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

Re: Application of Continental Airlines, Inc.
(Newark-Johannesburg), Docket OST-99-6587

Dear Mr. Gretch:

Continental¹ withdraws its application for exemption authority to provide codeshare services between Newark and Johannesburg, South Africa, via Milan, Italy in conjunction with Alitalia. Although Continental remains interested in offering codeshare service to South Africa, no designations are currently available.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "R. Bruce Keiner".

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cc: Linda Senese, Docket OST-99-6587
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¹ Common names are used for airlines.