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From: Chief of Naval Operations
To: All Ships, Stations and Units Concerned with Naval Aircraft

Subject: F7U-2, F3D-2, TO-2 Aircraft Model Designations; Establishment of.

1. The model designation F7U-2 is hereby established. The F7U-2 is being built by the Chance Vought Aircraft Corporation and is basically similar to the F7U-1. It will differ from the F7U-1 in certain internal structural redesign necessary to provide increased strength to meet new Bureau of Aeronautics Requirements.

2. The model designation F3D-2 is hereby established. The F3D-2 is being built by the Douglas Aircraft Company and is basically similar to the F3D-1. It will differ from the F3D-1 in the following respects:

   (a) Improved automatic pilot.
   (b) Revised fuel system.
   (c) Revised instrument panel.
   (d) Bullet-resistant windshield of greater thickness.

3. The model designation TO-2 is hereby established. This is the Navy's designation for the U. S. Air Force model TF-80C. The TO-2 is a two seat, jet propelled, land based airplane developed from the TO-1 and manufactured by the Lockheed Aircraft Corporation. A limited quantity of TO-2's is being purchased for utility work in special projects and for pilot training in the Fleet.

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