

CONTINENTAL AIRLINES INC /DE/  
Form 8-K  
October 17, 2002

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):

October 17, 2002

CONTINENTAL AIRLINES, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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|---------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Delaware                                          | 1-10323                  | 74-2099724                           |
| (State or other jurisdiction<br>of incorporation) | (Commission File Number) | (IRS Employer<br>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 5. Other Events.

On October 17, 2002, we provided a letter to analysts and other parties presenting information relating to our financial and operational outlook for 2002. The letter is filed herewith as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits

99.1 Letter to Analysts

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.

October 17, 2002

By: /s/ Diane Dayhoff

Diane Dayhoff

Staff Vice President-Finance

EXHIBIT INDEX

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