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**SUMMARY OF ANTITRUST ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS  
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FOR MONDAY, DEC. 21, 1992 THROUGH FRIDAY, DEC. 25, 1992**

12/21/92 U.S. v. Airline Tariff Publishing Company, Alaska Airlines Inc., American Airlines, Inc., Continental Airlines, Inc., Delta Air Lines, Inc., Northwest Airlines, Inc., Trans World Airlines, Inc., United Air Lines, Inc. and USAir, Inc.  
Civil No.: 92-2854 (D.D.C.)

A civil complaint was filed in U.S. District Court in Washington, D.C., against eight of the largest U.S. airlines and a data exchange system, Airline Tariff Publishing Company (ATP) of Chantilly, Virginia, for alleged price fixing. ATP is an airline fare data collection and dissemination service owned by a group of airlines that includes the eight defendant airlines. The complaint also charged that the airlines operate a computerized fare exchange system in a manner that unreasonably restrains price competition in the \$40 billion domestic air passenger transportation industry. At the same time, two of the parties also filed a proposed consent decree that, if accepted by the court, will settle the suit against United Air Lines and USAir. Under the proposed consent decree, the two settling airlines, United and USAir, would stop using first ticket dates. The settling airlines would also stop using last ticket dates, except to advertise the ending date of a new promotional fare. The proposed consent decree also includes prohibitions that prevent the use of other methods to communicate future pricing intentions and to negotiate coordinated fare changes.

Copies of legal filings are available from the Legal Procedure Unit, Antitrust Division, Room 3233, Telephone No.: 514-2481.