

PROPOSED REMARKS BY
HONORABLE HUBERT H. HUMPHREY
THE VICE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES
AWARDING THE NAVY DISTINGUISHED PUBLIC
SERVICE AWARD TO
DR. RICHARD B. KERSHNER
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Last summer, it was my pleasure to announce that the Navy's TRANSIT navigation satellite system would be made available for use by merchant ships, by release of the appropriate design information to American industry and commerce. The TRANSIT system is a highly successful product of our space age technology. Men of talent and devotion created electronic "stars" or satellites to guide seafarers anywhere on the earth, whether day or night, rain or shine with a remarkable navigational accuracy.

We, as Americans, can take pride in the TRANSIT navigation system as a product of our technological skills. In this sense, we must have men with those skills and the devotion energetically to apply them to the job at hand. The TRANSIT Navigation System is a reality only because of the men who directly contributed to the total creative effort--scientists and engineers, officers and men of the United States Navy, and our managers in the Department of the Navy.

Today, it is my pleasure to recognize one of these men--Dr. Richard Brandon Kershner, of the Applied Physics

Laboratory of the Johns Hopkins University.

Dr. Kershner, as head of the Laboratory's Space Division, has been with the TRANSIT program since its inception in 1959. He was the motive force in marshalling, directing, and inspiring the many scientists and engineers in his Division, representing diverse and complex technical skills, to form a unified and cohesive technical effort to exploit space age technology for man's use. In recognition of Dr. Kershner's outstanding services to the Navy and to our country, we are assembled here to honor him with the Navy's Distinguished Public Service Award, which he richly deserves.

I note that this is Dick Kershner's third distinguished public service award from the Navy--his other awards being in 1958 for his contribution to the development of the TERRIER missile, and 1961 for his major contributions to the POLARIS missile program. There is nothing more I can say to embellish this record except to extend my personal congratulations on this latest award and on a job very well done.

Colonel HUNT, will you read the Citation?



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