

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>VOGEL JENNIFEL L</u>	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) <u>09/17/2003</u>	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>CONTINENTAL AIRLINES INC /DE/ [CAL]</u>	
		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>Sr VP-Gen Counsel & Secretary</u>	5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)
(Last) (First) (Middle) <u>1600 SMITH STREET HQSLG</u>			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
(Street) <u>HOUSTON TX 77002</u>			
(City) (State) (Zip)			

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>6,582</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				
<u>Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	<u>06/28/2007</u>	<u>Class B Common Stock</u> <u>75,000</u>	<u>15.78</u>	<u>D</u>	

Explanation of Responses:

1. The option is scheduled to vest as follows: 47,500 shares on June 28, 2002; 18,750 shares on April 17, 2003; 4,375 shares on each of April 17, 2004 and 2005.

Sarah Hagy, on behalf of
Jennifer L. Vogel09/19/2003

** 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).

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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Confirming Statement

I hereby confirm that I have authorized and designated each of 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/ Jennifer L. Vogel_____

Jennifer L. Vogel

Dated: September 17, 2003