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*Broadcasting
Satellite*

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Subject: Broadcasting Satellite

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1. On December 21, 1970, representatives of USIA, NASA, HEW, FCC and OTP met under State auspices to develop a U.S. position with respect to Annex II to the enclosure bearing on "POSSIBLE BROADCASTING SATELLITE SYSTEMS AND THEIR RELATIVE ACCEPTABILITY."

2. Background leading to the adoption of Resolution 38 at the CCIR XIIth Plenary Assembly in New Delhi was given by the Department of State.

3. After discussion, it was agreed that the U.S. answer to the questionnaire in Annex II of the enclosure, should be along the following lines:

(a) Note that Resolution 38 is oriented toward new and developing countries.

(b) Indicate that the U.S. has no definitive plans with respect to the application and implementation of broadcasting satellites. Noting, however, that in the field of education/public broadcasting, efforts are under way looking towards possible use of this capability for program distribution purposes, primarily of a domestic nature.

(c) The primary point of the U.S. response would be to emphasize the need for keeping options open with respect to possible future applications of broadcasting satellites, indicating that the U.S. would continue to provide technical support to other nations in need thereof, and noting the parameters which should be taken into account by such countries in their planning in this regard.

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