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Dear Mr. Thomsett,

Further to our telephone conversation of this afternoon, I enclose a copy of our press release in which we announced the new Constellation tourist service between London and Trinidad. As this release does not give many details, I include them in this letter.

The service is once weekly, and operated to Trinidad via Prestwick (Glasgow), Gander (Newfoundland), Bermuda and Barbados. The total journeytime between London and Trinidad is 28½ hours, of which flying time is 24 hours 35 minutes.

The service leaves London each Wednesday at 10.30 p.m., and the return flight leaves Trinidad each Saturday and arrives at London Airport at midday on Sunday.

The tourist Constellations operated by B.O.A.C. each seat 65 passengers. They are fully furnished with a Ladies' Powder Room, Gentlemen's Dressing Room, and catering equipment. A four-engined low wing monoplane, the Constellation is fully pressurised to fly "above the weather".

If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to let me know.

Yours faithfully,

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## GREAT EXTENSION OF TOURIST AIR SERVICES

### B.O.A.C. TO PROVIDE REDUCED FARES TO NINE NEW AREAS NEXT MONTH

During the first week in October B.O.A.C. will begin a widespread extension of tourist air services providing reduced-fare travel to nine new areas - India, Pakistan, Ceylon, the Persian Gulf area, the West Indies, and North, West, Central and South Africa.

Operations between Britain and Central and South Africa will form part of the new pattern of services to be operated in partnership with South African Airways and Central African Airways.

The new tourist services will be between Britain and the following points: Karachi, Bombay, Dacca (East Pakistan), Delhi, Calcutta, Colombo, Tripoli, Kano, Lagos, Accra, Basra, Bahrain and Baghdad - to be served by 54-seat Argonaut aircraft; Livingstone (Northern Rhodesia), Windhoek (South West Africa) and Johannesburg - to be served by 58-seat Constellations of South African Airways; Barbados and Trinidad (subject to Government approval) - 65-seat Constellations.

As a result tourist fares will now be available to all points served by B.O.A.C. in the North American area, Africa, the Middle East, Pakistan, India and Ceylon, together with a number of points in the Caribbean, and to Hong Kong and Singapore. This represents more than 60 per cent of the places already served by B.O.A.C. standard services.

The new tourist fares will provide reductions of at least 20 per cent on standard fares. Some examples are:-

	<u>Return Tourist Fare</u>	<u>Standard Return Fare</u>
London-Bombay	£216. -.	£293. 8.
London-Karachi	£212. 8.	£282. 12.
London-Colombo	£246. 12.	£327. 12.
London Johannesburg	£252. -.	£324. -.
London-Lagos	£169. 4.	£214. 4.

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