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February 28, 1997

Craig Smith
Assistant to the President for
Political Affairs
The White House
Fax No. 202-456-7929

Dear Mr. Smith:

Attached is a letter from the president of the **Association of Professional Flight Attendants (APFA)**, the bargaining representative of the **American Airlines** flight attendants. She writes in support of President Clinton's action to name a **Presidential Emergency Board** in the dispute between the **Allied Pilots Association and American Airlines**.

The original letter will be delivered by messenger later today. As APFA's Washington representative, I am available to answer any questions. Feel free to contact me at 703-548-3676.

Sincerely,



Joan B. Wages



Association of Professional Flight Attendants

February 27, 1997

The Honorable William J. Clinton
President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20510

Re: Presidential Emergency Board -- American Airlines
and Allied Pilots Association Labor Dispute

Dear President Clinton:

It has come to my attention that one or more flight attendants employed by American Airlines ("American") and members of the Association of Professional Flight Attendants ("APFA") has initiated a letter-writing campaign to you criticizing your decision to convene a Presidential Emergency Board ("PEB") to help resolve the current labor dispute between American and the Allied Pilots Association. Some or all of those letters may identify the sender as "American Airlines Flight Attendant, Association of Professional Flight Attendants." However, APFA is not endorsing the letter-writing campaign, nor does it necessarily agree with the views expressed by individual APFA members.

While we fully respect the right of our members to express their individual views to you, we wish to inform you that the opinions set forth in any letters you receive will be those of individual flight attendants, not of APFA.

We recognize that your convening of the PEB was a complicated decision. We also know that you provided tremendous assistance to APFA when we were on strike against American in November 1993. Your intercession resulted in American's agreeing to resolve our disputes

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through interest arbitration, a process that ultimately produced results extraordinarily favorable to APFA and our flight attendants.

APFA shares your hope that the PEB will help resolve the American/Allied Pilots Association labor dispute.

Sincerely,



Denise C. Hedges
President