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CITE [redacted] TAIPEI 14413

TO: PRIORITY DIRECTOR INFO VIENTIANE [redacted]

REF: DIRECTOR 362248

1. WITH REGARD TO [redacted] COMMENTS WISH TO ADVISE THAT:

A) THE COMPANY DID NOT LOCK OUT FEPA. UNDER THREAT OF A STRIKE, WHICH WAS ILLEGAL, THE COMPANY DID INFORM FEPA THAT UPON COMMENCEMENT OF THE STRIKE THE COMPANY WOULD DENY FEPA ACCESS TO THE COMPANY-PROVIDED OFFICES WHICH FEPA WAS USING. SINCE THESE OFFICES ARE LOCATED ON PREMISES OCCUPIED BY THE COMPANY THE REASONS FOR ISSUING SUCH DENIAL ARE OBVIOUS.

B) THE COMPANY DID INFORM THE PILOTS THAT UNLESS THEY REPORTED FOR DUTY AS DIRECTED THE COMPANY WOULD WITHDRAW ITS SPONSORSHIP OF THE PILOT IN THE COUNTRY IN WHICH HE WAS LOCATED AND OTHER PRIVILEGES AS WELL. THIS ACTION HOWEVER WAS NOT INVOKED.

2. CAPT BIGONY A MEMBER OF THE FEPA NEGOTIATING TEAM VISITED ME TODAY IN TAIPEI. HE REPORTED THAT THE FEPA NEGOTIATING TEAM WAS SHATTERED BY THE AGGRESSIVE COORDINATED ACTIONS OF THE COMPANY

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AND CAME AS A COMPLETE SURPRISE. HE FELT FEPA, IN RETROSPECT, WAS WRONG AND SOMEHOW FELT RELIEVED THAT IT WAS ALL OVER. FROM MY CONVERSATION WITH BIGONY I GATHER FEPA AS AN ORGANIZATION JUST BLEW APART TO THE POINT WHERE THEY ABANDONED THEIR NEGOTIATOR IN BANGKOK. AT THE MOMENT FEPA DOES NOT HAVE ANY LEADERSHIP AND FROM INFORMATION FLOWING INTO ME IT IS BECOMING CLEAR THAT THE PILOTS WOULD JUST AS SOON FORGET ABOUT THE WHOLE THING. IN ESSENCE THERE ISN'T ANYONE FOR THE COMPANY TO BARGAIN WITH; THEREFORE WE CAN CONSIDER THIS PHASE AS CLOSED.

3. EACH PILOT WHO RETURNED TO DUTY ACCEPTED THE COMPANY'S PROPOSALS IN ALL AREAS OF COMPENSATION AND WORK RULES. THE OLD BLUE BOOK THEREFORE IS INVALID AND OF NO EFFECT.

4. AGREE WITH SUGGESTION PARAGRAPH FOUR OF REFERENCE. WE DO HAVE TO MEND SOME FENCES. I HOPE TO GET TO SEE [] AT VIENTIANE NEXT WEEK. E2 IMPDET.

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