

CONTINENTAL AIRLINES INC /DE/  
Form 8-K  
April 17, 2001  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported):

April 17, 2001

CONTINENTAL AIRLINES, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware	0-09781	74-2099724
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(IRS Employer Identification No.)

1600 Smith Street, Dept. HQSEO, Houston, Texas

77002

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

(713) 324-2950

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

a. Exhibits

99.1 Projected Data.

Item 9. Regulation FD Disclosure.

The Company is furnishing herewith a letter being provided to certain investors and financial analysts which contains explanations of certain data included in the Company's first quarter results filed yesterday with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC"), data regarding aircraft financing, updated guidelines regarding certain operating and financial statistics for the second quarter and full year 2001 and the Company's fleet plan. The letter is attached as Exhibit 99.1 which is included herein.

The information presented contains forward looking statements, and certain assumptions upon which such forward looking statements are in part based. Numerous important factors, including those factors identified as Risk Factors in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2000 filed with the SEC, which factors are incorporated herein by reference, and the fact that the assumptions contained in such information could prove incorrect, could cause actual results to differ materially from those contained in such forward looking statements.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Continental Airlines, Inc. has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

CONTINENTAL AIRLINES, INC.

By /s/ Jeffery A. Smisek

Jeffery A. Smisek

Executive Vice President

and General Counsel

April 17, 2001

EXHIBIT INDEX

99.1 Letter to investors and analysts.