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Room 6402
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Re: Joint Application of American and Lan Chile for Statements of
Authorization Under Parts 207 and 212 (Reciprocal Code-Sharing Services)

Dear Mr. Gretch:

On October 7, 1997, American and Lan Chile filed a joint application for approval of reciprocal code-share services, and Lan Chile and American filed separate docketed exemption applications seeking additional route authority for the code-share services. Continental is reviewing the applications and expects to submit a consolidated response within the time for answering the exemption applications since the requests for statements of authorization and the exemption applications raise the same issues.

Respectfully submitted,



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