

Summary of World Broadcasts, 10 May 1979

Reported defection of two Mozambican conscripts (Text) Two members of the so-called People's Forces for the Liberation of Mozambique [FPLM] have surrendered to the Mozambican national resistance forces, because they felt they had been betrayed by Samora Machel's communist regime. The FPLM members are Jose Jorge of Lichinga [Niassa Province] and Manuel Antonio of Inhambane. The two Mozambicans told the resistance that they had been conscripted into the compulsory military service, and that after their training they had been handed over to Robert Mugabe's forces to fight inside Zimbabwe. Jose Jorge categorically stated that he did not want to be a mercenary, and this was the reason why he escaped from Zimbabwe and surrendered to the Mozambican national resistance. For his part, Manuel Antonio said that he would prefer to die for a just cause while fighting in the resistance ranks than to work for Mugabe's mercenaries. ("Voice of Free Africa" in Portuguese for Mozambique 1630 gmt 8 May 79)