

**Late Mozambican President's brothers deny Pik Botha's statement on his death (ME/0293 ii)** Boaventura and Orlando Machel, brothers of late President Samora Machel, had "strongly denied telling South Africa's Foreign Minister Roelof Botha that Pretoria was innocent of the plane crash which killed the Mozambican leader in 1986", Maputo radio reported on 27th October. They had dismissed his remarks as "propaganda and lies" and said that they had not even discussed their brother's death with Botha, much less its cause. Botha had said he was "very sorry" about the death, to which the brothers had not replied. The

Mozambican government's inquiry into the plane crash was continuing "although the South African authorities refuse to co-operate", the radio said. 186