

CLARIFICATION BY STANTON

C. B. S. Head Denies He Admitted Deficiency of Disk System

Frank Stanton, president of the Columbia Broadcasting System, denied yesterday that he had acknowledged a deficiency in his company's field sequential color television system, requiring a revolving disk in a sequence of basic colors, in testifying before the House Interstate and Foreign Commerce committee Wednesday.

In a telegram to Charles A. Wolverton, Republican of New Jersey and chairman of the committee investigating the status of color television, the executive said he had been informed that Mr. Wolverton had "stated in substance" yesterday that Mr. Stanton had made such an acknowledgement.

"This represents a major misunderstanding of my testimony," Mr. Stanton said in his telegram.

The executive said that although he had testified on the desirability of a compatible color system whereby existing television receivers could receive color programs in black and white, he also had stated that the field sequential system, which is incompatible, remained the best and most economical color system. Mr. Stanton added:

"The reasons which I outlined for our not going forward with the field sequential system at present and in existing circumstances did not include any acknowledgement of deficiencies in that system or of superiority of the new National Television System Committee system.

"If our position is not clear in this respect, I would be glad to appear and answer any questions you or other members of your committee may have when the hearings resume March 21."