



UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20580

Office of the Director  
Bureau of Competition

Benjamin S. Sharp  
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607 Fourteenth Street N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20005-2003

**Re: Boeing/Airbus Pricing, Matter No. 981-0388**

Dear Mr. Sharp:

The Federal Trade Commission's Bureau of Competition has conducted a nonpublic investigation to determine whether The Boeing Company, ("Boeing") had engaged or was engaging in unfair methods of competition in or affecting commerce in violation of Section 5 of the Federal Trade Commission Act, 15 U.S.C. § 45, as amended, by conspiring or otherwise reaching agreement with respect to the prices or terms of sale of their products, or by taking unilateral action, including making public and/or private statements concerning their competitive intentions towards one another constituting invitations to collude, or practices facilitating collusion.

Upon reviewing this matter, it now appears that no additional action is warranted by the Commission at this time. Accordingly, pursuant to the authority delegated by the Commission, 49 Fed. Reg. 6147 (1984), the investigation has been closed. This action is not to be construed as a determination that a violation may not have occurred, just as the pendency of an investigation should not be construed as a determination that a violation has occurred. The Commission reserves the right to take such further action as the public interest may require.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David P. Wales, Jr.", written over a horizontal line.

David P. Wales, Jr.  
Acting Director