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Douglas Gets Planes for Argentine AF

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The work is overhauling Douglas-built A4B Skyhawk jet planes for use by the Argentine air force. The first of 50 of the light-weight, high performance Navy planes to be modified arrived here Thursday from the U.S. Naval Air Facility at Litchfield Park, Ariz.

The planes, capable of speed of 600 miles per hour, are being modified from the United States Navy contract under a \$7,180,200 contract between Douglas and Argentina.

THE CONTRACT calls for Tulsa-Douglas to inspect and modify 50 planes, and provide spare parts and technical support for five years. Deliveries of the reconditioned A4Bs are scheduled to begin in June.

On hand for the arrival of the first plane were Brig. Gen. Alberto Caracciolo, Argentine air attache at the Argentine Embassy, and Brig. Gen. Rafael Gandolfo, Argentine vice president-general manager of the Tulsa Douglas division. The Argentine Navy jets from the U.S. government. Douglas has a \$7,180,200 modification contract. Douglas will inspect and modify the 50 planes and provide spare parts and technical support for five years. The A4Bs, originally produced by Douglas, are light weight, high performance planes capable of speeds of 600 to 700 miles an hour. Deliveries are scheduled to begin in June.

Commander H. B. Irvine
Commanding Officer
Aircraft Ferry Squadron Thirty-Two
U. S. Naval Air Station, North Island
San Diego, California 92135

Dear Commander:

During a recent delivery of an A-4B to our facility, a member of your Command told me that you had not yet seen photographs of the Number 1 aircraft delivered here by LCDR D. R. Nothwang.

For your file, please find enclosed a set of pictures covering this event. I mailed a set in January, per a previous discussion, to LCDR Nothwang's attention; apparently, for some reason they failed to reach him. I have also again included a copy of the material used in the newspaper.

I regret that this material failed to reach your Command, and thank you for your patience in this matter.

—World Staff Photo

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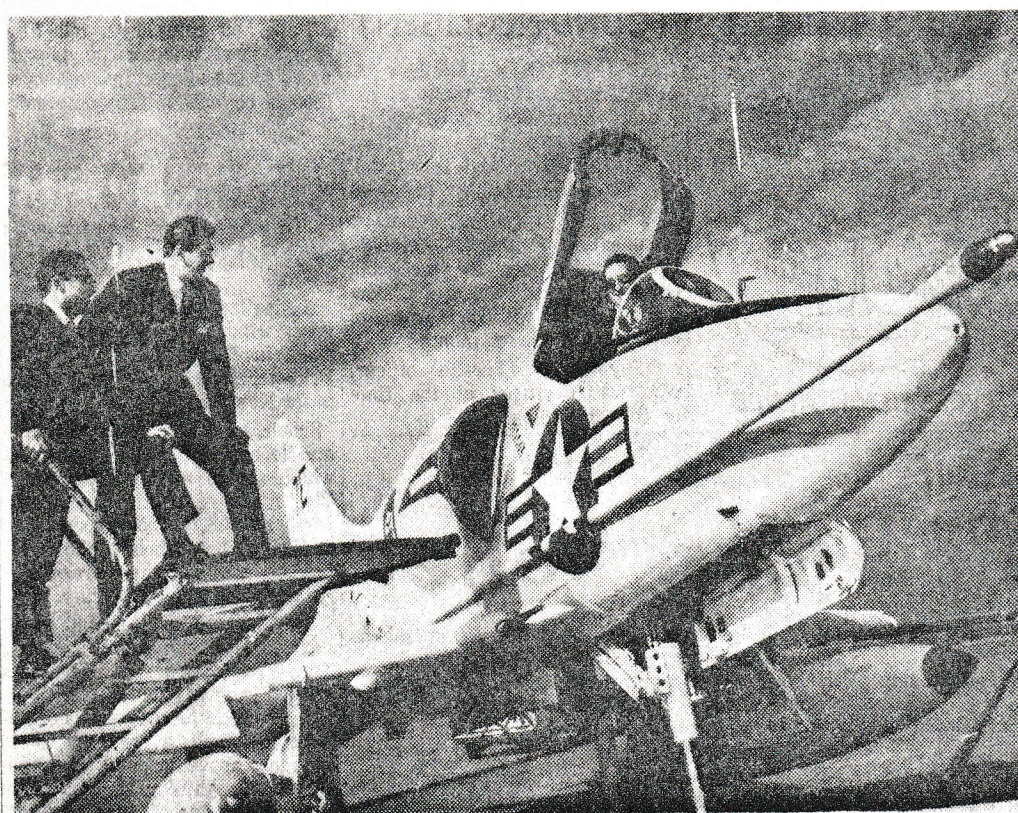
Yours very truly,

Douglas Aircraft Company, Inc.
AIRCRAFT MODIFICATION DIVISION

Jess M. Hightower
Public Relations Manager

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Enclosures



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COMMANDING OFFICER
AIRCRAFT FERRY SQUADRON THIRTY TWO

January 28, 1966

SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA 92136

26 January 1966

Douglas Aircraft Co.
Tulsa International Airport
Tulsa, Oklahoma

Lieutenant Commander D. R. Nothwang
United States Navy
VR-32 NAS North Island

San Diego, California
Dear Commander Nothwang: D. R. NOTHWANG of this Command delivered to your plant in Tulsa AAB Bureau Number 142799. This A4 was the first Dear Commander Nothwang: or rework and subsequent transfer to the Air Force of Argentina.

Sorry for the delay in forwarding release and photographs of your A-4B delivery, but several news releases trips have prevented me from returning to the office. Our vice president-general manager, Mr. Lee Howser of Aircraft asked that I convey his regards, and hope that you will return at some future date.

Thank you for your assistance on the photographs during the windy session, it is sincerely appreciated. And, I hope you will again pay us a visit. reports and the Squadron historical scrap book.

Yours very truly,

Thanking you in advance for your assistance, I remain
Douglas Aircraft Company, Inc.
AIRCRAFT MODIFICATION DIVISION

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Jess M. Hightower
Public Relations Manager

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Douglas Aircraft Co.
Tulsa International Airport
Tulsa, Oklahoma

On 30 December 1965 LCDR D. R. NOTHWANG of this Command delivered to your plant in Tulsa A4B Bureau Number 142799. This A4 was the first of its kind to be delivered for rework and subsequent transfer to the Air Force of Argentina.

Although the news value of the incident has been lost, it is requested that copies of the photographs, copies of the news releases, and names of dignitaries present be furnished this Command for use in required reports and the Squadron historical scrap book.

Yours truly,

H. B. Irving

H. B. IRVINE
Commander, U.S. Navy

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