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1. I SAW NUAGBE LAST NIGHT AND GAVE HIM THE GOOD NEWS ABOUT THE IMMEDIATE GRANT THAT WE WERE MAKING AND TOLD HIM ALSO THAT, THOUGH I COULD NOT TALK ABOUT FIGURES, WE WERE INTENDING TO OFFER HIM GENEROUS HELP OURSELVES AND WERE ALSO DOING OUR BEST WITH A NUMBER OF OTHER COUNTRIES. HE WAS DEEPLY GRATEFUL.

2. WE THEN MOVED ON TO A NUMBER OF LOCAL DIFFICULTIES THAT WERE ON HIS MIND; AND THEN TO MY VISIT TO MOZAMBIQUE.

3. HE SUGGESTED THAT I SHOULD TALK TO MACHEL ABOUT HIS APPLYING TO ACCEDE TO THE LOME CONVENTION. I SAID THAT I IMAGINED THE RUSSIANS WOULD DO EVERYTHING TO STOP THIS. THIS LED HIM INTO AN ANTI-RUSSIAN TIRADE OF HOW BADLY THEY TREATED COUNTRIES WHO BECAME BEHOLDEN TO THEM, IN PARTICULAR THOSE WHO RECEIVED AID FROM THEM. HE THOUGHT THAT I WOULD FIND THAT, THOUGH MACHEL HAD DEPENDED UPON THEM FOR ARMS, HE WOULD NOT WISH TO BE DEPENDENT UPON THEM FOR MUCH ELSE. THE PRIME MINISTER WENT ON TO SAY THAT HE WAS GLAD TO SAY THAT HE HAD NEVER HAD ANYTHING TO DO WITH THE RUSSIANS; ALL OF THE ARMS HE HAD RECEIVED HAD COME FROM CHINA, AND "I AM GLAD TO SAY I HAVE NOT HAD AS MUCH AS A BUTTON FROM THE RUSSIANS". HE WAS VERY APPRECIATIVE OF THE EFFORTS WE WERE MAKING TO ATTRACT AID FROM OTHER WESTERN COUNTRIES.

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