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AMERICAN AIRLINES, INC.

4848 West 63rd Street

Chicago

September 22, 1938

Mr. R. S. Pruitt
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Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. Pruitt:

Thank you very much for your letter of September 21. You are quite right in assuming that the ability of Pruitt & Grealis to represent American Airlines, Inc. in the past is not being questioned. The sole question, so far as I see it, is whether or not there is reason to believe that within the future the best interests of American Airlines, Inc. might not be served by the employment by American of general counsel other than the general counsel directly employed by the Aviation Corporation.

On that question my mind is entirely open. The reason for my suggestion that the matter might well be discussed at the directors' meeting is that the question was raised by some of the directors and I believe that in matters of that kind the best interests of all parties will be served by a frank discussion of the matter. I do not intend to recommend to the directors that we dispense with the services of Pruitt & Grealis; I merely intend that the directors will have the opportunity of discussing the matter.

I see no reason why you should not send each of the directors a copy of your letter of September 21 and I would appreciate it if you would do that. When you send the copies, if you do, please send along a copy of this letter in order that the directors may be informed that you and I have discussed this matter and that we both feel that the directors should have the benefit of the information contained in your letter.

Sincerely yours,

C. R. Smith

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