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No Punitive Action Against World Airways

The Acting Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration said yesterday the agency will not take punitive action against World Airways for the charter airline's alleged violations in flying more than 50 Vietnamese orphans to the Bay Area Wednesday.

James Dow said he made the decision "in view of the humanitarian circumstances" of the flight.

The pilot of the jet that transported the children allegedly took off in defiance of Saigon airport tower officials. There was also a question of whether the elongated DC-8 could legally carry passengers when it was outfitted for all-cargo flights.
