

Mozambique: Chissano says S African government does not support MNR; De Klerk calls for end to violence (ME/0513 ii) Following three-and-a-half hours of talks on 19th July Mozambique's President Chissano and South Africa's National Party leader, F.W. de Klerk gave a news conference at which Chissano said that the South African government "does not want and does not support the armed bandits in Mozambique", but that somebody continued to give them support from inside South Africa, Radio Mozambique (Maputo) reported. Chissano added that it was difficult at this time to state that supplies from South Africa had stopped, and mentioned as an example speculation about the allegedly South African pilot whose aircraft was shot down over Gorongosa a few days ago. The President also said that if there was a "definite move away from discrimination in South Africa", the country could become part of a regional group of southern African countries. Speaking at the same news conference, De Klerk said that "Renamo should, in our view, stop violence and become involved in the positive and peaceful development of Mozambique". He added, in response to a question on measures being taken inside South Africa to control support for the MNR, that it was "almost impossible to prevent every single action", but that further action would be taken once "concrete information" had been received.

Also on 19th July the South African agency reported that De Klerk had turned down an invitation from US Secretary of State James Baker to visit the USA. A statement issued by Foreign Minister Pik Botha said that "elements within the American Congress" were "intent on making the visit as controversial as possible" and that due to De Klerk's busy schedule, he would not make the visit before the September general elections. 21/7/89