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March 8, 1982

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Dear Brothers:

On behalf of all PATCO members let me first extend our most sincere gratitude for your support. It comes at a time when we are growing more optimistic with each passing day. The support of the various international bodies helps tremendously toward obtaining a resolution to our grave problems.

We are holding on by our fingernails. Not because of the lack of support from our members but because of their inability to make ends meet financially. Most of them have been without work now for about seven months and many are being forced out of their homes and are victims of financial strangulation. However, it appears that there is a feeling among many members of Congress that there has been enough suffering and that because of the decaying economic situation among the airlines it is time to get the system back to normal.

We have many volunteers working long hours to try to get an honorable resolution to this problem. With this type of dedication we can maintain our drive to get our people back to their profession.

It has been an ugly ordeal and one that no free country should witness. We can only hope that because of our sacrifices that all Americans will understand the need for working people to have good union representation. However for now our struggle continues.

I will check into who Mr. John C. Richardson is and let you know of my findings. Again, thank you all for your support and when this is all over, you have my word that our gratitude will continue.

Fraternally,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Domenic".

Domenic V. Torchia
Executive Vice President

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March 3, 1983

Jacques Fournier
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Dear Jacques,

It was certainly good to hear from you. Although my thoughts are often with you, our workload many times prevents me from communicating with all of our friends. It is gratifying to know that our French Brothers continue to be supportive in our hour of continued need. We are fortunate to have such fine friends as you and your members; we will never forget your concern and compassion.

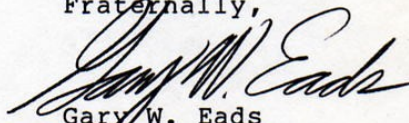
Believe it or not Jacques, we have been forced for sometime now, to operate within an atmosphere which often resembles an underground environment. We even refer to our new headquarters (an apartment on the southeast side of D.C.) as the "bunker."

I have enclosed several pieces of information which I believe will help bring you up-to-date with our struggle. This will, by no means, be all that we will be sending; we will continue from this point on to update you on a continuing basis. Most of the information which we felt was pertinent to what has happened to us lately is contained in this mailing.

Jacques, we are not about to give up our fight. Our people have paid dearly throughout this ordeal in order to bring about the needed changes to our air traffic control system. If we do not keep this struggle alive within labor, the politicians and the American public, we will have given up our chance to resolve the issues. Simply put, we may be down, but we will never be out.

Please pass on to your members our sincerest appreciation for all that they have done to help us. Stay in touch Jacques, you have my word that I will continue to communicate with you.

Fraternally,


Gary W. Eads
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March 6, 1984

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Brother Fournier,

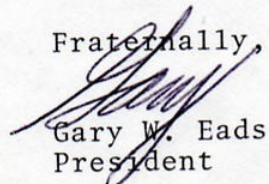
On behalf of the USATCO members and their families, I want to thank you and your members for your continued support in our struggle. While it has been a difficult period for fired controllers and their families, help such as yours has enabled us to keep the issue alive.

I was particularly impressed with the extensive coverage in the December, 1983 issue of the S.N.C.T.A. Journal. It was not only extensive in terms of the amount of material, but was well written and obviously required a great deal of work. I know that you have many difficulties facing your own membership and, in view of that, your unselfish attention and support is even more appreciated.

Unfortunately our situation remains much the same, despite the very clear evidence that the U.S. air traffic control system is suffering from a lack of experienced controllers. We continue to deliver the message to our legislators, but to date the political atmosphere has been such that a resolution has not been possible. Our membership, however, is as determined as ever, and our ranks continue to grow, slowly but surely. It is with great pride that I represent a group with such character.

Once again, thanks for your continued support. Please relay my best wishes to your members and their families.

Fraternally,



Gary W. Eads
President

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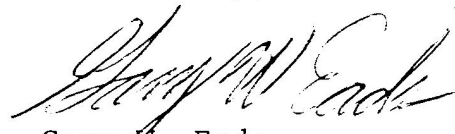
Pierre Bossy
Local Delegate
Marseille ACC
SNCTA

Dear Brother Bossy,

On behalf of all USATCO members and their families, I want to thank you and your members for your encouragement and financial support. It has been a very difficult three years for our people but their commitment to seeing this effort through to its just completion is as strong today as it was in 1981. The principle we stood for in 1981 is a principle that must not, and will not, be abandoned.

