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I was employed at COMSAT for 22 years, 1966 to 1988. During the early period I worked in the terrestrial site development during the construction of the new earth stations at Brewster, Paumalu, and Cayey.

At that time it became apparent that it was necessary and desirable to offer COMSAT's experience in terrestrial site acquisition and development to other countries so they could similarly join the Intelsat system. COMSAT's experience was offered in a program of technical assistance, which included site selection, specifications preparation, bid evaluations, negotiations, contractor recommendation; design reviews, factory testing, construction inspections, station inspection, on site testing, acceptance testing.

I participated in that program and provided assistance in: Pakistan, Kuwait, Jordan, Sri Lanka, Malawi, Taiwan, Thailand, Cameroon, Algeria (international station and some 14 domestic stations in the Sahara), Ecuador, Bolivia, Portugal, Venezuela, Greece, Ethiopia, Upper Volta, Saudi Arabia.

COMSAT General and Nicaragua formed a jointly owned company called NicaTelSat (51% COMSAT General, 49% Nicaragua)

The COMSAT Technical Assistance Program was terminated when Intelsat as able to take over the program.