

March 15, 1978

SEPARATE STATEMENT OF COMMISSIONER ABBOTT WASHBURN
IN WHICH COMMISSIONER JAMES H. QUELLO JOINS
RE: INMARSAT, Docket 20281

This action might appropriately be called the Cinderella Order. The Commission has designed a slipper which only Comsat fits. It would have been preferable, in my judgment, to have gone ahead and designated Comsat as our choice of U. S. participant in INMARSAT as the staff recommended. The public and the Congress in upcoming hearings deserve no less than our best judgment as to whom the U.S. entity should be.

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