

US 'may talk to Mozambique rebels' says Cohen *Southscan 5/7/89*

US AFRICA ENVOY Herman Cohen indicated before his visit to South Africa that the US is seeking a role in what it sees as the developing Mozambican peace process. In an international press linkup, Cohen said the US would be prepared to talk to rebels of the Mozambican National Resistance (MNR/Renamo).

There would be policy continuity on Angola and Mozambique, except that in Mozambique "we are prepared to go in more deeply than the Reagan administration and possibly talk to the Renamo group if president (Joaquim) Chissano considers this useful to his efforts to bring peace to the country."

There would also be greater consultation and multilateral initiatives with other industrialised countries, like Britain, West Germany and Portugal, he said.