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Statement by FMCS Director George H. Cohen On Bombardier Learjet and IAMAW Local 639 Labor Talks

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service Director George H. Cohen issued the following statement today regarding the current work stoppage involving Bombardier Learjet and the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers (IAMAW) Local 639 in Wichita, Kansas:

“In response to a request by the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service, Bombardier Learjet and IAMAW Local 639 have agreed to return to negotiations for a collective bargaining agreement under the auspices of FMCS mediators.”

“Because of the sensitivity of these negotiations, in keeping with our past custom and practice, and the agreement between the parties, the FMCS and the parties will refrain from any public comment until further notice.”

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The Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service, created in 1947, is an independent U.S. government agency whose mission is to preserve and promote labor-management peace and cooperation. Headquartered in Washington, DC, with 10 district offices and 67 field offices, the agency provides mediation and conflict resolution services to industry, government agencies and communities.