

S African minister denies prior knowledge of journalist's visit to MNR camp (ME/0046 ii) The South African government had no prior knowledge of a South African journalist's visit to a Mozambique National Resistance movement (MNR) camp near Maputo, according to Foreign Minister Pik Botha, cited by the South African agency on 11th January. His statement followed Mozambican charges that the journalist's visit was "a gross and flagrant violation" of the Nkomati accord. Botha said that the Mozambicans were under a misapprehension as to the nature of the privately-owned press in South Africa; the South African government could not accept responsibility for the political views of private newspapers. The Foreign Minister said that President Chissano's allegations that South Africa was responsible for the death of the late Mozambican President Samora Machel "was a clear breach of the Nkomati accord." The South African minister also said that ANC infiltration into South Africa from Mozambique was still taking place in breach of the accord. ME/0047 ii 13/1/88