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The Minister of Foreign Affairs

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Rome, October 21, 1997

Sir:

I have the honor to refer to letter No. 374 of May 30, 1997, from Ambassador Bartholomew, which reads as follows:

[Text of letter No. 374 is quoted in English.]

Accordingly, I have the honor to inform you that the proposals set forth in letter No. 374 of May 30, 1997, are acceptable to the Italian Government and, therefore, that said letter, and this reply, shall constitute an agreement between our two governments, which shall enter into force on the date of this communication.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my high consideration.

[Signature]

Mr. James Cunningham,
Chargé d'Affaires,
Embassy of the United States of America,
Rome.

EMBASSY OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Rome, May 30, 1997

No. 374

Excellency:

I have the honor to refer to the Air Transport Agreement between the United States and Italy, signed June 22, 1970, as amended, (the Agreement) and to the related Memorandum of Understanding, signed September 27, 1990, (the MOU), and to discussions held by representatives of our two governments on civil aviation matters in May 1993.

Pursuant to the understandings reached in those discussions concerning the implementation of the Agreement, I have the honor to confirm that it is the understanding of my Government that Delta Air Lines and United Airlines shall be permitted to operate behind-gateway services, including services to/from Atlanta and Chicago. I would appreciate

His Excellency

Dr. Lamberto Dini

Minister of Foreign Affairs of Italy

Rome

your confirmation that this is also the understanding of the Government of the Italian Republic in this regard.

I have the further honor to propose, on behalf of the Government of the United States of America, that the Agreement be amended to add Turin as a third gateway for combination services in Note (1) of section B of the route schedule of the Agreement* and that the third paragraph of section 3 (A) of part A - Combination Services of the MOU be amended to read in its entirety: "Once either criterion has been met, the fifth United States airline shall have the right to operate the air service with a total of six weekly frequencies with aircraft up to and including 300 seats or a total of five weekly frequencies by aircraft with more than 300 seats."

I have the honor to propose that if the aforementioned proposals are acceptable to the Government of the Italian Republic, this note and your Excellency's favorable reply shall constitute an agreement between our two governments, which shall enter into force on the date of your Excellency's note in reply.

Accept Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.



Ambassador

