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THE FOLLOWING 61-34 FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE..

LONG BEACH, CALIF., MARCH 24 -- PANAIR DO BRASIL TODAY JOINED THE WORLD'S FAMILY OF JET TRANSPORT OPERATORS WHEN IT TOOK DELIVERY OF TWO DC-8 AIRLINERS.

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TWO SERIES 30 DOUGLAS JETS, POWERED BY PRATT & WHITNEY AIRCRAFT JT-4 ENGINES, WERE FLOWN TO MIAMI WHERE THEY WERE ACCEPTED BY THE SOUTH AMERICAN AIR CARRIER.

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PANAIR BECOMES THE 18TH AIRLINE TO TAKE DELIVERY OF DC-8S AND THE TWO AIRCRAFT THEY RECEIVED RAISED TOTAL DELIVERIES OF THE DOUGLAS JETS TO 122.

FIRST OF THE NEW TRANSPORTS WAS FLOWN FROM MIAMI TO RIO DE JANEIRO TODAY AND THE SECOND IS SCHEDULED TO LEAVE MARCH 28.

AN INTERESTING SIDELIGHT OF THE DELIVERY WAS THE FIRST OPERATIONAL USE OF A "FIFTH POD" TO CARRY A SPARE ENGINE FROM MIAMI TO RIO. THE FIFTH POD IS A DOUGLAS-DESIGNED METHOD OF TRANSPORTING AN EXTRA ENGINE BY ATTACHING IT BENEATH THE WING BETWEEN THE LEFT INBOARD ENGINE AND THE FUSELAGE. BOTH PANAIR DO BRASIL DC-8S WERE EQUIPPED WITH THE EXTRA, BUT INOPERATIVE, ENGINE.