

YYFFFB

A-D-719

AUG 13 1959

1154AM

TO JESS HIGHTOWER

FROM H K GAGOS

FOLLOWING FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE..

LONG BEACH, CALIF., AUG 13 -- A DC-8 JETLINER STREAKED 2560 STATUTE MILES FROM LONG BEACH TO MONTREAL IN FOUR HOURS AND 12 MINUTES, DOUGLAS TEST PILOT BILL SMITH REPORTED TODAY ON HIS RETURN TO LONG BEACH.

AVERAGE FLYING SPEED, TIMED FROM CONTROL TOWER TO CONTROL TOWER, WAS 610 MILES PER HOUR. TAKE-OFF TO TOUCHDOWN TIME FOR THE FLIGHT WAS FOUR HOURS AND 45 MINUTES, INCLUDING A 30-MINUTE LANDING DELAY BECAUSE OF TRAFFIC AT MONTREAL.

THE FLIGHT WAS MADE IN AN INTERCONTINENTAL MODEL DC-8 POWERED BY PRATT & WHITNEY AIRCRAFT JT4 ENGINES AS PART OF THE OFFICIAL FAA CERTIFICATION TEST PROGRAM.

AMONG THE 22 CREW MEMBERS AND OBSERVERS ABOARD WERE SIX FAA OFFICIALS HEADED BY TEST PILOT JOHN FRANCEK. B. A. FOULDS, DOUGLAS

ORIGINAL AIRCRAFT CO
TULSA DIVISION

1959 AUG 13 PM 1 02

TELETYPE

CHIEF TEST PILOT, WAS CO-PILOT AND S. V. GENTILE, SYSTEMS OPERATOR.

FINAL LEG OF A 6000-MILE PROVING FLIGHT, BY WAY OF VANCOUVER, B.C.
WAS COMPLETED TODAY.

END TKS SW

OM

TU OPR TU OPR

TO JESS HIGHTONEN

V-D-113

VNC 12 1323

1126VN

AALLLB

FORM 805 THE STANDARD REGISTER CO., BATTY 1, OHIO, U. S. A. STANLOCK PAT. PEND.