# MINUTES OF MEETINGS

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#### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES**

OF

# AIR ASIA COMPANY LIMITED AND AIR AMERICA, INC.

23 May, 1967

Meetings of the Executive Committees of Air Asia Company Limited and Air America, Inc. were held on May 23, 1967 and the following matters were considered:

# 1 - Approval of Minutes:

- (a) Meetings of the Air Asia Company Limited and Air America, Inc. Executive Committees of May 9, 1967: The minutes of the meetings of the Air Asia Company Limited and Air America, Inc. Executive Committees of May 9, 1967 were approved.
- (b) Meeting of Air America, Inc. Board of Directors of May 16,

  1967: The draft minutes of the meeting of Air America, Inc. Board of

  Directors of May 16, 1967 were approved for submission to the Board.
- (c) Meeting of Air Asia Company Limited Board of Directors of May 16, 1967: The draft minutes of the meeting of Air Asia Company Limited Board of Directors of May 16, 1967 were approved for submission to the Board.

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#### 2 - Reports:

- (a) <u>Personnel Statistics April, 1967</u>: Personnel increased by 110 during April, 1967 to a total of 10,184 on board. Vacancies totalled 1,710 up 13 for the month.
- (b) <u>Major Damage to Aircraft</u>: Since the last Executive Committee meeting on May 9, 1967, the following report of major aircraft damage was received:

Date	Aircraft	Cause	Damage	Injured	Aircraft ag available to customer	
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May 11	Volpar Beech N9838Z	Left MLG drag line broke & gear collapsed during landing	Left flap, aft wing section, prop, engine	None	Est. June	2

- (c) <u>SEA Contract Flying:</u> It was reported that flying in Southeast Asia during the first half of May was at a high level. The Executive Committee also received a report on flying and other activities in Vietnam from a customer representative from Saigon.
- 3 Fleet Planning: The Executive Committee was provided a report on the status of aircraft acquisitions. May 19, 1967 the Company entered into an agreement with Bell for the purchase of five 205 helicopters. The Company has also verbally committed to purchase three Porter aircraft from Fairchild-Hiller. The Company recently received five H-34 helicopters, under bailment from the USAF, and anticipates the receipt of four more about

  June 1. These H-34 helicopters are in addition to the 22 already on bailment

from the USAF and being operated by the Company, however, some of these helicopters will be turned over to Laos at such time as they are in a position to operate and support them. A recently acquired Beech TenTwo aircraft is scheduled to depart Wichita, Kansas, May 24, on its ferry flight to the Far East and another Beech TenTwo aircraft is to be acquired about June 1 and should commence its ferry flight to the Far East shortly thereafter.

4 - Defense of Pickett Law Suit: The Executive Committee approved the defense of the \$900,000 wrongful death action brought against Air America, Inc. by the widow and three surviving children of Dr. Arthur D. Pickett, one of the passengers killed in the March 23, 1967 Volpar Turbo Beech N91284 accident.

5 - Commencement of Law Suit Against Celestial: Perfecto B. Celestial, a Fillipino employee of Air America, Inc., was continued on payroll and his salary deposited to his account at the Bank of America in Los Angeles for seven months after his unauthorized departure from Vientiane, August 2, 1966. The total unearned salary paid to Celestial was US\$2,012 and in addition the Company holds his dishonored check for US\$300. Attempts to obtain repayment from Celestial have been unsuccessful. The Executive Committee approved the commencement of a law suit in California and the attachment of US\$1,005 which Celestial reportedly has on deposit at the Bank of America in Los Angeles, California.

6 - Capital Appropriations: The Executive Committee considered and approved the following capital appropriations:

(a)	PLNG-AR-159, Supp. 1, Rev. 1, Repair Porter Aircraft N198X	\$ 23,400
(b)	PLNG-AR-189, Repair Helio Aircraft XWPCA	\$ 15,040
(c)	PLNG-AR-248, Repair Porter Aircraft N9444	\$ 14,000
(d)	PLNG-AR-270, Repair Porter Aircraft N153L	\$ 56,620
(e)	TAC-AR-395, Towing Tug for Yokota Based B-727C Aircraft	\$ 17,500
(f)	AR-KAD-C67-010, Building at Kadena Air Base	\$121,000

There being no further business to come before the meeting, on motion duly made and seconded, it was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary for the Meeting

James H. Bastian