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Magalie Roman Salas
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C.

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Satellite Policy Branch
International Bureau

To: Satellite and Radiocommunication Division, International Bureau
Re: Surrender of Authorization for COMSTAR D-4

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY


Dear Ms. Salas:

COMSAT General Corporation ("COMSAT General") has sold the COMSTAR D-4 domestic fixed satellite to an entity that has been authorized to operate it from another orbital location subject to the jurisdiction of a foreign Administration.¹ The relocation of the satellite will be controlled via earth stations located outside the United States. Accordingly, COMSAT General hereby surrenders its authorization to operate the COMSTAR D-4. The COMSTAR D-4 is not a common carrier satellite and carries no communications traffic.

Please date-stamp one of the enclosed copies of this letter and return it to the undersigned in the envelope provided.

Respectfully submitted,

COMSAT General Corporation

By 

Robert A. Mansbach
Its Attorney

cc: Thomas Tycz
Raul R. Rodriguez

¹ COMSAT General currently operates the COMSTAR D-4 at 76° West Longitude pursuant to Special Temporary Authority. See Letter from Thomas Tycz to Robert A. Mansbach dated March 31, 2000. COMSAT General has filed to extend this authority at six-month intervals. The Commission previously assigned the 77° W.L. slot to Loral for a Telstar satellite, which would preclude COMSAT General's continued operation at 76° W.L. See *Loral Space & Communications Corporation*, 16 FCC Rcd. 2481 (2001) at ¶11 and n.35.