Your support and that of your membership during this difficult period means a great deal to all of us. Take care.

Fraternally,



Gary W. Eads
President,
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November 15, 1984

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

This letter is to inform you of a very painful decision which we have had to make regarding the future of USATCO and to, once again, ask you for help.

As you know, USATCO has always conducted its operations based upon a very lean budget. Many times, during the past two and one-half years, we literally did not know whether or not we would make it until the next month. Because we were able to generate other sources of income, we managed to bank some reserve funds just in case our contributions total dropped even more. For the past six months this is exactly what has happened. Our monthly income has continued to decrease and we have had to draw on the reserve in ever increasing amounts each month.

On Thursday, November 9, faced with the prospects of maintaining an organization which would become less effective in its operations while, at the same time, risking the personal welfare of those who have been able to work in the national office, the USATCO Board of Directors voted unanimously to dissolve the organization. This action will become official on November 30, 1984, although we will continue to staff the national office throughout the rest of the year.

As we said when we launched the organization USATCO, we would only be able to do as much as our resources allowed us to. We've worked as hard as we could with what little we had for as long as was possible. With your help, we have done that, and we've done it with pride. Each of you, from the District Directors, through the state and local coordinators, through the legal representatives, press, political, and labor coordinators, to the individual members, families, and friends, have given your time, money and effort in a way that will forever make us proud to have been counted among you.

When we came to Washington, D.C. in January of 1982, PATCO had long since been decertified, and we were given from thirty to sixty days of operational life. Together, we lasted six months. Despite massive legal work (MSPB, bankruptcy, Benefit Fund, decertification appeals, law suits), working with very little resource, and knocking on closed political doors, we were able to buy some precious time for all of us. Our Brothers and Sisters throughout the country volunteered their time at the national, district and local headquarters in a way in which, we believe, will someday be seen as one of the most selfless acts of labor solidarity ever contributed within the American Labor Movement.

Following the liquidation of PATCO, 1100 of us decided to carry on the fight through USATCO. Eventually, almost 2600 dismissed controllers were able to contribute in some way to carry on the work of our Union. We were able to continue the legal and political effort on behalf of fired controllers, bring aviation safety issues before the American public through the congress and press, and coordinate legal and financial assistance from both national and international labor groups. We provided for an extensive network of communications, not only for our members and their families, but for all dismissed controllers through thousands of letters and phone calls, weekly hotlines and 30 monthly newsletters. When our Brothers in Texas were jailed, USATCO members and friends rallied to their side providing care and assistance for their families. When tragedy struck any one of our families, and we were notified, help was made available. We were able to find jobs for each other, give and receive counsel, save appeals, share anniversaries and most importantly, just be there for one another.

The PATCO and USATCO records are ones of hardwork, sacrifice and decency. They are the stories of people, who although subjected to some of the harshest treatment ever experienced by members of a modern-day American labor union, provided love and caring for one another in a way in which they can forever be proud.

USATCO will not publish a November newsletter. We will, if it is at all possible, publish a final edition in December. During these next few weeks we will be extremely busy with all the work of shutting down a labor organization. One of the top priorities will be to pay all of our bills. When USATCO came into existence it owed no one and that's exactly how we want to go out. We'll also be complying with Department of Labor requirements, packing and storing records, trying to find jobs, and preparing two of our four families for moving. During all of this, we will be doing our best to provide for a nationwide communications system and a continued presence in Washington, D.C.

Today, we need your help more than we ever have before. Financially, we are in a very tight situation. It appears that we can pay all the bills, but we may not have any left to provide for relocation expenses. Knowing full well that many of us are still experiencing great financial difficulty, we still must ask for your contributions. As always, give only what you can afford to without sacrificing any of your family's needs.

