

WRESAT LAUNCH : CONGRATULATORY MESSAGES

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For the interest of all those concerned with WRESAT, this record of messages of congratulation is circulated. The Director has acknowledged those of the messages which were addressed to W.R.E.

ADDRESSED TO THE MINISTER AND SECRETARY

FROM THE VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA -

Word that your scientific spacecraft is performing successfully in orbit is a source of satisfaction to all. Congratulations and welcome to the "Space Club".

FROM MR. WEBB, ADMINISTRATOR OF NASA -

For the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and myself I send warmest congratulations to the Australian agencies responsible for the initial success of WRESAT. With the orbiting of its own satellite, Australia makes a significant step forward in scientific and technical achievement. Please accept our best wishes for the continued success of your program.

FROM ROBERT C. SEAMANS, JR., DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR, NASA -

I was greatly pleased with the news this morning of the successful WRESAT launching. I believe it demonstrates not only outstanding technical ability but also excellent management. In the name of everyone in the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, I send our most sincere congratulations.

FROM CHRISTOPHER C. KRAFT, JNR., DIRECTOR OF FLIGHT OPERATIONS, NASA (TEXAS)

Heartiest congratulations to you and to all our friends in the Weapons Research Establishment on the success of WRESAT-1. Welcome to the space age. Please convey our warmest felicitations to all concerned.

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ADDRESSED TO W.R.E.

FROM H.E. AMBASSADOR COUNT CARROBIO DI CARROBIO, ELDO, PARIS-

Our warmest congratulations on WRESAT's success, demonstrating to all the continuous and vigorous development of Australian space technology and W.R.E.'s efficiency.

FROM C.N.E.S., FRANCE -

Vous adressons nos vives felicitations pour la reussite du premier lancement satellite Australien. (May we send you our congratulations for the success of the first launching of an Australian satellite).

FROM DR. E.R. RECHTIN, DIRECTOR/ARPA, WASHINGTON -

The Advanced Research Projects Agency sends its wholehearted congratulations to Australia on the successful orbiting of its first spacecraft, WRESAT-1. ARPA is proud to have been of assistance in this impressive venture. It is fitting that Australia's entry into the space community should be aboard a REDSTONE rocket, which also boosted the initial U.S. satellite into space. We are awaiting with interest the results of the scientific experiments carried aboard your spacecraft.

FROM DR. FRIEL, ARPA -

I understand that WRESAT launch was complete success. Congratulations and best wishes from ARPA and the DEFENDER staff.

FROM GILBERT OUSLEY, STAFF ENGINEER, NASA, MARYLAND -

Now that WRESAT has successfully completed its battery life, on behalf of NASA let me offer our sincere congratulations and heartfelt admiration for designing, fabricating, testing and launching into orbit this reasonably complicated satellite in such a short period. Amazing! especially considering it was your first. There were many sceptics here concerning the time scale, but you proved them wrong. I am proud to have been part of this fine team effort, but feel compelled to state that B.Rofe was the glue that held us all together. Again, well done.

FROM W.R. WATSON, DEFENCE SCIENCE ATTACHE, A.J.S.S., WASHINGTON -

Congratulations on successful WRESAT launch.

FROM R.H. GREIG, OFFICE OF DEFENCE R. & D. ATTACHE, WASHINGTON -

Have been requested to pass to you and all staff concerned congratulations on successful launch of WRESAT on behalf of Canadian Defence Research Staff (Washington) and Dr. F.E. Fionia (Advisor on Space Activities to Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs).

FROM LEO COHEN, GW(A)5, LONDON -

Congratulations on WRESAT launch. We are spreading the good news.

FROM MR. M.B. MORGAN, C.G.W.L., MINISTRY OF TECHNOLOGY, LONDON -

Congratulations to all concerned on successful firing of WRESAT, the first Australian satellite. This reflects great credit on your staff and their colleagues at the University of Adelaide.

FROM MESSRS. SKETCH AND HARDY, R.A.E. SPACE DEPARTMENT, FARNBOROUGH -

Heartiest congratulations on successful launch of WRESAT. Telemetry signals were received and recorded at our Lasham Station during orbit 7, at approximately 1502 hours GMT. We shall continue to listen as often as circumstances permit. Best regards.

FROM DR. G.H. HOUGH, HAWKER SIDDELEY DYNAMICS, HATFIELD -

Congratulations and regards.

FROM DR. D.H. FUCHS, HAWKER SIDDELEY DYNAMICS, STEVENAGE -

Congratulations on successful launch of WRESAT. This is a unique occasion in the history of W.R.E., and fills us all with admiration for the speed with which this project has been implemented. Regards.

FROM D.G. HUMPHRIES, HAWKER SIDDELEY DYNAMICS, STEVENAGE -

Congratulations on your success with WRESAT. Regards.

FROM SENATOR THE HON. N.H. DENHAM HENTY, MINISTER FOR SUPPLY -

On behalf of the Australian Government, please convey to all concerned with the planning and execution of WRESAT heartiest congratulations on a magnificent achievement. All Australia will applaud you.

FROM A.S. COOLEY, SECRETARY/DEPARTMENT OF SUPPLY -

Most sincere congratulations to the entire W.R.E. team involved in the Project. A special congratulation to Bryan Rofe and Professor Carver and their associates, and to Des Barnsley and his team. Also to the T.R.W. team for a magnificent launch. We are proud and delighted.

FROM H.A. WILLS, DEPUTY SECRETARY (R & E), DEPARTMENT OF SUPPLY -

We are all delighted with the success of the WRESAT launch, and wish to congratulate all who have contributed to this epoch-making achievement. This has been an excellent demonstration of the ability of W.R.E. to respond right across the Establishment to a challenge, and we hope it will lead to further opportunities for activity in this field.

FROM WILLSON H. HUNTER, NASA SNR SCIENTIFIC REPRESENTATIVE TO AUSTRALIA -

The hospitality of your Establishment at Woomera is only exceeded by the competence of your staff that produced the successful WRESAT. Buzz Brockett especially asked me to pass on his congratulations for the WRESAT success. We hope that this is only the beginning of a series of fruitful co-operative spaceflight experiments in the expanding scientific exploration and use of space for peaceful purposes. I am certain that NASA stands ready to help in any way possible.

FROM SIR FREDERICK WHEELER, CHAIRMAN OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD -

I have been reading about the recent W.R.E. success with the greatest of interest. To your team and you I send my warmest congratulations.

FROM L.S. CUNNINGHAM, GENERAL SECRETARY/PROFESSIONAL OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION -

Congratulations on splendid professional achievement of launching Australia's first satellite.

FROM M. FOULON, M.B.L.E., GOVE TRACKING STATION -

Sincere congratulations to all concerned for successful WRESAT launch and orbit.

FROM JOHN F. SOUTH, NASA/GODDARD SPACE FLIGHT CENTRE REP. - AUSTRALIA

I would like to extend to you, the members of your staff and the WRESAT Project and Woomera Range personnel my warmest congratulations on the successful launch and orbit of WRESAT. Welcome to the space community, and best wishes for a continuing and successful program of space research.

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W.R.E., SALISBURY
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