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TULSA, OKLA., OCT. 2, 1969 -- A CONTRACT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1.1 MILLION WAS AWARDED MCDONNELL DOUGLAS CORPORATION'S TULSA DIVISION BY THE U. S. AIR FORCE FOR THE MODIFICATION OF 34 A-1 SKYRAIDER AIRCRAFT, LEE HOWSER, VICE PRESIDENT-GENERAL MANAGER ANNOUNCED TODAY.

MODIFICATION WILL INVOLVE STRUCTURAL IMPROVEMENTS. A

SIMILAR CONTRACT WAS AWARDED IN APRIL 1969 INVOLVING TWO AIRCRAFT.

THE FIRST AIRCRAFT HAVE BEEN FLOWN TO TULSA. WORK WILL

BEGIN IMMEDIATELY ON THE PROJECT.

PROGRAM MANAGEMENT IS BY SACRAMENTO AIR MATERIAL AREA, MCCLELLAN AIR FORCE BASE, CALIFORNIA.

THE A-1 SKYRAIDER WAS PRODUCED BY DOUGLAS FOR 12 YEARS,
BETWEEN 1945 AND 1957. IT HAS BECOME ONE OF HISTORY'S BEST
KNOWN AND MOST EFFECTIVE PROPELLER-DRIVEN AIRCRAFT.

BATTLE PROVEN IN THE KOREAN AND VIETNAM WARS, THE VENERABLE SKYRAIDER WAS PRODUCED IN SEVEN SERIES.