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FOLLOWING MUST BE HELD FOR TELEPHONE AUTHORIZATION TO RELEASE.
WE EXPECT RELEASE IN TIME FOR PUBLICATION IN A.M. PAPERS OF AUGUST 25.

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TYPE CERTIFICATE FOR THE DC-8 JETLINER WILL BE PRESENTED PERSONALLY TO DONALD W. DOUGLAS BY FAA ADMINISTRATOR ELWOOD R. QUESADA ON AUGUST 31, DOUGLAS AIRCRAFT COMPANY ANNOUNCED TODAY.

ISSUANCE OF THE FAA CERTIFICATE, ONE MONTH AHEAD OF THE ORIGINAL TARGET DATE, WILL PAVE THE WAY FOR AMERICA'S NEWEST AND MOST ADVANCED JET TRANSPORT TO ENTER COMMERCIAL SERVICE.

DOUGLAS, FOUNDER AND BOARD CHAIRMAN, AND A GROUP OF HIS COMPANY'S TOP EXECUTIVES WILL FLY TO WASHINGTON FOR THE CERTIFICATION CEREMONY TO BE HELD AT NEARBY FRIENDSHIP AIRPORT, BALTIMORE.

COMPANY PRESIDENT DONALD W. DOUGLAS, JR., ALSO WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM EXPECTED TO BE WITNESSED BY REPRESENTATIVES OF DOMESTIC AIRLINES WHICH WILL OPERATE THE DC-8 AND BY GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS INTERESTED IN CIVIL AVIATION.

FOLLOWING THE CEREMONY, THE DC-8 CARRYING THE DOUGLAS PARTY WILL BE FLOWN TO NEW YORK'S IDLEWILD AIRPORT FOR DEMONSTRATION ON SEPT. 1, TO AVIATION EXECUTIVES, MEMBERS OF THE FINANCIAL COMMUNITY AND REPRESENTATIVES OF PUBLIC INFORMATION MEDIA.

FAA CERTIFICATION IS A NECESSARY FORMALITY BEFORE INITIAL DOMESTIC MODELS OF THE DC-8, POWERED BY PRATT & WHITNEY AIRCRAFT JT3 ENGINES,

