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1713L/22:13Z (Aircraft is clear of the Bravo, South of St. Cloud with a new controller)

13:

-Need to give you a turn for restricted area

-P/ready

-15 left and say heading?

-After a pause, Say heading a second time?

-P/heading 310

14:

-got you 500 ft low, 6000 is assigned

-p/"I've got the field in sight" —at this time the pilot is 1.5 to 2 hrs south of filed destination Bemidji

-Ah, 57w show you going to Bemidji? Do you want to land sooner?

-p/Bemidji is my destination

15:

-Roger, still show you 500 feet low are you having trouble maintaining altitude?

-p/uh, negative

-altimeter given/good read back

16:

-Still showing you at 5500?

-Would you like a lower altitude? Pilot does not respond to this

17:

-Fly heading 020 to avoid restricted area

-p/rt 020

-Now show you level at 6000—Thank you

19:

-I show you climbing now through 6400?

-p/mumbled response

-Are you having any issues? Would you like to land sooner than Bemidji?

-p/that would be great to land at Bemidji

20:

-You want to continue to Bemidji?

-p/affirmative

20 seconds later; radar shows the pilot has continued a climb to 6600 ft

-57W I am going to have you land at St. Cloud, it is at your 11 o'clock, descend to 3500 ft (note time of this descent given)

-p/reads back 3500

21:

- Got wx at KSTC for you
- p/ready for it
- Wx given and altimeter
- p/copy (no altimeter read back)
- Advise field insight
- p/you drop me to 3500, call field
- Call in sight
- p/roger

22:

- Expect visual 13
- p/rwy 13

23:

(The Pilot is still at 6000 ft now flying over KSTC)

- I still have you on a heading of 020, do you want to put St Cloud in, or do you want vectors
- p/if you would go ahead and vector me
- Hdg 320
- p/hdg 320
- Turn as slow as you need getting back to the airport

24: (aircraft is still at 5200 ft)

- Can you fly left hdg 270?
- p/left 270

25: (aircraft at 5000, 3500 has been assigned for over 5 minutes)

26: (aircraft at 4800)

- 57W your doing a great job, airport at 9 o'clock 6 miles
- p/looking for the field
- Hdg 250

-p/250 on hdg now

27: (aircraft at 4600 ft)

- Are you able to keep your descent going? If so descend maintain 3200
- p/three thousand two hundred
- Heading 250

-p/copy

28: (aircraft at 4400 ft)

-Fly 200

-p/200 on heading

-Start slow left turn I will let you know when to straighten out

29: (aircraft at 4000 ft)

- Airport 9 o'clock 7 miles
- p/field in sight
- Clear visual 13
- p/cleared 13

30:

- 6 miles NW
- p/field in sight

-tower freq given

-p/freq readback///Before you go give me a number I can call

-You want our number?

-p/affirmative

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-p/reads back/ I appreciate the help going to tower (on the tape the voice tone changed, it picked up life on this call)

35:

Atc controller is notified that the aircraft is on the ground taxiing—“Oh good, Thank you”

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