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Attention aviation, business, labor and Dallas-based reporters and editors

Statement by

**Garry Drummond, Director of the Air Transport Division
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on

American's investment in planes, not people

American Airlines announced today an unprecedented financial investment in the ordering of 460 new aircraft. Gerard Arpey, Chairman and CEO of AMR and American Airlines said that today's order represents another important step in the company's strategy to build a strong foundation for the future.

Aircraft are not an airline's only asset. Planes can't fix themselves, they can't load or unload themselves -- and they can't provide the quality customer service that is key to success in the airline industry.

Today's announcement was made possible by the significant sacrifices made by TWU members in 2003 to keep American's planes in the sky. Now it's time for AMR executives to concentrate on finalizing contracts that will give our members a strong foundation for our future.

Transport Workers Union of America (TWU) represents 200,000 workers and retirees, primarily in commercial aviation, public transportation and passenger railroads; the union is an affiliate of the AFL-CIO. For more information visit www.twu.org

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