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## WHITE HOUSE ISSUES TRANSPACIFIC DIRECTIVE TO CAB

President Nixon asked the CAB Friday to "submit immediately" for his approval modified awards in the international phase of the transpacific route investigation giving new authority to Trans World Airlines, Pan American World Airways, Northwest Airlines, and the Flying Tiger Line.

Nixon's review of President Johnson's decision in the case shut Braniff International out of new authority, disapproving its award of a Mexico stopover on a route to Hawaii, and effectively eliminated, for the time-being, new Pacific authority for Continental Air Lines. Continental had received under the Johnson decision routes to Australia and New Zealand through American Samoa from mid-west and western coterminals, as well as a route to Okinawa through American Samoa.

Nixon said the second carrier route to the South Pacific should bypass California, and should serve instead midwest and east coast coterminals. He told the Board to recommend a carrier for the route.

The following is the text of the letter from President Nixon to CAB Chairman John H. Crooker Jr.:

I have concluded my review of the international phase of the Transpacific Route Investigation (your Docket 16242). Based upon considerations of foreign relations and national security, I have concluded that the international route structure which was tentatively established by President Johnson last December must be modified as follows:

- (1) Awards of Great Circle routes to the Orient from California points are not approved.
  - (2) Pan American's authorization to provide service from the Pacific Northwest to the Orient over a Great Circle route is not approved.
  - (3) The second carrier route to the South Pacific should bypass the California gateway. On this aspect of the case, I ask the Board to recommend a carrier to serve U.S. East Coast and Midwest coterminal points.
  - (4) The new American Samoa-Okinawa route segment should be deferred, and considered by the Board in the pending Pacific Islands Local Service Investigation.
  - (5) The award to Hawaii via Mexico to carry stopover passengers is disapproved.
  - (6) The use of so-called satellite airports in this case appears unwise and should not be required. Otherwise, President Johnson's decision of last December is approved.
- I desire the Board to submit immediately for my approval an order effectuating these conclusions.

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