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Thought you might be interested in this. Can you pass it on to Rob?
Thanks, Bill....

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WASHINGTON

U.S. Assistant Secretary George Moose arrives in Maputo Wednesday seeking to persuade both parties to begin the troop demobilization process next month and pressing for another Chissano-Dhlakama face to face meeting. On his first trip to Mozambique since his confirmation as the Clinton administration's Assistant Secretary of State for Africa, Moose will meet with Joaquim Chissano in Maputo and then travel up country to look at UN operations and meet with Afonso Dhlakama in Maringue.

"The process is moving forward, but slowly," said one Administration source here in describing the U.S. view of the peace process. "Everyone been a bit disappointed at how slowly its been moving forward." But officials here note the initial timetable in the Rome accords was unrealistic for what is the forth largest UN peacekeeping operation in the world. The UN forces are now almost fully deployed.

The establishment this month of a 6 to 10 million dollar UN Trust Fund to support Renamo's delegation in Maputo involved in the formal peacekeeping process will, officials here believe, help to resolve their demand for funds to participate in the process. Unlike Unita, Renamo has never had a steady flow of outside support or diamond revenue to pay its expenses, and the rebel group has claimed to Western governments it did not have fund even to feed its delegates in Maputo. The Trust Fund will support the delegates, but officials here stressed cannot be used for political activities or campaigning. The UN commissions are now functioning again and within the next week or two the bilateral commissions that Renamo proposed to oversee the police, intelligence services, and media (but which were never staffed because Renamo didn't appoint delegates) will be established as Renamo sends more representatives to Maputo to serve in these commissions.

The Mozambican Ambassador here has objected to Moose's trip to Maringue, which will be the first time a U.S. official has traveled to the Renamo base. But administration sources stress that the trip to Maringue will be used to press Dhlakama to meet Chissano in Maputo and express the U.S. belief that Renamo should transfer its headquarters to the capitol city. Several other foreign governments, as well

as the UN special representative, have traveled to the Renamo headquarters and U.S. officials do not feel this trip will set a new precedent. "We're not recognizing his administration of that area, that's just where he is and that is where we will go to meet with him," said one official.

Although Moose will be raising several issues in his discussions here, central among them will be a concern that the demobilization process at least begin. Officials here point out the UN has identified, surveyed and opened about a dozen assembly areas, but the parties have not yet agreed to a full list of assembly areas or the details about how to proceed. Officials here hope that the first soldiers can begin arriving in these areas sometime in July.

"The parties must get on with demobilization," said one administration official. "One of the lesson from Angola is that you do not move toward elections until demobilization is substantially if not completely accomplished. We can't come up with a new timetable leading to elections until a startup date for demobilization is agreed upon, because two are linked." Current projections are for elections in summer or fall of 1994, but date can't be settled until this issue is resolved.

The U.S. believes there are a range of other issues that need to be resolved, including in the areas of demining, elections, the work of the national election commission, and access to media. Although these issues can all be resolved within the framework of the UN accord, officials here believe it is important for the heads of the two main parties -- who haven't met since December -- to meet again. "We have to have Chissano and Dhlakama meet again," said an officials. Administration officials had hoped that this meeting -- for which Dhaklama has said he will come to Maputo -- could happen in June but now believe it will not happen until July.

A third important issue in the view of officials here is civil administration. Without taking a position on this issue, administration sources here did express sympathy for the government, which has been effectively blocked from sending even doctors or road survey crews into Renamo areas. Renamo officials move about freely without limitations, noted one official, and they have established political representatives and offices in most of the major cities. But even NGO's trying to send medical teams to Renamo areas can't include government doctors or nurses in their teams and road survey teams for the demining process have been denied access in some cases. It is also true, administration officials note, that at the local level these problems are often resolved. "So it wouldn't be correct to say Renamo has completely denied access," cautioned one official. "But the problem remains there is no national policy or agreement."

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