If further assistance is required in regard to the above, please feel free to contact this office. Sincerely,

JOHN F. PAWLINGS. First Lieutenant, U.S. Air Force, DCA Contracting Officer.

COMMUNICATIONS SATELLITE CORP., Washington, D.C., October 4, 1967.

JOHN F. RAWLINGS,

First Lieutenant, U.S. Air Force, Defense Communications Agency, Defense Commercial Communications Office, Scott Air Force Base, Ill.

DEAR LIEUTENANT RAWLINGS: Attached herewith is a copy of a letter which was received this date from PHILCOMSAT with respect to the allocation of the 10 circuits between Hawaii and the Philippines under CSA CMSA-6N6ND-60000. Please advise as to any actions that you may desire.

LEWIS C. MEYER.

PHILIPPINE COMMUNICATION SATELLITE CORP., Manila, October 3, 1967.

COMMUNICATIONS SATELLITE CORP., Washington, D.C.,

(Attention: Lewis C. Meyer, Director of Procurement and Contracting).

Sirs: This has reference to your Telex No. 1781/PC regarding the proposed apportionment of the 10 DCA circuits and our initial Telex reply thereto. In this connection, we have decided to maintain the current working relations between COMSAT and PHILCOMSAT and at the same time not to disturb the original agreement in the handling of the above-mentioned 10 DCA circuits.

> MANUEL B. SYQUIO, Chairman and President.

Enclosure.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION, October 11, 1967.

Dr. Joseph V. Charyk, President, Communications Satellite Corp., Washington, D.C.

DEAR DR. CHARYK: In the Commission's memorandum opinion, order, and certificate released February 9, 1967 (File No. T-C-2014 et al.), the Communications Satellite Corp. (Comsat) was awarded temporary authority to provide the Defense Communications Agency (DCA) with 10 satellite circuits between Hawaii and Japan, 10 satellite circuits between Hawaii and Thailand, and 10 satellite circuits between Hawaii and the Philippines. Such authority, however, is to terminate without further action by the Commission as circuits to a particular point (Thailand, the Philippines, or Japan) are ordered by DCA from a terrestrial carrier in lieu of Comsat, and service is instituted by such carrier. We understand that by letter dated September 12, 1967, from John F. Rawlings, DCA contracting officer, Comsat was requested to assign the communications service authorization issued by DCA for the 30 circuits, as well as its agreements with overseas correspondents, to the regular overseas carriers as set forth in such letter. The assignments were to be effective October 1, 1967, by separate communications service authorizations issued by DCA. However, as of this date, the service involved is still being provided by Comsat.

In view of the underlying rationale of the Commission's memorandum opinion, order, and certificate, Comsat is under an obligation to effectuate the transfer of the service to each of the points involved as quickly as possible to the terrestrial carriers. In this connection, we are unaware of any question regarding an immediate transfer of the Thailand and the Japan circuits and, accordingly, the transfer of such circuits can and should be effectuated forthwith as contemplated by the Commission's memorandum opinion and order.