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Mr. Paul L. Gretch, Director
Office of International Aviation
Department of Transportation
400 Seventh Street, S.W., Room 6402
Washington, D.C. 20590

Re: Application of LTU Lufttransport-
Unternehmen GmbH. & Co. KG. (LTU)
for a Statement of Authorization to
Operate Charter Flights Zurich-Miami-
Zurich

Dear Mr. Gretch:

LTU Lufttransport-Unternehmen GmbH. & Co. KG. (LTU), in accordance with 14 C.F.R. § 212.4(b)(1), hereby requests a Statement of Authorization pursuant to 14 C.F.R. Part 212 to permit the operation of a weekly charter flight over the routing Zurich-Miami-Zurich during the period May 7, 1998 through October 29, 1998. This operation, which would be in the public interest, is consistent with the "open skies" bilateral agreement between the Government of the United States and the Government of Germany.

In support of its application, LTU states as follows:

LTU is an air carrier, and citizen of Germany, designated by the Government of Germany for the air transportation of passengers and cargo in scheduled and charter service between Germany and the United States. LTU has held a Foreign Air Carrier Permit since 1977. The current permit was issued by the Department of Transportation in Order 97-8-6, served August 11, 1997.

The charterer for the proposed operation is:

ITV Reisen AG
Birmensdorfer Strasse 108
8036 Zurich, Switzerland

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The charter price is confidential.

The planned operation would depart Zurich each Wednesday for Miami and arrive back in Zurich the following day, beginning Wednesday, May 7, 1998, through Thursday, October 29, 1998, for a total of 26 round-trip flights. The flights would be nonstop in each direction. They would use Boeing 767 aircraft owned and operated by LTU, and registered in Germany. These aircraft seat 276 passengers.

The purpose of the charters is inclusive tours. All passengers would originate outside the United States.

The proposed service will meet service needs and is consistent with the public interest in service between Switzerland and the U.S. Furthermore, the passengers would be coming to the United States as tourists. The increase of such tourism is an important element of U.S. economic policy. Thus the proposed operation is plainly in the public interest.

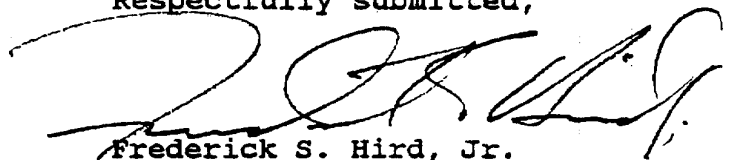
Germany and the United States are parties to an "open skies" agreement, entered into on May 23, 1996. That agreement provides in the Annex, Part II, Section 1, that:

Each contracting party shall extend favourable consideration to airlines of the other contracting party to carry traffic not covered by this Part on the basis of comity and reciprocity.

LTU believes that comity and reciprocity exist for the proposed operation.

Therefore, for the foregoing reasons, LTU requests a Statement of Authorization to permit the proposed Zurich-Miami-Zurich operation during the period May 7, 1998 through October 29, 1998.

Respectfully submitted,



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Unternehmen GmbH. & Co. KG.

cc: Certificate of Service