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FOLLOWING FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE..

SANTA MONICA, CALIF., MAY 2 -- AN ORDER FROM TRANS-CANADA AIR LINES FOR TWO ADDITIONAL DC-8 JET TRANSPORTS WAS ANNOUNCED TODAY BY DOUGLAS AIRCRAFT COMPANY.

TCA EXERCISED ITS OPTION TO INCREASE THE ORIGINAL PURCHASE OF FOUR LONG-RANGE, 550-MILE-AN-HOUR JETLINERS TO A TOTAL OF SIX AIRPLANES.

TODAY'S WAS THE FIRST RE-ORDER OF JET TRANSPORTS RECEIVED BY DOUGLAS. IT RAISES THE ANNOUNCED TOTAL OF DC-8S ORDERED BY 13 AIRLINES TO 121 VALUED AT \$620,000,000. THE COMPANY WILL PRODUCE ONE ADDITIONAL DC-8 FOR ITS OWN USE AS A DEMONSTRATOR AND FOR DEVELOPMENT FLYING.

DELIVERY OF TCA'S JET FLEET WILL BEGIN LATE IN 1959 AND SERVICE OVER TRANS-ATLANTIC AND TRANS-CONTINENTAL ROUTES WILL START IN 1960.

THE DC-8S TO BE PRODUCED FOR THE CANADIAN AIRLINE WILL BE POWERED BY ROLLS-ROYCE CONWAY TURBOJET ENGINES OF THE BY-PASS TYPE. THEY WILL CARRY 120 PASSENGERS FROM MONTREAL TO LONDON IN SIX HOURS AND TEN MINUTES AND FROM VANCOUVER TO TORONTO IN FOUR HOURS, TEN MINUTES.