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TERRORIST'S ACTS ARE HITTING HOME as DISCOVER AIR IS FORCED TO LEAVE GAINESVILLE, effective Friday, 21 September.

Discover Air and Gainesville Airport officials received the discouraging news late on Wednesday. As part of the overall collateral damage of last week's terrorist attacks on The World Trade Center and the Pentagon, Discover Air's insurance company advised the "Scheduled Part 135" operator [*scheduled* charter service] it would not cover "acts of war" which includes terrorist acts.

According to Mr. Pat Bainter, new Chairman of the Gainesville-Alachua County Regional Airport Authority, who just took office one week ago today, said "the effects on Gainesville's airport and flying public are primarily the psychological loss of losing an airline and experiencing the far reaching effects of terrorism right here at home." Gainesville's available passenger seats will only be minimally affected, since Discover Air accounted for just over 1.5% of Gainesville's total monthly enplanements.

Bainter also reiterated that it is only "*scheduled* charter service" that is affected. *Private* charter service, like the Airport's other two charter services, Aeroflite and Gulf Atlantic, as well as commercial carriers, is not affected by the insurance directive. # # #