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IN RE: NEW UHF "NOISE" LEVELS

This action by the Commission aimed at encouraging the technical improvement of UHF television reception is long overdue. Certainly no one familiar with the problems will hail the Commission's action as the end of UHF television's troubles nor see it as a leap to instant comparability. It should be regarded as an important step toward comparability, however, and as a signal to the industry that the Commission is ready to lend more than lip service to the comparability goal.

I intend to continue to give the other technical problems associated with UHF television my full attention. I am convinced that these problems can be resolved, or at least mitigated, given diligence and concern by the Commission and receiver manufacturers. Like the All Channel Receiver legislation of a few years back, the Commission's efforts to improve the noise figure is a significant, necessary, step toward ultimate comparability.

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