

TO COMSAT OPCEN

ATTN DR JOSEPH V. CHARYK

DE COMSAT HAWAII MSG NO. 356

8 APRIL 1971 0400Z

SUBJECT SIXTH ANNIVERSARY OF EARLY BIRD LAUNCH

X  
 XXX  
 X  
 X  
 X  
 X  
 XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX  
 X X  
 X X  
 X COMSAT X  
 X HAWAII X  
 X GREETINGS X  
 X COMSAT X  
 X WASHINGTON X  
 X DIRECT X  
 X VIA X  
 X EARLY X  
 X BIRD X  
 X X  
 XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX  
 X X  
 X X  
 X X  
 XXXXXXXXX

THIS MESSAGE MARKS ANOTHER FIRST FOR EARLY  
 BIRD, THE WORLD'S FIRST COMMERCIAL COMMUNICATIONS  
 SATELLITE, REACTIVATED FOR THIS OCCASION. IT IS  
 THE FIRST DIRECT COMMUNICATION BETWEEN HAWAII  
 AND THE EAST COAST OF THE UNITED STATES BY A  
 COMMERCIAL SATELLITE. IT COMES DURING THE  
 SIXTH ANNIVERSARY PERIOD OF THE LAUNCH OF EARLY  
 BIRD FROM CAPE KENNEDY, FLORIDA.

G M VINQUIST, MANAGER SENDS  
 PAUMALU EARTH STATION  
 TOT/0415 GMT 8 APRIL 1971