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Mr. William F. Caton, Acting Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, N.W., Room 222
Washington, D.C. 20554

ATTN: Thomas S. Tycz, Chief
Satellite and Radiocommunication Division

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

Dear Mr. Caton:

COMSAT Corporation, through its COMSAT Mobile Communications division (COMSAT), herein requests a grant of special temporary authority beginning September 27, 1996 and extending until October 20, 1996 to provide satellite communications services via the INMARSAT system between a land-based ship earth station and COMSAT's U.S. land 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 commissioning application from Mission Research Corporation to operate an Inmarsat terminal from temporary-fixed locations in the United States. We are advised that Mission Research Corp., wishes to use one INMARSAT-B terminal for communications from remote locations where no alternative means of communication exist.

Inmarsat has granted appropriate authorization to Mission Research for the stated purpose. Because the subject terminal 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 subject terminal will operate on a non-interference basis with earth stations in the Maritime Mobile Satellite Service. COMSAT will apply its regular charge for the proposed service, in accordance with COMSAT Mobile Communication's Tariff FCC No 1.

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COMSAT respectfully submits that the public interest will be served through the provision of this communications capacity for the stated purposes and thus by a grant of instant request for temporary authority.

The undersigned hereby certifies that neither COMSAT Corporation, the applicant, nor any other party to the foregoing application is subject to a denial of Federal Benefits pursuant to Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988, 21 U.S.C. § 853a.

The requisite filing fee of \$745 is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Neal T. Kilminster / SW".

Neal T. Kilminster

cc: Sylvia Lam
Carl Huie