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MY TELEGRAM NUMBER 183, PARAGRAPH 6 : MOZAMBIQUE AND MR BOTHA'S VISIT TO EUROPE.

1. PRESIDENT MACHEL SUMMONED THE PORTUGUESE, WEST GERMAN, FRENCH ITALIAN AMBASSADORS AND MYSELF AT SHORT NOTICE THIS MORNING FOR A ONE AND A HALF HOUR DISCUSSION. AFTER ASKING EACH OF US IN TURN WHY WE THOUGHT OUR GOVERNMENTS WERE INTERESTED IN HEARING MOZAMBIQUE'S VIEWS, HE TURNED ON HIS USUAL LIVELY ANALYSIS OF SOUTHERN AFRICAN HISTLRY, ALL OUR COUNTRIES WERE SIGNIFICANTLY INVOLVED IN THE AREA BUT THE BRITISH MOST OF ALL BY HISTORY AND ECONOMICS. MANY OF THE PROBLEMS WERE OUR LEGACY. THE RESULT WAS A STATE, THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA, WHOSE GOVERNMENTN PRACTISING RACISM, REPRESENTED A SMALL MINORITY IN THEIR OWN COUNTRY, AND FOR WHOM INDEPENDENCE FROM ITS OWN COLONIALIST POWER, HAD NOT MEANT INDEPENDENCE FOR THE MAJORITY. THIS MINORITY GOVERNMENT WAS THE DESTABILISING FACTOR IN THE REGION BY PRACTISING APARTHEID, CREATING BANUSTANS AND ATTACKING ITS NEIGHBOURS. AS A LEADER OF A MULTI RACIAL STATE, HE, MACHEL RECOGNISED THE WHITE SOUTH AFIRCANS FULLY AS FELLOW AFRICANS AND HAD TOLD PIETER BOTHA SO. WHAT WAS LACKING WAS DEMOCRACY AND EQUALITY.

2. AFTER THE HISTORY AND ANALYSIS WE WERE ASKED TO CONVEY TO OUR HEADS OF GOVERNMENT THE FOLLOWING POINTS

A) THAT A N C SHOULD BE RECOGNISED BY US PUBLICLY AS THE LEGITIMATE REPRESENTATIVE OF ALL THE PEOPLES FIGHTING FOR FREEDOM IN THE REPUBLIC, AND THAT IT SHOULD BE MADE CLEAR TO BOTHA THAT THERE WERE MANY GENUINE ELEMENTS IN THE A N C WHO WERE NOT TERRORISTS OR COMMUNISTS AND WHO MERITED OUR OPEN SUPPORT (I POINTED OUT THAT THE A N C HAD OPERATED IN BRITAIN FOR POLITICAL AND INFORMATION PURPOSES AND THAT MY COLLEAGUE IN PRETORIA HAD ROBUSTLY AND REGULARLY DEFENDED THIS IN PUBLIC THE RE.

B) THAT WE SHOULD EXPRESS TO BOTHA AND PUBLICLY OUR CLEAR ABHORENCE OF APARTHEID AND CONDEMNATION OF THE BANUSTANS.

C) THAT WE SHOULD COORDINATE THESE MESSAGES SO THAT BOTHA WAS IN NO DOUBT OF EUROPEAN SOLIDARITY OVER THESE ISSUES.

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D) NAMIBIA SHOULD BE GIVEN EARLY INDEPENDENCE. HE RECALLED HIS TALKS WITH THE PRIME MINISTER ON THE COMPLEXITIES OF THE ISSUE, WHICH HE ACCEPTED, BUT REAL DISCUSSIONS MUST NOW GET UNDER WAY AND OUR INFLUENCE WAS ESSENTIAL.

3. MACHEL ALSO SPOKE ABOUT NKOMATI, THERE WERE NOW PROBLEMS WITH IMPLEMENTATION THROUGH QUOTE FASCIST MILITARY UNQUOTE ELEMENTS IN SOUTH AFRICA AGAINST IT. SINCE SIGNATURE VIOLENCE BY RENAMO HAD INCREASED AND MORTARS AND ARTILLERY HAD BEEN INTRODUCED. MOZAMBIQUE HAD SHOWN ITS DEDICATION TO THE AGREEMENT BOTH IN LETTER AND SPIRIT, THEIR ACTIONS TO REMOVE THE A N C MILITARY TO OTHER COUNTRIES AND IN GOING OUT TO THE PUBLIC TO EXPLAIN IT IN MEETINGS AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANS BEING EXAMPLES. THE SOUTH AFRICANS SHOULD COOPERATE ALSO IN SPIRIT.

4. MACHEL WAS UNUSUALLY IMPRESSIVE IN HIS LANGUAGE IN REFERRING TO RENAMO'S OPERATIONS POST NKOMATI AND DREW BACK FROM DIRECTLY ALLEDGING CONTINUING SOUTH AFRICAN SUPPORT. HE CLEARLY WISHED TO AVOID ANY POSSIBILITY OF HIS BEING REPORTED PERSONALLY AS NOT HAVING TRUST IN SOUTH AFRICAN COMMITMENT TO NKOMATI. BUT I HAVE CHECKED THE LANGUAGE WITH MY PORTUGUESE COLEAGUE WHOS IS IN NO DOUBT THAT WE WERE MEANT TO HAVE THE IMPLICATION.

5. MACHEL WAS AS BUOYANT AS ALWAYS, BUT TIRED, WOUND UP RATHER THAN RELAXED. I HOPE I MAY BE AUTHORISED SOON TO GIVE A RESPONSE ON INSTRUCTIONS TO REINFORCE WHAT I HAVE SAID ABOUT HIM HAVING CONFIDENCE IN THE PRIME MINISTER TALKING FRANKLY TO MR BOTHA, PERHAPS BY SPEAKING INSTRUCTIONS TO ACCOMPANY THE PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM HER YOU ARE CONSIDERING (YOUR TELEGRAM NUMBER 161 TO HARARE, PARAGRAPH 2) AND WHICH I NOW STRONGLY RECOMMEND.
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