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- o British have come out strongly in support of Chissano government over past several months.
 - Most visible sign was Prime Minister Thatcher's warm reception of Chissano during his May visit to London.
 - British have substantially increased economic and military assistance to Maputo.

II. BRITISH/U.S. DIALOGUE ON MOZAMBIQUE

- o In May, PM Thatcher wrote President Reagan to explain her decision on greater support for the GPRM, and asked that the U.S. consider increasing its aid to Mozambique.
- o President's reply expressed support for her stance and emphasized the importance of a strong Western partnership in southern Africa.
- o During Chet Crocker's discussions in London July 1-2:
 - Foreign Secretary Howe and others voiced concern about the US policy debate over Mozambique.
 - They also signalled that PM Thatcher would be looking for reassurance of US support for the British lead on Mozambique during her upcoming visit to Washington.
 - British also concerned that we might establish official contact with RENAMO. Neither British nor any other government have such contact.

III. OUR THEMES

- o We appreciate British lead role in encouraging President Chissano to continue moving away from the Soviets.
- o We share British assessment of where Chissano is taking Mozambique; this must be encouraged.
- o We need to coordinate closely on this and other southern African issues to maintain strong Western consensus.
- o We welcome British views on how we can be helpful to them in this process. Would British favor our accepting the GPRM's invitation for a US ship visit? If so, when?

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 The official visit of Prime
 Minister Thatcher July 17, 1987