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Concurring Statement of  
Commissioner James H. Quello

In Re: 8th Notice of Inquiry, 1979 WARC

There are many complex issues treated within this document and the Commission has already had the benefit of public comment on them. Although I question the need for further comment, I do not wish to foreclose any possibility of receiving additional information which might prove useful in formulating the Commission's position on these very important matters.

I am concerned with what may be perceived as a retreat from the Commission's position with regard to the UHF television band as outlined in the 5th Notice of Inquiry. I would have preferred to remain with that position. However, because of international considerations, I have reluctantly supported the Commission's decision to explore opening up the band for additional sharing along our borders with Canada and Mexico.

My primary concerns relate to the continuing development of educational television which must rely very heavily upon the UHF band. Any attempt to re-allocate the UHF band which is likely to inhibit this development will invoke my vigorous opposition. I do not believe that the Commission has taken a final position with regard to the UHF band in this Notice and I look forward to reviewing the comments which may be generated by this novel approach.

Therefore, I concur.