

APPENDIX 6.—CORRESPONDENCE CONCERNING ASSIGNMENT OF
30 PACIFIC SATELLITE COMMUNICATION CIRCUITS

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION,
Washington, D.C., August 25, 1967.

Lt. Gen. ALFRED D. STARBIRD,
Director, Defense Communications Agency,
Department of Defense,
Washington, D.C.

DEAR GENERAL STARBIRD: In my letter to you of July 13, 1967, I informed you that we had requested the Department of State to ascertain from the appropriate authorities in Thailand their views in regard to the contract between RCA Communications, Inc. and the Government of Thailand with respect to the 10 circuits required by DCA.

We are now advised by the Department that it is informed by the Government of Thailand that it unilaterally determined that, since RCAC had been handling Thailand traffic satisfactorily for a number of years, it should be permitted to operate the 10 circuits required by DCA. The Government of Thailand, however, would be glad to have other carriers share in any additional circuits that might be required by DCA or others.

In view of this it appears that you may now proceed to implement the assignment of the 30 circuits to the several terrestrial carriers within the limits set by the position of the Government of Thailand and Kokusai Denshin Denwa.

Sincerely yours,

ROSEL H. HYDE, *Chairman.*

DEFENSE COMMUNICATIONS AGENCY,
Washington, D.C., September 8, 1967.

To: Chief, Defense Commercial Communications Office.
Subject: CSA #CMSA 6N6ND-60000, COMSAT Channels in Pacific.
Reference:

- (a) DECCO Ltr, D321/jd, 28 Apr 67, subject as above.
- (b) DECCO Ltr, D321/jd, 3 Mar 67, to COMSAT.
- (c) DCA Ltr, 8 May 67, to FCC.

1. By reference (a), you advised this Agency of problems which precluded the assignment of the 30 satellite circuits to the Far Pacific in accordance with reference (b). By reference (c), this Agency initiated a request to the FCC to resolve these problems to permit a fair and equitable assignment of the 30 circuits among the four U.S. International Carriers.

2. The FCC has advised this Agency that WUI must make their own arrangements with the Japan carrier without representations to that carrier by the Commission and that the Thailand Government unilaterally determined to operate the present 10 circuits with RCAC in the event of an assignment by COMSAT. The FCC also advised that the Thailand Government has agreed to operate with the other U.S. International Carriers for any additional circuits that might be required by DCA or others.

3. Since we are now confronted with the execution of the assignment provision in our CSA with COMSAT which was awarded on a competitive basis, it is not mandatory that the strict application of your apportionment procedures be made in directing the assignments. The unusual and unique circumstances surrounding the lease of the 30 satellite circuits justify an equitable assignment among the carriers without regard to your apportionment procedures which would dictate the assignment recommended in reference (a).

4. In view of the above, it is requested that the following assignments be made with an effective date of October 1, 1967: