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Re: Joint Application of United Air Lines, Inc. and Scandinavian Airlines System for Approval of and Antitrust Immunity for Alliance Expansion Agreement - Docket OST 96-1411

Dear Ms. Adams:

On May 28, 1996, United Air Lines, Inc. (United) and Scandinavian Airlines System (SAS) filed a Joint Application seeking approval of and antitrust immunity for an Alliance Expansion Agreement. In the Joint Application United and SAS responded to the 12 requests for information sought by the Department from Delta Air Lines, Inc. et al. in Order 95-9-27, but stated that they would provide the documents responsive to Information Items 1 and 2 (A and B) and that SAS would provide data responsive to Information Item 7 (G) under separate cover accompanied by motions for confidential treatment under Rule 39. SAS and United are hereby separately submitting their responses to those information requests on this same date.

SAS and United are concurrently filing motions for confidential treatment. The SAS motion requests that access to documents within these categories and other commercially sensitive documents tendered in this proceeding be limited to counsel and outside experts who have filed affidavits of confidentiality. Such limited access, which has been granted in analogous cases, is necessary to protect competitively sensitive information contained in the documents tendered herewith.

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Copies of this letter and the SAS Motion for Confidential Treatment are being served on all persons listed on the attached service list.

The above-captioned Joint Application is now complete. The Joint Applicants request that the Department immediately issue an order (1) limiting access to the accompanying documents and other commercially sensitive documents tendered in this proceeding as requested in the accompanying Motion for Confidential Treatment and (2) establishing a procedural schedule to consider this matter expeditiously.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael F. Goldman". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "M" and "G".

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