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FROM RICHARD J DAVIS DIRECTOR-PUBLIC RELATIONS DOUGLAS AIRCRAFT CO

DONALD W. DOUGLAS, JR., PRESIDENT OF THE DOUGLAS AIRCRAFT COMPANY, ISSUED THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT TODAY..

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"THE DOUGLAS AIRCRAFT COMPANY CONCURS WITH THE ACTION OF THE FEDERAL AVIATION AGENCY IN ADDING TO THE FAA APPROVED AIRPLANE FLIGHT MANUAL, AND MAKING MANDATORY, HYDRAULIC SYSTEM PROCEDURES DESCRIBED IN THE DC-8 OPERATIONS MANUAL PRODUCED BY DOUGLAS.

"WE ARE DEEPLY DISTRESSED BY THE UNFORTUNATE ACCIDENT AT DENVER, AND, PENDING FINAL DETERMINATION OF ITS CAUSE, WE CONSIDER THE FAA ACTION CONSTRUCTIVE. OUR ENGINEERING AND FLIGHT EXPERTS HAVE BEEN, AND WILL CONTINUE TO WORK CLOSELY WITH FEDERAL AND AIRLINE OFFICIALS INVESTIGATING THAT ACCIDENT.

"THE VARIOUS SYSTEMS IN THE DC-8 HAVE BEEN DESIGNED TO PERMIT
THE AIRPLANE TO BE OPERATED EVEN IF A MALFUNCTION SHOULD OCCUR.

MORE THAN THREE YEARS OF FLYING THE DC-8 UNDER ALL CONDITIONS GIVES
US COMPLETE CONFIDENCE IN THE VALIDITY OF THESE DESIGN FEATURES."

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