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## U.S. ARMY PURCHASES TWO DE HAVILLAND DHC-6 TWIN OTTER AIRCRAFT

The Solicitor General of Canada, the Honourable Robert Kaplan, on behalf of the Minister for International Trade, the Honourable Ed Lumley, announced today that Canadian Commercial Corporation has received a \$3.4 million (U.S.) contract from the U.S. Army for two of the famed de Havilland STOL utility aircraft. The procurement was made by the U.S. Army under the terms of the Canada/U.S. Defence Production Sharing Agreement. This order pushes de Havilland sales of Twin Otters over the 800 mark.

The planes will be based in Anchorage, Alaska for use by the Alaskan National Guard in support of Guard operations and Eskimo scout units, as well as for search and rescue missions. There are more than 80 de Havilland Twin Otters operating in the military service of 18 countries throughout the world.

Canadian Commercial Corporation contracts with foreign governments and international agencies on behalf of Canadian suppliers of goods and services. In 1981-82, CCC achieved sales of over \$550 million, involving 435 Canadian firms and more than 50 foreign customers and International Agencies.

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