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THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT ANNOUNCED TODAY IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS THAT SUCCESSFUL TALKS HAD BEEN HELD BETWEEN CANADIAN AND UNITED STATES OFFICIALS WHO MET IN OTTAWA ON MARCH 12 AND 13 TO DISCUSS MODIFICATION OF THE BILATERAL AIR AGREEMENT OF JUNE 4, 1949, AS AMENDED.

THE DISCUSSIONS CONCENTRATED FOR THE MOST PART ON IMPROVING PRESENT TRANSBORDER ROUTES SO AS TO PROVIDE A BETTER SERVICE TO THE TRAVELLING PUBLIC OF BOTH COUNTRIES. THE DELEGATIONS EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE DISCUSSIONS WOULD BE ASSUMED AT AN EARLY DATE TO REVIEW THE AIR TRAFFIC REQUIREMENTS OF THE TWO COUNTRIES ON A BROADER BASIS.

THE TWO DELEGATIONS AGREED TO RECOMMEND TO THEIR RESPECTIVE GOVERNMENTS THE FOLLOWING IMPROVED SERVICES: CANADIAN CARRIERS MAY OPERATE BETWEEN PRINCE RUPERT AND KETCHIKAN; CALGARY AND SPOKANE; WINNIPEG AND/OR KENORA, INTERNATIONAL FALLS AND FORT WILLIAM/PORT ARTHUR; TORONTO AND BUFFALO; AND AN EXTENSION OF THE HALIFAX-BOSTON ROUTE TO NEW YORK. UNITED STATES CARRIERS MAY OPERATE BETWEEN KETCHIKAN AND PRINCE RUPERT; SPOKANE AND CALGARY; GREAT FALLS AND CALGARY IN REPLACEMENT FOR LETHBRIDGE ON THE EXISTING GREAT FALLS-EDMONTON ROUTE; MINOT AND REGINA; DULUTH/SUPERIOR, FORT WILLIAM/PORT ARTHUR AND HANCOCK/HOUGHTON; AND BUFFALO AND TORONTO. IT WAS ALSO AGREED THAT A UNITED

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STATES CARRIER MIGHT SERVE PORTLAND, MAINE AS AN INTERMEDIATE STOP ON THE EXISTING ROUTE BETWEEN BOSTON AND MONTREAL; AND THAT WINNIPEG MIGHT BE SERVED ON PRESENT TURN-AROUND FLIGHTS BETWEEN MINNEAPOLIS/ST. PAUL AND EDMONTON.

THIS AGREEMENT WILL BE PUT INTO EFFECT, WHEN APPROVED BY EACH GOVERNMENT, BY AN EXCHANGE OF DIPLOMATIC NOTES.