

**Soviet delegation's activities in Mozambique (ME/8400/ii)** The Soviet party and state delegation led by Geydar Aliyev, member of the Politburo of the CPSU Central Committee and First Deputy Chairman of the USSR Council of Ministers, held talks in Maputo on 26th October with People's Assembly Secretary Marcelino dos Santos, Foreign Minister Joaquim Chissano and Defence Minister Alberto Chipande, Tass reported. During the talks, which were held in an atmosphere of "comradeship and complete mutual understanding", the Mozambican side had said it would continue to strengthen relations with the USSR, based on the treaty of friendship and co-operation between the two countries. The Pan-African agency reported that when Chissano met the 40-strong Soviet delegation he had said "that we know the death of President Samora Machel was the work of the enemy".

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