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FYI FOLLOWING RELEASE FOR DECEMBER 30 PAPERS ..

AN ORDER FROM NORTHWEST ORIENT AIRLINES FOR FIVE EXTENDED-RANGE VERSIONS OF THE DC-8 JETLINER, AT A TOTAL COST OF \$37,845,000, ANNOUNCED TODAY.

SIGNED IN ST. PAUL BY NORTHWEST PRESIDENT DONALD W. NYROP AND IN SANTA MONICA BY DOUGLAS VICE PRESIDENT-SALES NAT PASCHALL, THE PURCHASE AGREEMENT GIVES THE AIRLINE AN OPTION TO BUY FOUR ADDITIONAL DC-85.

COST OF EACH JETLINER, ANNOUNCEMENT SAID, WILL BE \$5,780,000, WITH SPARES MAKING TOTAL INVOLVED \$37,850,000. DOUGLAS WILL ACCEPT FIVE DC-7CS AS "TRADE INS" OR ON A SALE BASIS TOWARD PURCHASE PRICE. / NOTE. COMPANY NOT RELEASING UNIT PRICE OF TRADEIN AIRCRAFT/

NORTHWEST"S DC-8S FEATURE FILLET FUEL TANKS WHICH RAISE CAPACITY BY 5,707 GALLONS TO TOTAL OF 23,307 AND MAKE GROSS WEIGHT 310,000 POUNDS. RANGE OF MORE THAN 5000 MILES WILL PERMIT NON-STOP TRANS-PACIFIC OPERATIONS.

FIRST NORTHWEST DC-8 TO BE DELIVERED IN SPRING OF 1960. CURRENT TOTAL SALES 140 TO 18 AIRLINES. REGARDS.