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Re: IMCO Sub-Committee Radio  
Communications Meeting in  
London, January 11-14, 1971.

Dear Brothers:

I am forwarding enclosed a copy of the United States Government position on a number of issues of interest to Radio Officers.

First, and most important, is the paper on Listening Watch on 500 kHz. Note that the position in it is very close to the one adopted by the radio affiliates of the International Transport Workers' Federation in September 1970 at London, as subsequently endorsed by the ITF Seafarers Section meeting in October 1970, at Geneva.

The position paper on "Application of Regulation 6(d), Chapter IV of the 1960 Safety Convention", takes a position similar to that adopted by the ITF, that is to say, it adheres to a strict interpretation of the watchstanding requirement.

The paper on "Criteria for Watch-keeping Requirements" is close to the ITF position, and merits support.

The paper on the new code for fishermen embodies a good position, in that it would require the high standard set in Chapter IV of the International Convention on Safety of Life at Sea, London 1960, to be applied aboard fishing vessels of similar tonnage categories.

After examination of these papers, I am certain you will decide that it is worthwhile making every effort to win your Government's delegation over to supporting these positions at the forthcoming IMCO Radio Sub-Committee Meeting.

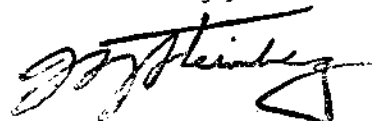
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Mr. Harvey Strichartz, ARA Technical Director, will be an advisor to the U. S. Government Delegation to the Meeting.

We look forward to seeing you in London, if you are on your Government's Delegation.

Fraternally,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'W. R. Steinberg', written in a cursive style.

W. R. Steinberg,  
President

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