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**Mozambican account of proposals for analysis of black boxes (ME/8415/ii)** An official source in Mozambique has disclosed that the international commission of inquiry into the plane crash on 19th October which killed President Machel adopted a proposal during its meeting on 10th November in Maputo on what to do with the plane's flight recorders, according to the Mozambican agency and the Pan-African agency on 13th November. The proposals were taken to Pretoria by the South African delegation for submission to the Botha government. The Mozambican source did not specify the details of the proposals and the commission is awaiting a South African response.

On 12th November, South African television reported that several members of staff at Maputo airport who had been on duty in the control tower on the night that Machel died had been arrested. The television cited two "unconfirmed reports" that they had been arrested last week, following accusations that communications equipment at the airport used during bad weather had not been switched on at the time of the accident. Maputo radio issued a denial of this report on 12th November, stating that nobody had been detained in connection with the investigations into the plane crash.