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1. Boeing S-307, NX19901—one of four S-307 Stratoliners built for Pan Am.
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2. Stratoliner Manufacturing Plant. Only 10 Stratoliners were built (three for Pan Am, five for TWA, and one was supplied to Howard Hughes).
3. Bedtime in the 307 Stratoliner's 12-foot wide cabin consisted of berths and drop-down sleeping. *Photos 2 and 3: © Boeing, All Rights Reserved.*