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AMERICAN AIRLINES, INC. :
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under 49 USC 40109 for an exemption :
(U.S.-Vietnam and route integration) :

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APPLICATION OF AMERICAN AIRLINES, INC. FOR AN EXEMPTION

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NOTICE: Answers supporting or opposing this application
are due on April 20, 2000

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American Airlines, Inc., under 49 USC 40109, hereby applies for an exemption authorizing foreign air transportation of persons, property, and mail between points in the United States and points in Vietnam, with the right to integrate such authority with American's certificates of public convenience and necessity and other exemptions. Such authority will be used to implement a proposed codesharing arrangement between American and Swissair, described in American's accompanying application for U.S.-Vietnam codeshare opportunity and allocation frequencies, under which American will serve the U.S.-Vietnam market by placing the "AA" designator code on Swissair's flights from Zurich to Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam.

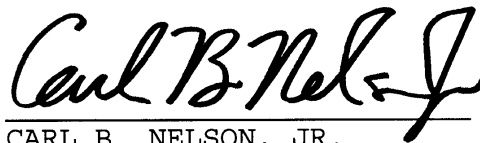
The requested authority is consistent with the Memorandum of Discussions of March 3, 2000 between the Governments of the United States and Vietnam, and with the public

interest. The codesharing services proposed by American and Swissair will provide a more efficient use of capacity in the marketplace, and additional options for the traveling and shipping public. See Statement of United States International Air Transportation Policy, 60 Fed. Reg. 21841, 21842, May 3, 1995, recognizing the public benefits offered by codeshare arrangements between U.S. and foreign carriers.

In response to the Department's letter of June 1, 1995 to participants in the Civil Reserve Air Fleet Program (CRAF), American states that its proposed codesharing arrangement with Swissair will have no impact on American's CRAF commitments.

American respectfully requests expedited approval of this application, so that the benefits of its proposed codesharing arrangement with Swissair between the U.S. and Vietnam via Zurich may be introduced into the marketplace at an early date.

Respectfully submitted,



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