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Dear Mr. Chafer

Thank you for your letter dated 17<sup>th</sup> June 2005 regarding an invitation for China Eastern Airlines to provide a written public submission to the Committee's inquiry addressing the security audit. We take very seriously the safety of all passengers, crew and aircraft. Having reviewed the past 12months performance, we are pleased with the security measures carried out, especially after the successful implementation, at Australian Airports servicing international flights, of the Triple A baggage reconciliation system to counter terrorists' threats and ensure all passenger's safety after 9-11.

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However, we found that there is an unused corner close to our airport office at Kingsford-Smith International Airport. (Our office is located at Level 3, International Airport Terminal). We found quite a bit of rubbish, such as empty cans and waster paper, lying around, which has never been removed by airport cleaners. There is no security camera to monitor the premises, with the corner in question seemingly being forgotten and overlooked. An unused corner may not be dangerous to the public, but might be the perfect place for terrorists to plant a bomb or engage in other dangerous and illegal activities without being detected by airport authorities.

We believe that it is our responsibility to enclose any information we consider might be useful for you. Should you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact my assistant Julia on (02) 9262 6358 or by e-mail: <u>julia@chinaeastern.com.au</u>

Yours sincerely,

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