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Mr. Frank Hilldrup
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National Transportation Safety Board
AS-10, Room 5322
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Subject: Additional ALPA Comments on the Accident Involving Emery Flight 017
Reference: Emery Airlines Flight 017, DC8-71F, N8079U, February 16, 2000 near Rancho
Cordova, California (NTSB Major Investigation DCA00MA026)

Dear Mr. Hilldrup:

This letter is in response to your January 7, 2003 e-mail permitting a "second round" of Party submissions, or formal comments on the other Parties' submissions regarding the above-referenced accident. The Air Line Pilots Association (ALPA) provided its analysis, findings and safety recommendations to the NTSB and other Parties in our original submission dated December 27, 2002. Additionally, ALPA has received and reviewed each of the other Parties' submissions.

ALPA has determined that our original submission completely and accurately represents our findings, concerns and recommendations, and that no additional comments are warranted. With regard to the other Parties' submissions, ALPA believes that the Safety Board has the expertise to accurately determine the facts, conditions and circumstances of this accident, and that the Safety Board can also accurately differentiate between legitimate safety discussions and attempts to shift responsibility or place blame. To that end, this letter constitutes the entirety of the ALPA response to your January 7 request.

However, as always, if the Safety Board has any specific additional needs or requests concerning this accident, ALPA will make every effort to satisfy those requests. ALPA appreciates the opportunity to have participated as a party to this investigation.

Sincerely,

Captain Todd Gunther
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