FORM 3

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* Corvi Carolyn (Month/Day/Year) 12/22/2009				nent	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol CONTINENTAL AIRLINES INC /DE/ [CAL]						
(Last) 1600 SMITH	(First) STREET	(Middle)	liddle)			Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) X Director 10% Owner			5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)		
HQSEO					Officer (give title below)		Other (spe below)		Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person		
(Street) HOUSTON	TX	77002								y More than One	
(City)	(State)	(Zip)									
		Т	able I - Non	-Derivat	ive S	ecurities Beneficiall	y Owned				
1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)					3. Ownership Seneficially Owned (Instr. 4) Geneficially Owned (Instr. 4) Geneficially Owned (Instr. 4) Geneficially Owned (Instr. 5) 3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)		ct (D) (Ins	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)			
		(e.ç				urities Beneficially (options, convertible		s)			
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4) 2. Date Exercisable a Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)				ate	Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4) Conve		Conversion or Exercise	e Form:	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)		
			Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	n Title	9	Amount or Number of Shares	Price of Derivative Security	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)		

Explanation of Responses:

Remarks:

Ms. Corvi did not own any securities of the company on the date of her election to the board.

No securities are beneficially owned.

/s/ Gerald W. Clanton on behalf 12/23/2009 of Carolyn Corvi

** 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 Jennifer L. Vogel, Lori A. Gobillot, Gerald W. Clanton 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/ Caro	/s/ Carolyn Corvi						
Print Name:	Carolyn Corvi						

Dated: December 23, 2009