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Robert K. Cortez, President/CEO
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Dear Mr. Cortez:

On March 25, 2004, FDA conducted an inspection of your facility, located at 300 Rodgers Blvd., Honolulu, Hawaii, which provides chartered flights between Honolulu, Hawaii, and Las Vegas, Nevada. The observations made during the inspection revealed that your facility is in violation of Section 361 of the Public Health Service Act and the Interstate Conveyance Sanitation regulations at Title 21, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 1250 (21 CFR Part 1250). FDA's observations were listed on Form FDA 483, List of Inspectional Observations, a copy of which was provided to and discussed with Mr. Richard Guy Joyo, Station Manager, at the conclusion of the inspection. A copy of the Form FDA 483 is enclosed for your reference.

During the inspection, the following observations were noted:

1. Your firm failed to hold perishable food at or below 50 degrees Fahrenheit, except when being prepared or kept hot for serving (21 CFR § 1250.27). Specifically, your firm received honeydew melon and cantaloupe aboard an aircraft from the caterer, which temperatures were observed to be at 52 degrees Fahrenheit.
2. Your firm failed to accomplish food-handling operations so as to minimize the possibility of contaminating drinks (21 CFR § 1250.32). Specifically, the flight attendants are using drinking cups to scoop ice for drinks, which introduces potential contamination from the attendants' hands to the ice.
3. Your firm failed to store and handle ice coming in contact with food or drink in such a manner as to avoid contamination (21 CFR § 1250.28). Specifically, FDA observed half-pint cartons of milk being stored on top of bagged ice used for drinks.

4. Your firm failed to assure that waste carts for toilet waste shall be used for no purpose connected with the handling of food, water, or ice (21 CFR § 1250.75(b)). Specifically, there is no "Laboratory Waste Only" label on the waste tank.

The list of inspectional observations, identified above, is not intended to be an all-inclusive list of the conditions observed at your facility. It is your responsibility to assure adherence with all applicable statutes and regulations enforced by FDA.

If you reply to this letter, your response should be directed to Ms. Harumi Kishida, Compliance Officer, U.S. Food and Drug Administration, 1431 Harbor Bay Parkway, Alameda 94502-7070. If you have any questions concerning the issues noted, then please contact Ms. Kishida at (510) 337-6824.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure: Form FDA 483

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