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Dear Professor Snape

I attach for your reference an erratum page to be read in conjunction with the Department's submission to the Industry Commission inquiry into international air services.

At page 27 the list of countries with which the United States has concluded 'open skies' agreements includes a reference to Thailand. While we understand the air services agreement between those two countries is more liberal than it has been in the past, it would not be comparable to the liberality with other countries mentioned. It is notable, however, that media reports suggest considerable support among some senior Thai ministers for adopting an 'open skies' policy.

The Canada/United States air services agreement was an important omission from our list. I would refer you to the attached study by Professor Ralph Harris from the University of Manitoba which provides useful background and analysis of the development of this agreement.

Yours sincerely

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ERRATUM

Page 27 'Open Skies' Section, paragraph 2. Second sentence should read:

'Countries which have agreed to these arrangements with the United States include Canada, Germany, Switzerland, the Netherlands and the Nordic countries and, in our own region, New Zealand, Singapore and most recently Japan.'