FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and WALKE	<u>  CC</u>	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol CONTINENTAL AIRLINES INC /DE/ [ CAL ]							(Che	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  Director 10% Owner  X Officer (give title Other (specify							
(Last) (First) (Middle) 1600 SMITH STREET HQSEO				3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 04/14/2004								Sr VP Worldwide Corp. Commun.					
(Street) HOUSTON TX 77002  (City) (State) (Zip)			4. If	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)							Line	Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)      X Form filed by One Reporting Person      Form filed by More than One Reporting Person					
Table I - Non-Deriva  1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transa- Date (Month/De					Execution Date,		3. Transacti Code (Ins	on tr.	4. Securiti	es Acquirec Of (D) (Instr	l (A) or	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		7. Nature of ndirect Beneficial Ownership Instr. 4)	
		Т	able II - Deriv (e.g.,					uired, Dis					Owned				
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transactic Code (Inst				6. Date Exercis Expiration Date (Month/Day/Yea		ear) of Sec Under Deriva		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		9. Number derivative Securities Beneficiall Owned Following Reported Transactio (Instr. 4)	у	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable		expiration pate	Title	Amount or Number of Shares					
Performance Rights	(1)	04/14/2004		A		40,000		(2)	12	2/31/2007	Class B Common Stock	40,000	\$0	40,000		D	
Performance Rights	(1)	04/14/2004		A		30,000		(3)	03	3/31/2006	Class B Common Stock	30,000	\$0	30,000		D	
Performance Rights	(1)	04/14/2004		A		30,000		(4)	06	6/30/2005	Class B Common Stock	30,000	\$0	30,000		D	

## Explanation of Responses:

- 1. One for one.
- $2. The award vests upon registrant's common stock achieving a market price of \$22.4775 \ per share for 20 \ consecutive \ days.$
- 3. The award vests upon registrant's common stock achieving a market price of \$20.4775 per share for 20 consecutive days.
- 4. The award vests upon registrant's common stock achieving a market price of \$17.4775 per share for 20 consecutive days.

/s/ John E. Walker by Jennifer Vogel 04/16/2004

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

- $^{\star}$  If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (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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