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LETTER TO MR. TOM SAUNDERS, PRESIDENT OF THE CANADIAN
AIRLINE EMPLOYEES' ASSOCIATION (CALEA)

The Right Honourable Joe Clark, Secretary of State for External Affairs, released today the following text of a letter dated November 20, 1985 to Mr. Tom Saunders, President of the Canadian Airline Employees' Association (CALEA) from Mr. Pierre J. Jeannot, President and Chief Executive Officer of Air Canada in response to a question in the House of Commons by Sheila Copps, M.P. This letter was tabled in the House of Commons today.

"Dear Mr. Saunders:

Thank you for your recent telex concerning South Africa. You refer to measures announced by External Affairs to increase pressure on the South African Government and interpret the intent of these announcements as a directive to halt the carriage of air traffic between Canada and South Africa.

We have been in contact with External Affairs who advise us that, to-date, mandatory economic sanctions are confined to the following areas: withdrawal of government loans, withdrawal of funding to trade missions, and a halt on the purchase of krugerrands.

An additional consideration is the conditions which apply to the carriage of air traffic. These activities are the subject of bilateral and multilateral agreements made on a country-to-country, designated carrier to designated carrier, or multilateral basis in which all airlines participate. Unilateral action by Air Canada is therefore inappropriate.

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