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15. SUMMARY: (C/NFD) According to report, the French jet trainer MS760 currently operates only in VTR (visual) conditions because of some operational difficulties.

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1. (C/NFD) According to Col. LEBRE, Commandant of the Aeronautical School at Campo dos Afonsos, the MS760 jet trainer is restricted to visual flights because of operational troubles (icing conditions in weather). He indicated a French maintenance officer had visited his base recently to look into the problems. Col. LEBRE indicated the French had some 300 technical modifications for the aircraft, however, the Brazilian Air Force had not accomplished any of the modifications. According to the report, the French officer showed some interest in possibly buying these planes back from Brazil. There are some 28 MS760's in Brazil - five are located at Campo dos Afonsos.

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COMMENT (C/NFD): No reason was given for French interests in buying the MS760 back from Brazil, however, it is not unreasonable to assume that the deal might be a part of the overall Mirage French offer, with aircraft assembly plant, etc. The RO took a short flight in the aircraft from Campo dos Afonsos to Santos Dumont with an instructor pilot. The aircraft response is very similar to that of the T-33, but the landing roll is much shorter.

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