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To: Deputy Director,  
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Attn: Maj. E.H. Wynn  
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Proc. Div. (WF) was advised on 9 Jan. 1945 that Douglas did not desire to deliver any more A-26 airplanes until several items of powerplant rework were completed. These changes reduced the possibilities of fires and prevented engine cut out during take-off. Approval was granted to stop deliveries. Deliveries at Douglas-Long Beach were resumed on 12 Jan. 1945 and at Douglas-Tulsa on 13 Jan. 1945.

A-26 Airplanes -- Power Plant Rework

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Attn: Major E.H. Wynn

1. With regard to paragraph 15.b. of the minutes of the Division Chief's meeting, 11 Jan 45, the following information is submitted regarding A-26 power plant rework and effect on tactical availability:

a. On 9 Jan 45, the AAFHS, Douglas Long Beach, advised Procurement Division via telephone that Douglas did not desire to deliver any additional A-26 airplanes from Long Beach or Tulsa until 7 items of power plant rework were accomplished. These items involve changes to reduce possibilities of fires and prevent engine cut-out during take-off. Douglas had recommended these changes as result of investigation of several accidents.

b. Immediate verbal approval was given the Douglas recommendations, and this was confirmed by teletype. Approval of Engineering Division was obtained.

c. At the time deliveries were stopped, the contractor estimated that they could be resumed 12 January. Deliveries at Long Beach were resumed 12 Jan 45 and were resumed the following day at Tulsa. Tactical availability during the first two quarters has been adversely affected by bad flying weather and the above changes. For the entire month, however, the overall tactical availability will not be affected by these changes. Material Division, M & S, has been advised that the overall monthly tactical availability will not be affected by subject rework.

d. Maintenance Division has been in direct contact with the contractor regarding the changes and has issued teletype instructions on the two most urgent items which involve disconnecting the emergency preheat and inspection of fuel hose and connections. Technical Orders will be issued on these and the remainder of the Douglas changes considered sufficiently important by Maintenance Division.

e. In addition to changes already accomplished at the factories, Douglas is taking action to replace aluminum alloy fuel lines with steel lines and use improved aromatic resistant fuel hose. This program will not involve further delivery delays.

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