



## AMERICAN AIRLINES

CABLE ADDRESS AMAIR

100 PARK AVENUE

██████████ STREET • NEW YORK 17, NEW YORK • MURRAY HILL 3-9000

November 21, 1950

To the Board of Directors of American Airlines, Inc.:

We have had on order for some time eleven DC-6B airplanes. At the time we entered this order we endeavored to keep the number at the minimum we would require. Subsequent studies have indicated that we should have fourteen of that type, instead of eleven, but we have not asked you for authorization to purchase additional DC-6B's for the reason that Douglas was sold out and suitable deliveries could not be obtained.

Last week we were informed by Douglas that three additional DC-6B airplanes could be delivered during 1951; one in September, one in October and one in December. We have told Douglas that we would take these airplanes, giving us a total of fourteen to be delivered during 1951. The purchase price of the plane, excluding spares, was \$1,003,537, which is substantially the same price we paid for the eleven purchased during the forepart of the year.

You authorized last week the purchase of three DC-6A airplanes. We have not yet been able to secure deliveries which are agreeable and we have entered no orders for the airplanes and will not do so unless deliveries can be assured in 1951. If, however, suitable deliveries are available, we would still like authority to purchase the three DC-6A airplanes.

You have authorized the purchase of three DC-6A airplanes, but we have used that capital authorization to purchase three DC-6B airplanes. If we are assured of reasonable delivery on three DC-6A planes we would like to be in position to make the commitment. In other words, if DC-6A's are later available, we would like to buy a total of six airplanes rather than three. That represents no change of opinion on our part, simply a change in the delivery situation.

It may be that the January meeting will be time sufficient to discuss the three additional airplanes, but if not, we would like your general blessing on the additional purchase, and we will call you by telephone before making any firm commitment for them.

C. R. Smith

VIA AIR MAIL

