

JOINT SEPARATE STATEMENT OF COMMISSIONER ABBOTT WASHBURN  
AND COMMISSIONER JAMES H. QUELLORE: Docket 20271, WARC 1979 Proposals

President Carter has enunciated a policy of increasing the international flow of information and, for this purpose, has adopted a policy of increasing the use by the United States of international shortwave broadcasting...primarily by the Voice of America, Radio Free Europe, and Radio Liberty. The frequency allocations for international broadcasting contained in today's Report and Order -- totalling an increase of 865 kHz, --- reflect but one alternative now under active consideration within the Executive Branch of the Government. This total falls some 800 kHz short of the proposals that have been made by the International Communications Agency and the Board for International Broadcasting.

Inclusion here of the 865-kHz alternative was not based on any independent analysis by the Commission. The FCC has merely deferred judgment in this matter to other agencies of the Executive Branch.

In the interest of accuracy, we believe it should be brought to the attention of all interested parties, here and abroad, that at the time of the Commission's action (December 5, 1978) there has yet been no decision within the Executive Branch as to a final figure for a U.S.-proposed frequency allocation for international broadcasting.

This is the purpose of our joint separate statement.