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Subject: FAR 121-344, Appendix M Request for Evaluation

References: Document FAA-2001-9818-3, from C. Ekstrand,  
Boeing Commercial Airplanes dated 18 October 2002

Dear Howard,

I want to thank you for meeting with myself and Joe White of the Air Transport Association on Monday, 24 March 2003 concerning the referenced request to provide permanent relief from certain flight data recorder parameter resolution requirements outlined in FAR 121.344, Appendix M. It is our belief and understanding that the information contained within the referenced letter supports our request for relief and that it meets with the needs of the FAA.

As we discussed, the relief provided by Special Federal Aviation Regulation No. 89 expires on 18 August 2003. Given the time that would be required to process a supplemental request for extension of the relief offered by this SFAR (e.g. FAR Sec. 11.63(d) specifies 120 days for processing exemptions), Boeing would need to submit such a request prior to 18 April 2003 in order to permit continued operation by our operators of the affected airplanes.

It is the hope of Boeing that the permanent relief requested in the referenced letter will be provided and that a supplemental request for extension of SFAR will not be necessary. Given the expiration date of SFAR No. 89, and the status of processing the referenced request, should Boeing submit a request for an extension of SFAR No. 89 prior to the April deadline?

Once again, thank you for meeting with Joe and myself. I look forward to receiving your response.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

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