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TULSA, OKLA., DEC. 30 -- First of 50 A-4B Skyhawk jet planes which will be overhauled by the Douglas Aircraft Company's Modification Division for use by the Argentine Air Force was flown here today from the U. S. Naval Air Facility, Litchfield Park, Arizona.

The Skyhawk landed at the Douglas-Tulsa facility and was greeted there by Brig. Gen. Alberto Caracciolo, Argentine Air Attache, Argentine Embassy, Washington, D. C.; Brig. Gen. Rafael Gandolfo, who will become Air Attache in March; Lee Howser, Vice President-General Manager of the Douglas Aircraft Modification Division, and Lawrence Gunderson, Douglas Manager of International Operations in Washington, D. C.

A-4Bs, originally produced by Douglas, are lightweight, high performance planes capable of speeds of 600 to 700 miles per hour.

Modification work will be performed under a \$7,180,200 contract between Douglas and the government of Argentina. The United States is selling the aircraft to Argentina.

Under the contract, Douglas will inspect and modify the 50 planes, and provide spare parts and technical support for five years. Deliveries of the reconditioned A-4Bs are scheduled to begin next June.

The contract covering the work was signed by Rodolfo P. Otero, Argentine Director of Air Material, and Wellwood E. Beall, Douglas Executive Vice President of Operations.