a natural disaster; Exxon Communications Company (Exxon) intends to use fifteen INMARSAT-B terminals for communications from remote locations where no alternative means of communications exists; and Able Communications Co., Inc. (ACCI) intends to use its INMARSAT-M terminal for demonstration purposes. Comsat also states that it will apply its regular maritime service charge to the proposed services in accordance with its F.C.C. Tariff Number 102.

Under these circumstances, we find that a grant of these Special Temporary Authorities would serve the public interest, convenience and necessity. Accordingly, Special Temporary Authorities SRD-0088, SRD-0089 and SRD-0090 are hereby granted effective June 2, 1995, until further order of the Commission, but not beyond October 20, 1995, for Comsat to provide satellite communications services via the INMARSAT satellite system between the land earth stations at Southbury, Connecticut (Call Sign WA-28) and Santa Paula, California (Call Sign KA-31), and three INMARSAT-A, fifteen INMARSAT-B and eleven INMARSAT-M land-based ship earth stations from temporary-fixed locations in the United States to be used by CMC, SAI, HPD, Exxon and ACCI as stated above.