

**JAMES McCORMACK**, Chairman and Chief Executive of the Communications Satellite Corporation.

Your succeeding and successful studies as West Point Cadet, Rhodes Scholar at Oxford in modern languages, and graduate student at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Engineering, made your service to your country in the Army Engineers and the Air Force of greatest value, evidenced by your many decorations. Since your retirement as Major General in 1955, you have served with equal distinction as Vice President of M.I.T., bringing the power of a consortium of universities in support of the establishment of the Institute for Defense Analysis, and shaping the MITRE Corporation out of the Lincoln Laboratories, molding pivotal patterns for the necessary and vital confluence of academia, government, and industry, in the engineering applications of the “New Science.” Presently Chairman and Chief Executive of Comsat, the incongruity of being born an Irish Baptist in Louisiana is as naught compared with that of managing a Lilliputian corporation pioneering as a government-chartered space company jousting in a world of giants – corporations that hold much of its stock and which purchase many of its services. Your new tools, those of the Space Age, provide mankind with infinite opportunity as we miniscule human creatures on Space Capsule Earth float through the vast emptiness of the universe. Like the forehanded Avian who catches the worm, you are the Early Bird who catches the rewards of intercontinental communications to the benefit of all nations and all men.

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