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BY HAND

Mr. Paul L. Gretch
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(Mexico)

Re: Joint Application of American and Aero California
for Statements of Authorization Under
Parts 207 and 212 (Reciprocal Code-Sharing Services)

Dear Mr. Gretch:

On May 7, 1997, American and Aero California filed a joint application for approval of reciprocal code-share services, and Aero California 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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