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CALL HARRY CALKINS  
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TO HARRY E CALKINS, G-13  
DOUGLAS NEWS BUREAU MANAGER

FROM J M HIGHTOWER, D-18  
D-A-1983

A-4B HAS ARRIVED AT TULSA DIVISION.

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SMA TUL WAS 12-29-65 540P

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TO JESS HIGHTOWER, TULSA OFFICE  
FROM HARRY CALKINS G-13  
CC TOM NELSON, WASHINGTON OFFICE

DOUGLAS AIRCRAFT CO.  
TULSA DIVISION

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FOLLOWING IS PROPOSED TEXT OF A-4B RELEASE. LET ME KNOW SOONEST  
OF ANY CHANGES AND ARRIVAL TIME OF AIRCRAFT SO WE CAN ESTABLISH A  
SIMULTANEOUS RELEASE TIME. AS WE AGREED, YOU WILL SERVICE AP AND UPI  
THERE.

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TULSA, OKLA., DEC. 30 -- FIRST OF 50 A-4B SKYHAWK JET PLANES  
WHICH WILL BE <sup>overhauled</sup> RECONDITIONED 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, ARIZ.

THE SKYHAWK LANDED AT THE DOUGLAS TULSA FACILITY AND WAS GREETED  
THERE BY BRIG. GEN. ALBERTO ~~██████████~~ CARACCIOLO ~~██████████~~, ARGENTINE AIR  
ATTACHE; <sup>Argentine Embassy, Wash. D.C.</sup> 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.

WAS SMA TUL 12-28-65 1745EST

G6-A-3032 G6-D-65

TO HARRY CALKINS G-13

FM TOM NELSON G6-13

CC R. J. DAVIS G

JESS HIGHTOWER, TUL

L. R. GUNDERSON C/O J. E. MILLER D-75

DOUGLAS AIRCRAFT CO.  
TULSA DIVISION

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DEFENSE DEPARTMENT HAS GIVEN US APPROVAL TODAY OF THE FOLLOWING REVISED VERSION OF OUR PROPOSED RELEASE ON RECONDITIONING OF A-4B'S AT TULSA FOR ARGENTINA. THEY DO NOT PLAN ANY RELEASE OF THEIR OWN. I WOULD SUGGEST THAT THIS BE MADE A FUTURE TENSE RELEASE FOR THURSDAY AM'S, INASMUCH AS THE FIRST DELIVERY IS SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY, BUT OF COURSE THIS IS SUBJECT TO LOCAL CONDITIONS. PLEASE KEEP US POSTED ON HOW YOU ARE GOING TO HANDLE THIS SO THAT WE CAN SERVICE LOCAL OUTLETS.

THE RELEASE AS O.K'D VERBALLY BY DOD IS AS FOLLOWS..."

DOUGLAS AIRCRAFT CO. ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT IT WILL RECONDITION 50 NAVY A-4B SKYHAWK JET PLANS AT TULSA, OKLA., FOR USE BY THE ARGENTINE AIR FORCE.

THE WORK WILL BE PERFORMED AT THE DOUGLAS AIRCRAFT MODIFICATION DIVISION, TULSA, UNDER A \$7,180,200 CONTRACT BETWEEN DOUGLAS AND THE GOVERNMENT OF ARGENTINA. THE U.S. GOVERNMENT IS SELLING THE PLANS TO ARGENTINA.



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OF 600 TO 700 MILES PER HOUR.

UNDER THE CONTRACT WITH ARGENTINA, DOUGLAS WILL INSPECT AND REPAIR  
THE 50 PLANES AS NECESSARY, AND PROVIDE SPARE PARTS AND TECHNICAL  
SUPPORT FOR FIVE YEARS. DELIVERIES OF THE RECONDITIONED  
PLANES 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 FOR OPERATIONS.

-- YOU ARE FREE TO REFER TO THE FIRST DELIVERY FROM LITCHFIELD PARK  
AND THE TULSA FESTIVITIES. THOSE ATTENDING FROM HERE WILL BE BRIG.  
GEN. ALBERT NUMA CARACCILO VILLEGAS, THE PRESENT ARGENTINE AIR ATTACHE.,  
BRIG. GEN. RAFAEL ANTONIO GANDOLFO, WHO WILL BECOME AIR ATTACHE HERE  
MARCH 1, AND L. R. GUNDERSON, MANAGER, INTERNATIONAL OPERATIONS,  
DAC, WASHINGTON.

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CONGLAS AIRCRAFT CO.  
TULSA DIVISION

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G6-C-1910 G6-A-3022 G6-D-62  
TO A. A. SCHIRMER C1-235  
FM L. R. GUNDERSON G6  
CC J. R. ALLEN G /WE DLVR/  
C. H. HARTLEY G-23  
O. L. HOWSER D  
R. E. MCDUGAL D-263  
J. E. MILLER D-75

HAVE BEEN IN TOUCH WITH CDR. RUGGEIRO OVER THE WEEKEND AND AGAIN THIS MORNING RELATIVE TO DELIVERY OF THE FIRST A-4B AIRCRAFT TO TULSA.

JOHN ADVISES THAT THE DOWN PAYMENT HAS BEEN RECEIVED BY THE U.S. GOVERNMENT FROM THE ARGENTINES AND, IN RESPONSE THEREFOR, CNO IS DIRECTING LITCHFIELD PARK TO DELIVER ONE A-4B. THIS MESSAGE WILL HOPEFULLY GET OUT OF THE PENTAGON TODAY.

INASMUCH AS GENERAL CARACCILO WISHES TO VISIT TULSA, WE ARE SCHEDULING HIS VISIT COMMENSURATE WITH THE DELIVERY OF THE FIRST AIRCRAFT. I HAVE ASKED FOR, AND JOHN RUGGEIRO HAS ASSURED, TWO DAYS NOTICE, WHICH IN CONVERSATION WITH GENERAL CARACCILO THIS MORNING IS ADEQUATE. I HAVE PROPOSED TO CNO THAT IF THE AIRCRAFT CAN NOT BE DELIVERED BY THURSDAY OF THIS WEEK THAT IT BE DELAYED UNTIL THE FIRST OF NEXT WEEK, PREFERABLY TUESDAY, DUE TO THE AIRLINE CONGESTION OF STUDENTS RETURNING TO SCHOOL AND OF COURSE THE NEW YEAR HOLIDAY SCHEDULE.

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WAS SMA TUL 12-29-65 1150EST

G6-A-3037 G6-D-66

TO HARRY CALKINS G-13

FM TOM NELSON G6-13

CC JESS HIGHTOWER TULSA D-180

L. R. GUNDERSON C/O J. E. MILLER D-75

DOUGLAS AIRCRAFT CO.  
TULSA DIVISION

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IN LAST PARAGRAPH OF MY TWX YESTERDAY RE ARGENTINE A-4BS, PLEASE  
CHANGE NAME IN 4TH LINE TO READ BRIG. GEN. RAFAEL ANTONIO