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IAM / BAHAMASAIR MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

It has been a few months since the last meeting occurred between the Company and Union with the Mediator and we wanted to bring you up to date on the recent activity. While I have tried to visit all shifts on a monthly basis, I know I have missed a few individuals and this bulletin serves to bring all things current.

The rumors have been swirling about recent activity within Bahamasair concerning its leadership. The Company has remained silent on these rumors and offered no explanation or communications to the Union. I have been in contact with Nelerene Harding, head of the Airport, Airline and Allied Workers Union in the Bahamas and she has confirmed that there is an open investigation of Bahamasair being conducted by the Bahamian Government. The Union also became aware through the Mediator that Bahamasair has terminated the services of its long time Labor Relations Attorney, Stuart Goldstein. We have been advised by the Mediator that Bahamasair has secured the services of a new Attorney and are waiting to establish a direct dialogue with him.

The Union has been trying to secure dates for further meetings with the Mediator but has been met with resistance from the Company. We are hopeful that the dates of March 31 and April 1 in Washington, DC will be agreed upon. While the Company may continue to be difficult, we will obtain an Agreement with Bahamasair and ask for your continued patience and support during these negotiations. We will keep you advised of developments as they occur. With best wishes we remain,

Sincerely and fraternally,

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