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Captain R. Donald Wilson
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Dear Capt. Wilson,

Thank you for the opportunity on Wednesday, August 24, 1994 to have Dr. Mark Rosekind and Dr. Philippa Gander provide presentations on the NASA overnight cargo study and the NASA fatigue countermeasures education and training module to Federal Express ALPA personnel. Drs. Rosekind and Gander provided you with a final draft of the NASA Technical Memorandum reporting the complete results of the study.

This letter is intended to request two specific actions on the part of Federal Express ALPA personnel. First, the NASA Technical Memorandum was provided so that you, and appropriate individuals that you designate, would have an opportunity to provide comments on the report prior to its publication. We are interested in any comments you wish to provide, and especially any information on operational changes that have occurred since the study was completed. Second, in writing, please indicate whether Federal Express ALPA personnel would like to be identified in the publication. This identification would appear in the acknowledgments section. If Federal Express ALPA personnel do not wish to be identified, then no mention would be made anywhere in the publication. Also, any information that might suggest the participating carrier would be eliminated, for example, airport identifiers on the trip schedules studied.

I would appreciate receiving this information by Friday, September 9, 1994. The comments provided and Federal Express ALPA personnel's preference for acknowledgement will be reviewed prior to publication of the final NASA Technical Memorandum. Our goal is to submit the final version for NASA publication by the end of September. A final document will be provided to you as soon as it is available. However, until that time, we request that none of the information or documents provided to Federal Express ALPA personnel be widely released. Access should be restricted to those individuals providing comments that you will submit to NASA. I appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

On behalf of NASA, I thank you and Federal Express ALPA personnel for your participation in this study. The results make a significant contribution to our understanding of sleep and circadian issues in flight operations. This information adds tremendously to the NASA Ames Fatigue Countermeasures Program and to our efforts at NASA to promote aviation safety.

Very truly yours,

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