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CONGRESSMAN HARLEY O. STAGGERS

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Congressman Harley O. Staggers recently attended the closed-circuit television program showing the first tests of the Telstar satellite. Vice President Johnson and other officials also attended the historic event in Washington, D.C..

TELSTAR -- a ball, small enough to pass through a child's hoop, hurled 3,500 miles into space and orbiting at a speed 18 times the speed of the earth. Mechanisms on earth so delicately accurate that they can hit the ball with a beam of electrical energy. The ball is packed with instruments - 15,000 electronic parts - powered by the unfailing energy of the sun. This is the marvelous machinery which makes it possible for any event anywhere on earth to be seen and heard everywhere on earth.

Representative Staggers is a member of the House Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee which has approved a space communications system. He is also a member of the important Transportation and Aeronautics Subcommittee.