

## MOZAMBIQUE

### **Government Wants Machel Death Inquiry Continued**

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[Text] An official source told AIM today that the Mozambican Government does not consider the investigations into the causes of President Samora Machel's death closed, despite the South African Government saying they had concluded their investigation.

The South African investigation commission, headed by Judge Cecil Margo, announced their conclusions on Thursday during a news conference in Johannesburg. The commission stated that the main cause of the Mozambican presidential plane crash in Mbuzini on 19 October 1986 was crew negligence.

Mozambique has been insisting that the investigation continue so that it can be verified whether or not a false radio signal from a VOR [very high-frequency omnidirectional radio range] caused the plane to deviate from its normal route, and also to discover the location and nature of this VOR.

On the same matter, the Soviet commission which investigated the cause of the plane crash that killed Machel yesterday (?rejected) South African conclusions that it had been due to the human error of the crew. In a statement issued in Moscow, the investigation commission affirmed that the report presented by South Africa is another political maneuver to deceive public opinion. According to the statement, the Soviet experts who investigated the case repeatedly stated that no error of the crew could explain the route deviation to South Africa. The Moscow document affirms that the plane carrying President Samora Machel was flying a route adjusted to the Maputo control tower frequency, but that another stronger radio signal with the same frequency caused the route deviation.