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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20554

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In the Matter of)
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COLUMBIA COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION)
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Application for extension of Special Temporary)
Authority for the TDRS-4 Satellite at 41°W.L.)

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File No. 127-SAT-STA-96
Satellite Policy Branch
International Bureau

To: Chief, International Bureau

PETITION FOR RECONSIDERATION

The International Telecommunications Satellite Organization (INTELSAT), by its attorneys and pursuant to Section 1.106 of the Commission's Rules, hereby requests the Chief of the International Bureau to reconsider the Order and Authorization, released December 20, 1996 (DA 96-2139), which extended the Special Temporary Authority (STA) previously granted to Columbia Communications Corporation for a period of 180 days.¹ In support whereof, the following is shown:

The Order and Authorization was granted *ex parte*, without service on INTELSAT, without any public notice, and without opportunity for public participation. The grant was based solely upon the findings made by the Bureau in the STA Order. On July 5, 1996, INTELSAT

¹ See Columbia Communications Corporation, Order and Authorization, released July 5, 1996, petition for reconsideration pending. See also Order released May 6, 1996 (DA 96-703), application for review pending ("STA Order").

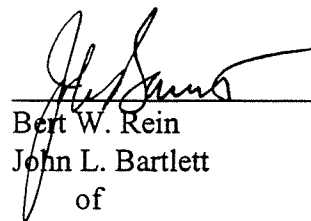
filed a petition seeking Commission review of the STA Order. Accordingly, INTELSAT requests that the current Order and Authorization be conditioned upon the outcome of the review by the full Commission of the STA Order.

Respectfully submitted,

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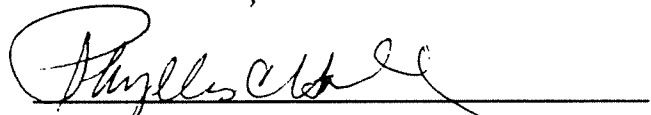
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