EXCHANGE OF LETTERS BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT CONCERNING AN EXPERIMENTAL TRANSBORDER AIR SERVICES PROGRAMME TO AND FROM SAN JOSE

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The Secretary of Transportation of the United States of America to the Ambassador of Canada

Washington, March 13, 1986

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

I have the honor to refer to the Air Transport Agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Canada of January 17, 1966, as amended (the 1966 agreement), and to the Exchange of Notes (Notes) of August 21, 1984 on the subject of an Experimental Transborder Air Services Programme.

The Notes contain the following paragraph with respect to a similar program incorporating a U.S. airport:

It is understood that the Government of the United States of America intends to initiate an experimental programme for transborder services to and from one U.S. airport to a point or points in Canada. The Contracting Parties agree to act expeditiously to work out the details of such a programme in the same spirit of cooperation that marks the initiation of this Programme to and from Mirabel Airport.

The United States Department of Transportation, on February 11, 1985, recommended that San Jose International Airport at San Jose, California, serve as the U.S. airport in its program. This recommendation was made after a careful review of applications of ten U.S. airports (along with airlines), and after informal consultations with your Government with respect to the candidate airports.

The United States therefore proposes a Transborder Air Services Program (the Program) to be operated by carriers designated by the Government of the United States of America and by the Government of Canada with reference to this Program.