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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>BETHUNE GORDON M</u>			2. Date of Event Requiring Stater Month/Day/Yea 05/13/2004	nent								
(Last) (First) (Middle) C/O CONTINENTAL AIRLINES, INC.					4. Relationship of Reporting Perso (Check all applicable) X Director	on(s) to Issue		If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)				
19TH FLOOR, 1600 SMITH STREET					Officer (give title below)	Other (spe below)	cify					
(Street) HOUSTON	TX	77002						X		y One Reporting Person y More than One erson		
(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)		ct (D)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)				
Common Stock					0	D						
Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)												
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		str. 4)	2. Date Exercisable an Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securi Underlying Derivative Securit	(Instr. 4) Conve		rcise	5. Ownership Form:	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)		
			Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Price of Derivative Security		Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)			
Common Stoc	k		05/13/2005	05/13/2014	Common Stock	6,000	34.7		I	Right to buy		
Common Stoc	k		05/13/2006	05/13/2014	Common Stock	6,000	34.7		I	Right to buy		
Common Stock			05/13/2007	05/13/2014	Common Stock	6,000	00 34.7		I	Right to buy		
Common Stock			05/13/2008	05/13/2014	Common Stock	6,000	34.7		I	Right to buy		
Common Stock			05/13/2009	05/13/2014	Common Stock	6,000	34	.7	I	Right to buy		

Explanation of Responses:

/s/ Michael P Chitty, as

attorney-in-fact for Gordon 05/19/2004

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** Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

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