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Dear Mr. Smith,

Thank you for your letter on March 8th regarding the China Airlines Flight 611 Alternative Explanation. We appreciate the great effort you have taken to offer your comments and recommendations concerning this accident, especially as it pertains to the similarities between the China Airlines Flight 611 accident and the United Airlines Flight 811 accident.

As you may already know, all aircraft accident investigations in Taiwan are the sole responsibility of, and conducted by the Aviation Safety Council (ASC). The ASC does invite the Civil Aeronautics Administration (CAA) and other interested parties to participate in their investigations, as well as provide comments and recommendations prior to publication of the final accident report. In the case of China Airlines Flight 611, the final report has already been completed and published by the ASC. Therefore, the CAA has no further options with which to pursue this matter with the ASC in this regard. However, in light of the similarities you pointed out between the China Airlines Flight 611 and United Airlines Flight 811 accident, we urge you to contact the ASC directly regarding your concerns and recommendations for further consideration. You may contact the ASC at:

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