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Mr. Dennis Foley
U.S. Department of Transportation
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Washington, DC 20590
USA

Dear Mr. Foley:

Effective December 19, 1998, Air Canada will be operating weekly charter flights on a Toronto (YYZ) - St. Maarten (SXM) - San Juan (SJU) - Toronto (YYZ) routing. All traffic will be Canadian-originating. Some passengers will be destined for St. Maarten and others for San Juan. Therefore, on all flights in the charter program, traffic in foreign air transportation will be commingled with traffic not in foreign air transportation.

By this letter, Air Canada on behalf of Air Canada Vacations seeks authorizations under Part 216 of the Department's regulations, to commingle, on Canadian-originating flights, traffic in foreign air transportation with traffic not in foreign air transportation. Air Canada also seeks such other regulatory or statutory authorizations as may be necessary to operate flights between Canadian points and San Juan that also carry traffic to St. Maarten. Air Canada requests the Department's consideration in granting this request for a period of five months.

Do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions.

Regards,

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