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Federal Communications Commission  
International Bureau-Earth Stations  
P.O. Box 358160  
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**Re: File Nos. SES-LIC-19980217-00202 and SES-LIC-19980204-00158  
Amendment to Pending Earth Station Applications**

Atlanta and  
Washington, D.C. Division  
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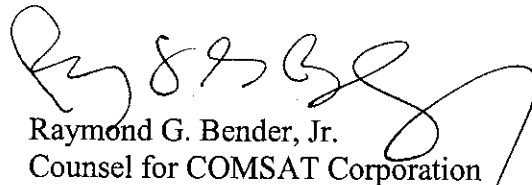
Ladies and Gentlemen:

On behalf of COMSAT Corporation ("COMSAT"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Lockheed Martin Corporation, we hereby transmit an original plus four copies of an amendment to the above-referenced applications. This amendment reports a previously authorized change in control of COMSAT and does not change any technical or operational parameters provided in the underlying earth station applications, which are hereby incorporated by reference. Accordingly, pursuant to instruction from the staff, COMSAT has not completed FCC Form 312 – Schedule B (Technical and Operational Description) for purposes of this amendment, and the Commission is respectfully requested to refer to the underlying applications for this information.

Enclosed is an FCC Form 159 and a check in the amount of two hundred and seventy dollars (\$270.00) in payment of the applicable FCC filing fee.

Should any questions arise with respect to this filing, kindly communicate with the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Enclosure

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