

## INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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<b>1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*</b> <u>COX REBECCA G</u> <hr/> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>1350 I STREET, NW</u> <u>SUITE 1250</u> <hr/> (Street) <u>WASHINGTON, X1</u> <u>20005</u> <u>D.C.</u> <hr/> (City) (State) (Zip)	<b>2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year)</b> <u>09/17/2003</u>	<b>3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol</b> <u>CONTINENTAL AIRLINES INC /DE/ [ CAL ]</u> <hr/> <b>4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)</b> Director <span style="float: right;">10% Owner</span> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <span style="float: right;">Other (specify below)</span> <u>Sr. VP - Government Affairs</u>	<b>5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)</b>  <hr/> <b>6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
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### Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
<u>Class B Common Stock</u>	<u>3,500</u>	<u>D</u>	

### Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares			
<u>Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	<u>06/28/2007</u>	<u>Class B Common Stock</u>	<u>77,500</u>	<u>15.78</u>	<u>D</u>	

**Explanation of Responses:**

1. The option is scheduled to vest as follows: 53,125 shares on June 28, 2002; 19,375 shares on April 17, 2003; 2,500 shares on each of April 17, 2004 and 2005.

Scott R. Peterson, on behalf of 09/19/2003  
Rebecca G. Cox

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person      Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5 (b)(v).

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## Confirming Statement

I hereby confirm that I have authorized and designated each of Jennifer L. Vogel, Scott R. Peterson and Sarah E. Hagy to execute and file on my behalf all Forms 3, 4 and 5 (including any amendments thereto) that I may be required to file with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission as a result of my position with, or my ownership of or transactions in securities of, Continental Airlines, Inc. ("Continental"). The authority of such individuals under this Statement shall continue until I am no longer required to file Forms 4 or 5 with regard to Continental, unless earlier revoked in writing. I hereby acknowledge that such individuals are not assuming, nor is Continental assuming, any of my responsibilities to comply with Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

/s/ Rebecca G. Cox

Rebecca G. Cox

Dated: September 17, 2003