EXHIBIT1B

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD WASHINGTON D.C.

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In the Matter of the Investigation of the Accident Involving Delta Air Lines, Inc.,	*	
Flight 1288, MD-88, N927DA, Pensacola Regional Airport	* * *	DOCKETNO.: SA-515
Pensacola, Florida, July <i>6</i> , 1996 ***********************************		

DESIGNATION OF HEARING OFFICER

Pursuant to the authority conferred by the National Transportation Safety Board, Thomas Conroy, Office of Aviation Safety, Washington, D. C., is hereby designated Hearing Officer to conduct a public hearing on behalf of the National Transportation Safety Board, to be held in the above matter. The said Hearing Officer is authorized to set the time and place of the hearing, to give notice thereof, and to exercise such other powers in connection with the conduct of said proceedings as authorized by the National Transportation Safety Board.

Dated this <u>13th</u> day of <u>Februarv</u>. 1997.

FOR THE BOARD