BRANIFF FLAG TO FLY ALL DAY AT 7701 LEMMON AVENUE OMB FOR 60TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION - Braniff Airways Foundation will place a Braniff flag that will fly all day this coming Thursday, October 4, 2018 at the Braniff International Operations and Maintenance to honor the 60th Anniversary of the building. Braniff began operations at 7701 60 years ago this week.

On October 3, 1958, the Dallas-based Airline began moving its operations and maintenance facilities from the Roanoke Drive Base and Lockheed T-19 Hangars, located where the current Love Field Terminal Building is today, to the spectacular new Braniff International Airways Operations and Maintenance Base on the east side of the airport along Lemmon Avenue. Just after midnight on October 4, 1958, the first Braniff flight was dispatched from the facility and three days later a special dedication ceremony was held to officially open the building.

Braniff Airways Foundation will present the amazing history of this special Braniff building throughout this week. The flag raising will occur on Thursday morning, October 4, 2018, and it will be in place until later that evening when a special Board Member tour of the facility will be conducted. A full tour of the building will be presented in October 2019 when a majority of the current restoration of the historic facility will be completed.

The Braniff flag that will be flown on Thursday has already flown over another very important BI building. In September 2016, the flag was raised over Braniff Place World Headquarters at DFW Airport during the Second Braniff History and Architecture, which was presented by Braniff Airways Foundation and Preservation Dallas. The Third Braniff History and Architecture Conference will be held on September 14, 2019, at Braniff Place World Headquarters.

Photo: Part of the restoration of 7701 calls for a drive-thru from Lemmon Avenue to the center of the building. To achieve this, a tunnel with retaining walls is being dug, which is scheduled to be completed during October 2018. A large culvert was removed to make way for the drive-thru. The culvert contained the infrastructure for the famed Braniff Drive-In Ticket facility that was located where the new drive-thru begins.

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