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Big day in the life of Britains first Comet 4 Queen of the Air -
She's officially handed over to BOAC. And big surprise for the
airline - not one but two Comets ready for Atlantic service way ahead
of schedule, with a third on the way.

Now it's a battle. Who'll be first with that jet service to New
York. Comet 4 of America's giant Boeing 707 - in London recently
for noise tests... ..

With 50000 miles of recordbreaking proving flights behind her,
Comet 4 goes into commercial service the most thoroughly tested
air^{craft} in the world - ready to make good the hopes never
realised with the first Comets. BOAC recieved her from
~~Sir Geoffrey~~ DeHavilland.....(SOUND)

With a 100 hours flying already chalked up Sir Geoffrey ^{DeHavilland} handed
over the big planes certificate of airworthiness...

Now the race is on... ..

Sir Geoffrey
does not make
this speech