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July 24, 1997

Mr. Gordon Bingham  
Foreign Carrier Licensing Division  
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Re: Aeroflot Russian International Airlines  
Application for Statement of Authorization

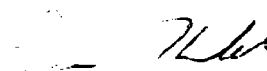
Dear Mr. Bingham:

On behalf of Aeroflot Russian International Airlines, I hereby request issuance of a Statement of Authorization to the extent necessary to enable Aeroflot to operate one round trip charter flight between Moscow and Huntsville, Alabama on August 4 and August 5. The complete schedule for this flight is set forth on the attached Form 4540.

The authority requested is necessary to enable Aeroflot to transport rocket engines and related accessory equipment to and from Pratt & Whitney. More specifically, the flights for which authority is requested will transport a thirteen ton RD-180 liquid propellant rocket engine and accessory equipment to the United States and a six ton RD-120 engine back to Russia. Because of the size of the RD-180 engine, it cannot be transported by commercially available Western manufactured aircraft. These engine rockets are being used in connection with a joint U.S.-Russian effort to develop rocket engines for the U.S. space program and pursuant to a technical assistance agreement issued by the U.S. State Department. Grant of the authority requested will further this development program, contribute to mutually beneficial cooperative efforts between the United States and Russia and further the public interest.

In order to facilitate expedited processing, Aeroflot will poll the individuals listed below. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



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Attachment

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