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LONG BEACH, CALIF., NOV. 12 -- DELTA AIR LINES TODAY TOOK DELIVERY OF A SIXTH DC-8 TO CONCLUDE ITS CURRENT ORDERS FOR THE DOUGLAS JETLINERS.

THE BLUE-STRIPED TRANSPORT WAS ACCEPTED BY J F NYCUM, WEST COAST ENGINEERING REPRESENTATIVE FOR DELTA, AND FLOWN AWAY BY A CREW HEADED BY CAPTAIN LEE MC BRIDE.

DELTA RECEIVED ITS FIRST JETLINER LAST JULY AND INAUGURATED COMMERCIAL SERVICE SEPTEMBER 18 BETWEEN NEW YORK CITY AND ATLANTA.

THE FINAL DELTA DC-8, A DOMESTIC MODEL POWERED BY PRATT & WHITNEY JT3 ENGINES, WAS THE 14TH DELIVERED BY DOUGLAS AND THE 32ND TO ROLL OFF THE FINAL ASSEMBLY LINE. EIGHT DOMESTIC MODEL DC-8S HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN DELIVERED TO UNITED AIR LINES.

AS THE SLEEK JETLINER ZIPPED OFF FROM LONG BEACH MUNICIPAL AIRPORT, WORK WAS UNDERWAY ON SHIP NUMBER 83 IN THE DOUGLAS SUB-ASSEMBLY BUILDING NEARBY.

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