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# Thank You Continental

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So this was supposed to be the week my friend Brandon was coming down from the states to visit me. He made it as far as Houston but Continental decided that he should just go back to Seattle instead of continue on to Montego Bay. Yes, this was on the same day as the elevated threat levels and the liquid containers being banned so maybe the airport officials were thinking they needed to turn away more people than usual to earn their pay.

Brandon made it into Houston after being delayed in Seattle all morning but missed his connecting flight to Montego Bay. He stayed in a hotel which it sounds like he had to pay for on his own. His girlfriend had called me earlier in the day to tell me he was delayed til the following day and I called him later in the evening to find the time to expect him in Kingston. If I recall, the time was something like 7:15pm.

So I was at the airport the next night with a friend I asked to drive me there and lookin around to see him when I finally decided to call and see where he was. Bad news man. I'm in Seattle. Good thing I was already sitting down. Turns out the people working for Continental in Houston had a different way of determining if a birth certificate is valid from the way they do in Seattle's Continental. A tear on the document meant that it was altered and was not valid for him to continue on to Jamaica. The same tear that was there when the document was checked in Seattle.

Back home I went just trying to reason in my head why Brandon wasn't here. He told me on the phone before my credit ran out that he was going to get his flight credited and rescheduled, get his passport rush delivery in 1-3 days and he would be coming the next week. I certainly hope that works out but I'm not sure. I just got an email today that says he should be coming the end of the week although it's not quite finalized yet. Hope Continental can find it in their hearts to let a person reach his destination this time.