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WARNING LETTER

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Mr. Gregory D. Brenneman
President and Chief Operations Officer
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Continental Airlines
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Houston, Texas 77032

Dear Mr. Brenneman:

During an inspection of your airline catering facility, Chelsea Catering, 4507 Wright Rd., Houston, Texas, on June 30, 1997, our investigator documented deviations from Title 21, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 1250.

Our inspection revealed significant insanitary conditions, including:

1. Potentially hazardous foods were not being stored at appropriate temperatures.
2. Cutting boards being used in food processing were not properly maintained.
3. Large pans and bowls were stored without being properly cleaned.

This letter is not intended to be an all-inclusive list of deficiencies at your catering facility. It is your responsibility to ensure adherence to each requirement of the regulations.

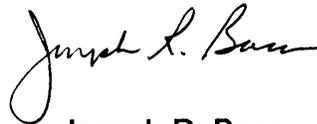
A list of Inspectional Observations (FDA-483) was issued to and discussed with Robert J. Giammelle, Vice President of Operations. A copy of the FDA-483 is enclosed for your reference. As a result of this inspection, your firm is being placed on "provisional" status. You should take prompt action to correct these deviations and ensure that future violations do not recur. Failure to correct these critical violations can result in further action by FDA.

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Your catering facility may be placed on "Not-Approved" status following the current "provisional" status, if future similar violations occur.

You should notify this office in writing, within fifteen (15) days of receipt of this letter, stating the specific steps you have taken to correct the aforementioned violations and the steps taken to certify the compliance of your catering facility. Your reply should be directed to Gwen Gilbreath, Compliance Officer, at the above letterhead address.

Sincerely,



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District Director

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