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FOLLOWING FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE..

JAPAN AIR LINES HAS DECIDED TO PURCHASE ITS FIFTH DC-8 JETLINER FROM THE DOUGLAS AIRCRAFT COMPANY, IT WAS DISCLOSED BY THE AIRLINE FOLLOWING ACTION BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS TODAY.

JAL WILL START TAKING DELIVERY OF ITS FIRST FOUR DC-8 AIRPLANES FROM DOUGLAS BEGINNING NEXT JUNE 1 FOR THE COMPANY'S TRANS-PACIFIC SERVICE TO BE INAUGURATED IN JULY THIS YEAR.

THE FIFTH DC-8, EQUIPPED WITH THE PRATT AND WHITNEY JT4A/9 ENGINES WILL BE DELIVERED TO JAL IN MAY, 1961. THE ADDITIONAL DC-8 IS REQUIRED FOR THE COMPANY'S SERVICE FROM TOKYO TO EUROPE OVER THE NORTH POLE TO BEGIN SOMETIME IN 1961.

A JAL SPOKESMAN SAID THE AIRLINE WILL SIGN ITS PURCHASE CONTRACT WITH DOUGLAS AFTER OBTAINING THE OFFICIAL APPROVAL OF THE GOVERNMENT.

THE FIFTH DC-8 WILL ENABLE JAL TO OPERATE NINE FLIGHTS A WEEK TRANS-PACIFIC JET SERVICE, TWICE A WEEK JET FLIGHTS BETWEEN TOKYO AND HONG KONG, PLUS TWICE A WEEK JET SERVICE FROM TOKYO TO EUROPE OVER THE POLE, THE AIRLINE OFFICIAL ADDED.

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