UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Chairman Ferris

DATE: June 8, 1978

FROM: Commissioner James H. Quello

SUBJECT: "Ex Parte" Deliberations

The attached new legislative proposal on "contacts with parties in certain proceedings" was not available this morning and, thus, not considered in our "ex parte" deliberations and initial decision.

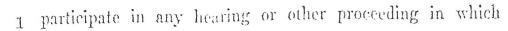
It represents the proposal of the House Communications Subcommittee for the Communications Act of 1978 after two years of deliberations and study.

It seems that this may be also scomplicated, more feasible interim proceeding, pending final Congressional resolution and our own rulemaking.

James H. Quello

cc: All Commissioners
General Counsel
All Bureau and Office Chiefs





- 2 he has any pecuniary interest.
- 3 CONTACTS WITH PARTIES IN CERTAIN PROCEEDINGS
- 4 SEC. 237. (a) If any commissioner or supervisory
- 5 employee initiates any communication with, or receives
- 6 any communication from, any interested party in any
- 7 adjudicatory proceeding before the Commission and such
- 8 communication occurs after the commencement of such
- 9 adjudicatory proceeding, then the commissioner or super-
- 10 visory employee shall furnish written notice of such com-
- 11 munication to any other interested party in such adjudicatory
- 12 proceeding.
- (b) If any commissioner or supervisory employee
- 14 initiates any communication with, or receives any commu-
- 15 nication from, any person who has filed written comments
- 16 with the Commission relating to any rulemaking proceed-
- 17 ing of the Commission, then the commissioner or super-
- 18 visory employee shall furnish written notice of such com-
- 19 munication to any other person who has filed written com-
- 20 ments relating to such proceeding, if such communication
- 21 occurs after the record relating to such proceeding has been
- 22 closed by the Commission.

23 EFFECT ON OTHER LAWS

- 24 Sec. 238. Nothing in this part shall be construed to limit
- 25 the operation of section 207 , westign 208 of title 18 This. A

