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American Airlines

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Mr. Norman Turnette
Director, Republican National
Committee Task Force
310 First Street, S.E.
Washington, D.C. 20003



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Airplane - VP

Mr. John Sears
Citizens for Reagan
1835 K Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Sears:

This letter recapitulates our previous understanding of the Republican National Committee's securing the availability of an American Airlines 727/023 for use by the Republican Vice-Presidential nominee during the general election. The Republican National Committee intends to execute a letter of agreement with American Airlines, obligating the Republican National Committee to the payment of the cost inherent therein and to thereafter assign all Republican National Committee rights and obligation acquired through said letter of agreement to your Committee in the event of Governor Reagan's nomination.

Upon your Committee's acceptance of this proposed assignment, the Republican National Committee will be absolved from all liability to American Airlines. Your Committee has agreed to provide an executed "hold harmless" agreement to the Republican National Committee, insulating the National Committee from contingent liability which may result herein for rental cost and/or chooses of action.

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Mr. John Sears
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Airlines, outlining, among other things, the projected cost for the aircraft.

In the event that the Republican National Committee is required to deposit any sum for security with American Airlines, it is expressly understood that your Committee will reimburse the Republican National Committee in the amount of such deposit.

If the terms reflected herein comports with your understanding of our previous discussions on this matter and represents a satisfactory preliminary arrangement, please so indicate by executing the original of this letter, and returning same to me.

Sincerely,

ROBERT S. CARTER
Co-Chairman
Republican National Committee

APPROVED BY:

CITIZENS FOR REAGAN



Mr. Rogers C. B. Morton
Chairman
President Ford Committee
1828 L Street, N.W.
Suite 250
Washington, D. C. 20036

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Co-Chairman
Republican National Committee

APPROVED BY:

PRESIDENT FORD COMMITTEE



Mr. Robert D. Willey
Special Representative
American Airlines
1101 17th Street, N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20036

Dear Mr. Willey:

This letter of intent shall serve to evidence the desire of the Republican National Committee to lease one Boeing 727/023 aircraft from American Airlines for use by and on behalf of the Republican Party's Vice-Presidential nominee during the 1976 general election. Said lease shall commence on _____, 1976.

It is our understanding that the anticipated unit costs of this lease will be based upon the following cost-structure:

1. Monthly Cost

The monthly cost includes unrestricted use, the salaries and expenses of the cockpit crew, cabin attendants, a Manager of Passenger Services and a technical foreman.

\$100,765.00

2. Departure Costs - Per Departure

This includes maintenance, landing fees, baggage and passenger handling, aircraft servicing and dispatch.

\$ 1,229.00



3. Hourly Cost - Block to Block

This category includes fuel and oil, radio communications, the maintenance of all aircraft systems which are replaced or overhauled based upon hours flown.

\$ 757.00

4. Per Plane Mile

This includes overhaul and passenger liability insurance.

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In addition, it is our understanding that the following costs have not been included in the rates quoted above, and will be borne by the lessee:

1. Food, beverage and catering costs.
2. Security provisions for the aircraft at each location.
3. Costs associated with any change in configuration and restoration to the original configuration.

Finally, I wish to make clear that the Republican National Committee intends to assign all of the rights and obligations acquired herein by this agreement to the principal campaign committee of the Presidential nominee of the Republican Party, following the 1976 Convention. Naturally, the Republican



National Committee shall remain contingently liable to American Airlines in the event of default of payment to American Airlines by our assignee.

If this comports with your understanding of our prior agreement, please so indicate by executing on the original of this letter and returning same to my office.

Sincerely,

ROBERT S. CARTER
Co-Chairman
Republican National Committee

APPROVED BY:

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American Airlines

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August 3, 1976

Mr. Norman Turnette
Director, Republican National
Committee Task Force
310 First Street, S.E.
Washington, D.C. 20003

Dear Norman:

As you know we met with the Ford and the Reagan Committees last week going over plans for configuring a 727 aircraft for use of the candidate for Vice President of the United States.

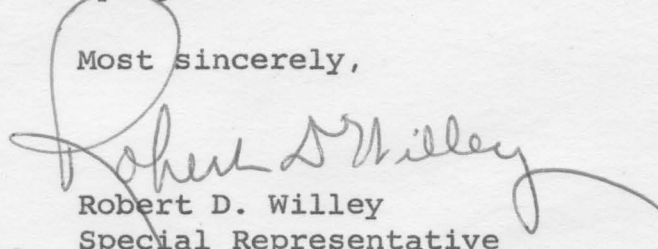
We indicated we would get back to them very quickly on the availability of aircraft. We are most pleased to say American Airlines can provide one Boeing 727/023 for the use in the campaign on the basis of the price given you in our letter of July 21.

You have indicated that the aircraft would be needed sometime between Labor Day weekend and the 13th of September. This should be no problem - Ed Grewe our Manager of Aircraft Interiors Engineering, who met with us last week, is completing the plans which were outlined with you and that information should be available by the end of the week.

In order to lock the aircraft down all we will need is a letter of intent from the Republican National Committee indicating the date the airplane would be needed and their acceptance of the cost figures submitted. A deposit will be required at the time a formal lease is signed. This would be sometime shortly before delivery of the aircraft to the Committee.

We're looking forward to the operation - our past experience indicates we can do a great job for you. As soon as we receive a letter of intent we can proceed with all plans in preparation for our part in a successful campaign.

Most sincerely,


Robert D. Willey
Special Representative



American Airlines

July 21, 1976

Mr. Tom Malatesta
Citizens for Reagan
1835 K Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20036

*NAMES OF
ADVANCE MEN
AHEAD OF TIME*

Dear Tom:

As a follow up to our conversation of last week, our Finance Department has furnished us some preliminary cost estimates relative to your interest in a wet lease of a B727-023 for the use of the Governor Reagan Committee.

In the absence of an itinerary or anticipated use of the equipment, a series of unit costs are provided in addition to the fixed monthly charges. These unit costs are for each departure, block hour and plane mile that the aircraft is used. They are:

1. Monthly Cost

Our monthly cost provides for ownership, for the salaries and expenses of the cockpit crew, cabin attendants, a Manager of Passenger Services and a technical foreman.

\$100,765.00

*5,740.00
PER DAY*

2. Departure Costs - Per Departure

This includes our maintenance, landing fees, baggage and passenger handling, aircraft servicing and dispatch.

\$1,229.00

6,060.00



*4.50 per meal + 90.00 charge
food at cost*

3. Hourly Cost - Block to Block

This category includes fuel and oil, radio communications, the maintenance of all aircraft systems which are replaced or overhauled based on hours flown.

\$757.00

4. Per Plane Mile

This includes overhaul and passenger liability insurance.

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As you will note, Tom, the following costs have not been included in the rates and would have to be borne by the lessee:

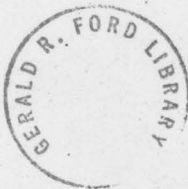
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We are currently determining the availability of equipment to satisfy your request and we'll keep you posted.

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