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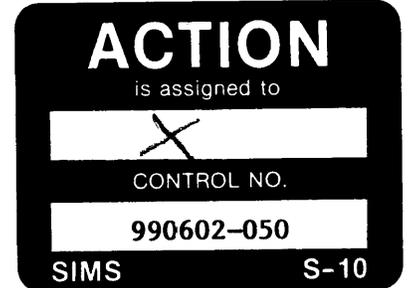


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Honorable Rodney E. Slater
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
400 7th Street-SW
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Dear Mr. Secretary:

It is my understanding that the U.S. and China have recently entered into a new aviation agreement which will allow additional flight frequencies between the two countries. It is also my understanding that you will award seventeen of these frequencies in the near future. The purpose of this letter is to request your consideration of the application filed by Northwest Airlines.

In my opinion, a majority of the U.S. population will be better served by the Northwest flights through Detroit than by flights through San Francisco. Additional, I understand that a competitive imbalance currently exists and that your approval of the Northwest application will aid in correcting this imbalance.

I appreciate your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,
Jim Ellington
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