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[The following is the text of an email message sent by Richard Barton, the President and Chief Executive Officer of Expedia, Inc., to all employees of Expedia, Inc.]

From: Richard Barton
Sent: Thursday, July 11, 2002 9:18 PM
To: [all employees of Expedia, Inc.]
Subject: Special Committee Update

The special committee of our board of directors issued a press release today regarding USAI's proposed exchange offer. Recall, in early June, USAI announced its intention to buy more Expedia stock with its own stock, at which point the board formed a special committee of independent (non-USAI, non-employee) directors to evaluate USAI's proposed offer on behalf of non-USAI shareholders. The statement the special committee put out today is simply the next step in their process. They have hired advisors and, based on their review of Expedia's prospects, have indicated their confidence in Expedia's future and their high regard for Expedia's people and achievements. Pretty good timing given it's review season. Don't let it go to your heads :-)

The hard part about having performed so well, is keeping it rolling. We all have to make sure that we keep a sharp ear out for that rattle under the hood that could turn into a problem down the road, and keep a keen eye on the road conditions and what the other cars are up to. I tried to torture this analogy into staying attuned to and fearful of your customer as well, but it didn't work. Anyway, you get the idea. I am incredibly excited about what I see in our future, folks. There is just sooo much more to be done. Our announcement yesterday about the launch of Expedia Corporate Travel Services and the welcoming of Metropolitan Travel on to our little mission to change the way travel is planned and purchased forever, is just one example of the vastness of the opportunity we face. So, let's keep the machine humming, and find out what we can all achieve together.

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