In closing, let me say that this message has been a difficult one for us to send. While it hurts a lot, there is, at the same time, a great feeling of pride in knowing what we have stood for. Few people will ever understand; we do, and that's the important part. For us, it was worth every minute of it.

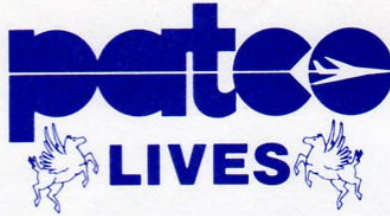
Fraternally,



Gary W. Eads
President

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June 28, 1985

SNCTA
Executive Board
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Paris, France

Dear Brothers,

My apologies for taking so long with answering your letter of May 28. Our one-man operation here in Washington does not leave much time for correspondence.

Your offer of assistance was a real boost for us. We have been struggling just to stay alive. During these past 6 months we have expanded our mailing list to almost 5,000. Slowly but surely we are finding out where many more of our Brothers and Sisters are. Lately, there have been many developments within the air traffic control system which we have been trying to use to our people's benefit. The system is much understaffed, it has little experience and the controllers working it are most all working long overtime hours. Their morale is poor. Many of our Brothers and Sisters would go back to work if they were given an opportunity. We shall see.

In the meantime, we will be doing all that we can to help each other with recovery from the strike. We still have much to do. Many still need good jobs, help with legal matters, and some, financial assistance. Most of all, we need to know that others have not forgotten us. You and your members of the SNCTA have been with us from the beginning. You have never let us down and today, you are one of the few who remain in active solidarity with us. We shall never forget all that you and the members of the SNCTA have done.

Take care my Brothers. And thanks again for staying with us.

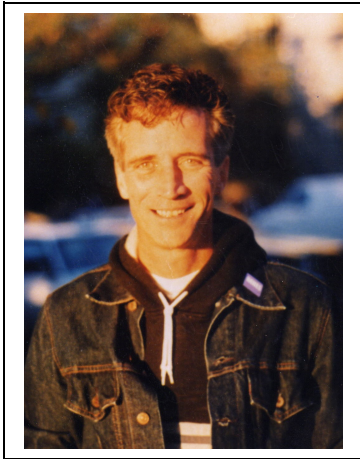
Fraternally,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bill Taylor". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "B" and "T".

Bill Taylor
National Coordinator

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March 12, 1986

SNCTA
c/o Mr. Jacques Fournier
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Dear Jacques,

My apologies dear brother for not responding sooner than this. Work at the "Bunker" is more than one person can handle. My correspondence always seems to receive the lowest priority.

Please pass on to all of the members of the SNCTA how very grateful the men and women of PATCO Lives are for the support you have given to us. During these past four and one-half years of struggle, the SNCTA has been one of our most consistent supporters and we will never forget it. Your solidarity has been precious to us.

Your recent donation was not only the largest we have ever received at PATCO Lives, but it was also the most timely. Without it coming when it did, we may not have been able to continue with our effort here in Washington, D.C.

The effort, by the way, continues to result in a newsletter every two months, covering the Hill, coordinating legal work, lots of phone calls, press, job placements and fund raising. Because we've elected to try and continue with this we've been able to maintain a network of communication and self-help for 5500 of our brothers and sisters. Many of them would like a chance to return to their profession and, based on recent developments (GAO report) we may be close to actually getting some people back to work. We'll know soon.

Again, thank you Jacques for not forgetting us. We shall continue to make you proud.

Fraternally,

Bill Taylor
National Coordinator

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Jacques,

My gratitude forever
for all you + your
membership has done.

Always,

Bill Taylor



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TO: French Air Controller Union

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COMMENTS:

Jacques,

We have reached an agreement with the Clinton Administration to ensure that former air controllers receive at least 50% of future FAA hiring opportunities. There is more work to be done but this is a good step forward.

Enclosed is our media release after our White House meeting.

We thank you and your union for the strong support given to us over many years. Have you considered using e-mail through compuserve or the internet?

Thank you. Sincerely and fraternally, Bob Harris

