

## memorandum

DATE: December 17, 1980

REPLY TO  
ATTN OF: Commissioner James H. Quello

SUBJECT: Proposed FCC move to Rosslyn

TO: All FCC Commissioners  
Executive Director

Since I will not be present on December 18th during discussion of the proposed Rosslyn move, I wish to make my position clear to all Commissioners.

I strongly urge that we defer a final decision on the move as well as any further discussion of the matter until after January 20th. Aside from the fact that I believe, as do most Commissioners, that such a significant and potentially disruptive move should have been deliberated by the full Commission rather than being presented to us as a last moment accomplished fact. I am primarily concerned with the widespread public opposition (communications lawyers, public interest groups, trade associations, press and many Commission employees). My views are also somewhat influenced by the various expressions of Congressional concern, particularly with respect to our failure to consult with appropriate Senate and House committees and subcommittees.

The Commission's time and resources now seem to be concentrated exclusively on building a strong case to justify the move. I believe we should first undertake a thorough, objective exploration of all options for remaining in the District. For these reasons I oppose approval of the move to Rosslyn at this time.

James H. Quello



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