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Dear Mark:

Per your request, in follow up to our E-mail conversation, and in answer to the questions the membership raised, here is my position:

**First, I know that the Flight Attendants have requested the TWU's assistance. Have the other Unions on the property also requested our support?**

I have not heard from any other unions other than the AFA requesting support. I placed two calls with the IAM last week, but I have not heard back. I also talked with Ed Wytkind, President of the AFL-CIO TTD, in order to find out if the AFL-CIO has taken a position, and I was told not at this time

**Second, there is a lot of misconception about picket lines and what they are for. Can you address this issue from the Int'l level?**

As far as the picket lines, my interpretation would be that the legitimate role of an airline picket line is to inform passengers, passers by, and visitors of the existence of an industrial dispute. We would try to use reasonable argument that they should not cross a picket line to use the services of the struck carrier. It is our position to honor any and all legal picket lines.

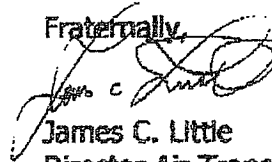
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**Third, since the AMFA members are not affiliated with the AFL-CIO and, in turn, the TWU is not obligated to support them, will there be any effort to support these represented employees at the other airlines?**

Regarding the AMFA, IAM, AFA, etc., we will support all of these employee groups regarding the current situation at UNITED. We would also take the position that we will not do struck work including AMFA. My position would be (subject to discussions with our other AMT Locals) to support all UNITED unionized employees.

Mark, I received a call yesterday from the IAM, and they are confident they will reach an agreement by Friday. As of today, AMFA has reached a T/A with United subject to membership approval. These are difficult times for all of us in this industry, and regardless of our individual principles, we are indeed all tethered together

Fraternally,



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