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CONCURRING STATEMENT OF
COMMISSIONER JAMES H. QUELLO
IN RE USE OF "RE-RUN" MATERIAL
(Docket No. 20203)

I have reluctantly concurred in this action launching an inquiry into the use of "re-run" material on prime-time television. I recognize that this is a matter of concern affecting the public, broadcasters and producers, and there are significant issues involved. However, I have serious reservations about any legitimate Commission concern in this area which, in my opinion, should more properly be left to the ultimate determination of the television audience and the judgment of the broadcast licensee. I question whether this Commission can or should impose this kind of oversight in matters of program content which, traditionally, have been the responsibility of each licensee. I am hopeful that this inquiry can prove useful in providing an opportunity for full expression of all conflicting views and, therefore, might in itself be a furtherance of the public interest.

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