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Petition No. C-56-24014

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To : Civil Aeronautics Administration

From : Civil Air Transport Company Limited

Subject : CATCL Services to/from Manila

1. Reference is made to your Notification No. YEH-2-56-07997 and our Petition No. C-56-23939 dated 30 September 1967.
2. The following is reported in respect of CAL's application to the Philippine CAB to operate Chinese air carrier services over the Taipei-Manila route in lieu of CATCL.
3. The public Philippine CAB hearing scheduled for October 2, 1967 at which CAL's application was to have been considered was postponed due to the lack of a quorum of the PICAB.
4. However, a special meeting of the PICAB was held 10:15 a.m., October 4th during which CAL's application was considered as one of the items on the agenda. Attached are the minutes of the meeting relating to CAL's application.
5. The PICAB in its executive session decided to order CAL to follow the prescribed publication procedures and to refer the matter to the hearing committee. CAL was informed of this decision and agreed in principle, but requested a temporary permit to operate while its application is being processed. The PICAB informed them that temporary permits required the approval of the President, but if they could obtain such approval the PICAB would impose no objection. Through reliable sources we are informed that representation was made to the Philippine President, but approval for a temporary permit was not granted. We further understand that CAL requested and obtained PICAB permission to operate special flights on October 6th, 8th and 9th on the premise that such flights were needed to accommodate traffic relating to the Double-Ten anniversary celebrations. PICAB approval

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for these special flights was granted without relation to the proceedings concerning scheduled Chinese air carrier services to/from the Philippines.

6. It has come to our attention that certain efforts are being exerted to prompt immediate suspension of CATCL services to/from Manila prior to the issuance of the necessary permits to ensure regularly scheduled services of CAL. We have not objected to or interfered in anyway with CAL's application to serve the Philippines, but we must strongly object to any action which would precipitously interrupt CATCL services on the premise that the traveling public can be adequately accommodated on uncertain individually arranged flights which are subject to specific application to, review and approval of the PICAB. Furthermore, we must point out the practical difficulty and unavoidable inconvenience to the many passengers who have booked passage months in advance on CATCL flights during this high travel season of any sudden suspension or interruption of CAT's scheduled Manila services since the projected services of CAL are on an entirely different schedule. It also seems most inappropriate to interpose any basic change in Chinese air carrier services to/from Manila during the high travel period except to add such additional services as may be required to meet public demand. The traveling public has not been informed by us of any basic change in CATCL scheduled service in light of prior communications which indicated an extended period before CAL scheduled services to/from Manila would be approved by the Philippine Government and that pending such approvals CATCL should continue operating its currently operated services. We further submit that any such action is not in the public interest and inconsistent with Government instructions set forth in your Notification No. YEH-2-56-07997 for orderly transition of any necessary changes in scheduled services to and from Manila, or with the action of the Government regarding dual designation of the Chinese air carriers with the Philippine Government to preclude an interruption of CAT's services.
7. We therefore solicit your careful consideration prior to taking any action to disrupt the scheduled CAT services now operated.

CIVIL AIR TRANSPORT COMPANY LIMITED

cc: Ministry of Communications

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