TO: Senator Dole

FR: Kerry

RE: St. Louis Regional Commerce and Growth Association

Wednesday, June 14

12:45 p.m.

\*Remarks to audience of 100-120 civic and business leaders from St. Louis in town for one-day conference.

\*Speakers before you are Senator Bond, Congressman Gephardt, Leon Panetta, Congressman Bonior, and Congressman Boehner. Speakers after you include Phil Lader, SBA Administrator.

\*They are looking for 5-10 minutes of informal remarks on Senate agenda, the budget, and your effort to return power to the states and cities, followed by Q&A.

\*I also spoke with Senator Bond, who said it would be a "home run" if you mentioned your support for TWA's efforts to obtain access to Heathrow and Gatwick airports in London. (The St. Louis Airport Authority is one of area's largest employers)

\*On March 30, you signed a joint letter (attached) with Senators Ashcroft and Bond to Secretary Pena encouraging him to obtain authority for TWA to serve London.

\*Janet Sena reports that negotiations between DOT and Britain will continue next week.

\*Bond also suggested that another important item worth mentioning is the extension of an exemption of the jet fuel tax.

\*In 1993, you supported the two year exemption for the jet fuel tax. This was granted due to the poor economic shape of the airlines industry (more than \$10 billion dollars lost). This number has risen to \$13 billion since 1990. TWA (which is employee owned) says this will put them under.

\*Industry pays \$6.5 billion in excise taxes over the corporate taxes and has lost more than 120,000 jobs. While there is strong support for the extension of the airline tax, the budgetary implications of a full repeal are still being discussed, and the airlines recognize that an extension is all they can expect.

## SENATOR BOB DOLE TALKING POINTS

- \*PLEASURE TO BE HERE. \*I WAS IN ST. LOUIS NOT LONG AGO TO PAY TRIBUTE TO JACK DANFORTH, AND IT'S GOOD TO SEE SO MANY CIVIC AND BUSINESS LEADERS HERE TODAY
- \*I KNOW THAT YOU LEFT ST. LOUIS AT 6:30 A.M. THIS MORNING, AND THAT YOU ALREADY HAVE HEARD FIVE SPEAKERS, SO I'LL KEEP MY REMARKS BRIEF, AND LEAVE TIME FOR AS MUCH DISCUSSION AS POSSIBLE.
- \*FIRST, LET ME THANK ST. LOUIS AND MISSOURI FOR SENDING TWO OUTSTANDING SENATORS TO WASHINGTON. KIT BOND AND JOHN ASHCROFT BOTH DO GREAT JOBS FOR ST. LOUIS, FOR MISSOURI, AND FOR AMERICA.
- \*IT'S A PLEASURE TO SEE YOUR MAYOR (FREEMAN BOSLEY) HERE TODAY. MAYOR BOSLEY HAPPENS TO BE A DEMOCRAT. YOUR GOVERNOR, MEL CARNAHAN, IS A DEMOCRAT. YOUR STATE LEGISLATURE AS DEMOCRAT MAJORITIES.
- \*BUT I STILL BELIEVE THAT THEY BEST UNDERSTAND AND CAN BEST MEET THE NEEDS OF THE PEOPLE OF ST. LOUIS AND MISSOURI. AND THE TOP ITEM ON THE AGENDA OF THE NEW REPUBLICAN CONGRESS IS TO SEND POWER BACK TO THE STATES, THE CITIES, AND THE PEOPLE.
  - \*BUDGET/LEGISLATIVE AGENDA
- \*LET ME ALSO MENTION TWO ISSUES OF IMPORTANCE TO ST. LOUIS BECAUSE IT'S IMPORTANT TO TWA, WHICH EMPLOYS OVER 12,000 MISSOURIANS.
- \*IN MARCH, I WAS PROUD TO JOIN SENATORS ASHCROFT AND BOND IN SIGNING A LETTER URGING THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION TO DO ALL HE COULD IN NEGOTIATIONS WITH BRITAIN TO GAIN ACCESS TO LONDON AIRPORTS FOR T.W.A.
- \*UNFORTUNATELY, THE ADMINISTRATION IGNORED THAT LETTER AND DID NOT EVEN RAISE THE ISSUE IN THE FIRST ROUND OF NEGOTIATIONS.
- \*ANOTHER ROUND OF NEGOTIATIONS BEGINS NEXT WEEK HERE IN WASHINGTON, AND I AGAIN JOIN YOUR SENATORS IN REQUESTING THAT THE ADMINISTRATION STAND WITH THE EMPLOYEE-OWNERS OF TWA.
  - \*HAPPY TO TAKE QUESTIONS

CHRISTOPHER S. BOND

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## United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-2503

March 30, 1995

The Honorable Federico Pena U. S. Department of Transportation 400 Seventh Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20570

Dear Mr. Secretary:

The competitive balance between the U.S. Air carriers providing international service has been upset by the ability of the three largest U.S. Carriers to serve Heathrow, while other U.S. Carriers lack access to that important market. In our view it is imperative that the United States, in its current round of negotiations with the United Kingdom, obtain authority for TWA to serve London from its JFK hub.

We recognize that such access is unlikely to be obtained in the current round of negotiations. Therefore, it becomes all the more important that TWA have expanded access to London through Gatwick. While this does not begin to compensate for the lack of access to Heathrow, it would at least afford TWA with the ability to serve London from New York.

We urge you to refuse to consummate any deal with the British until the agreement provides for an expanded opportunity for TWA to serve London immediately.

Sincerely,

John Ashcroft

Christopher Bond

Robert Dole

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