

**Correspondence from IIC to Chairman ECAA  
September 21, 2000**

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## National Transportation Safety Board

General A.V.M Abdelfattah Kato  
Chairman  
Egyptian Civil Aviation Authority  
Cairo, Egypt

Dear General Kato:

September 21, 2000

Chairman Hall has asked me to respond to your letter of September 12, 2000, regarding the EgyptAir submission to the Board of August 11, 2000.

I had indicated to Captains El Missiry and Kelada that I would place the EgyptAir submission in the docket on a timely basis. Unfortunately, when I made that commitment, I did not immediately recognize that a submission from EgyptAir required the authorization of the Egyptian Civil Aviation Authority (ECAA) as the accredited representative for the Egyptian Government; EgyptAir is an advisor to the ECAA and is not a party to the investigation. Under the Safety Board's procedures and practices, only the accredited representative and the parties may provide submissions.

To comply with the Board's policies and procedures, I have asked for, and have now received, a letter from Captain El Missiry on behalf of the ECAA stating that the EgyptAir submission should be placed in the docket. Upon receipt of Captain El Missiry's letter, the submission was placed in the docket and on the Safety Board's website on September 15, 2000.

I sincerely apologize for this misunderstanding and any difficulties it may have caused either the ECAA or EgyptAir. I certainly meant no disrespect to either organization or the Egyptian investigative team.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to be "Greg Phillips", is written over a thick black horizontal line that obscures the printed name.

Greg Phillips  
EgyptAir Flight 990  
Investigator in Charge