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FOLLOWING FOR RELEASE MONDAY OCTOBER 12...

TOKYO, OCT. 12 -- THREE INTERNATIONAL AIRLINES AND ONE DOMESTIC CARRIER ALREADY HAVE RE-ORDERED DC-8S AND THE IMMEDIATE SUCCESS OF THE DOUGLAS JETLINER IN THE FIRST MONTH OF COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS IS EXPECTED TO RESULT IN FURTHER ORDERS AND RE-ORDERS.

THIS WAS REVEALED TODAY BY DOUGLAS AIRCRAFT COMPANY PRESIDENT DONALD W. DOUGLAS, JR., IN A MESSAGE TO THE OPENING SESSION OF THE INTERNATIONAL AIR TRANSPORT ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEETING HERE.

DOUGLAS SAID CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS INDICATE THAT THE TOTAL NUMBER OF DC-8S PURCHASED IS EXPECTED TO BE INCREASED BY 25 IN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS.

FIRST AIRLINE TO PLACE A REPEAT ORDER WAS UNITED AIR LINES, WHICH INCREASED ITS ORIGINAL CONTRACT FOR 30 DC-8S TO 40. OF THE INTERNATIONAL CARRIERS, KLM ROYAL DUTCH AIRLINE WAS THE FIRST TO SIGN A CONTRACT WHICH ADDED FOUR TRANSPORTS TO ITS INITIAL PURCHASE OF EIGHT INTERCONTINENTAL MODELS.

TWO OTHER INTERNATIONAL AIRLINES ALSO HAVE INCREASED THEIR DC-8 FLEETS BY A TOTAL OF SEVEN AIRCRAFT, DOUGLAS REVEALED. THESE UNANNOUNCED ORDERS AND NEGOTIATIONS WITH PRESENT AND NEW CUSTOMERS ARE EXPECTED TO ADD UP TO 25 AIRCRAFT TO THE CURRENT TOTAL OF 143 DC-8S PURCHASED BY 18 AIRLINES.

IN HIS GREETING TO THE MEMBERS OF IATA OPENING THEIR 15TH GENERAL MEETING IN TOKYO, DOUGLAS SAID..

"THE VISION OF THE IATA AIRLINES AND THEIR COOPERATIVE ENDEAVORS ARE LARGELY RESPONSIBLE FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF HIGHER

STANDARDS OF INTERNATIONAL AIR TRANSPORTATION EACH SUCCEEDING YEAR.

"WITH THE INTRODUCTION OF JET TRANSPORTS, YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES AND OPPORTUNITIES WILL BE EVEN GREATER. THE VIGOR AND COURAGE WITH WHICH THE INTERNATIONAL CARRIERS ARE MEETING THE CHALLENGE OF TURBINE TRANSPORT OPERATIONS, HOWEVER, IS A DEFINITE INDICATION THAT THEY WILL CONTINUE THEIR FORWARD PROGRESS. "

THE TYPE CERTIFICATE FOR THE INITIAL DOMESTIC MODEL DC-8, POWERED BY THE PRATT & WHITNEY AIRCRAFT JT-3 ENGINE, WAS AWARDED ON AUGUST 31 AND SERVICE WAS STARTED SIMULTANEOUSLY BY UNITED AND DELTA AIRLINES ON SEPTEMBER 18.

CERTIFICATION OF DOMESTIC AND INTERCONTINENTAL VERSIONS EQUIPPED WITH MORE POWERFUL JT-4 ENGINES IS EXPECTED IN DECEMBER AND AN INTERCONTINENTAL MODEL USING ROLLS-ROYCE CONWAY ENGINES IS SCHEDULED TO RECEIVE ITS TYPE CERTIFICATE IN FEBRUARY, 1960.

ALL MODELS ARE IDENTICAL IN SIZE AND GENERAL ARRANGEMENT, DIFFERING ONLY IN THEIR POWER PLANTS AND IN GREATER ALLOWABLE TAKE-OFF GROSS WEIGHTS TO ACCOMMODATE FUEL FOR LONGER RANGES.