

FOREIGN FLAG CARRIER JUSTIFICATION

I hereby certify that it is necessary for _____ to travel via _____,
(Name of Traveler) (Name of Carrier)
a foreign-flag carrier, from _____, to _____ on the following
(Place) (Place)
dates, _____, for the reasons listed below:

For the purposes of this requirement (AID Chapter 253):

Expenditures for service furnished by a non-certified air carrier generally will be allowed only when service by a certified air carrier or carriers is "unavailable" as indicated by the June 17, 1975, Comptroller General's memorandum (B-138942) entitled "Guidelines for Implementation of Section 5 of the International Air Transportation Fair Competitive Practices Act of 1974"; as amended on October 1980. The criteria contained in the amended memorandum are reproduced below:

- A. Passenger or freight service by a certified U.S. flag carrier is considered "available" even though:**
 - (1) service by a non-certified air carrier can be paid for in excess foreign currency, or
 - (2) service by a non-certified air carrier is preferred by the grantee, contractor or traveler needing air transportation, or
 - (3) service by a non-certified air carrier is more convenient for the agency or traveler needing air transportation.

- B. Passenger service by a certified air carrier is considered to be "unavailable":**
 - (1) when certified air carriers offer only first class service, and less than first class service is available from non-certified air carriers, or
 - (2) when the traveler, while en route, has to wait six hours or more to transfer to a certified air carrier to proceed to the intended destination, or
 - (3) when any flight by a certified air carrier is interrupted by a stop anticipated to be six hours or more, ~~no~~ refueling, reloading, repairs, etc., and no other flights by a certified air carrier are available during the six-hour period, or
 - (4) when by itself or in combination with other certified or non-certified air carriers (if certified air carriers are "unavailable"), takes twelve or more hours longer from the origin airport to the destination airport to accomplish the Federally funded mission than would service by a non-certified air carrier or carriers.
 - (5) when the elapsed travel time on a schedule flight from origin to destination airports by non-certified air carrier(s) is three hours or less and service by certified air carrier(s) would involve twice such scheduled travel time.

Principal Investigator _____ **Date** _____