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Mozambique

14 July 1981

Mozambique: Visit by President Machel

Thank you for your letter of 13 July. I think we should go firm on Wednesday 7 July for talks followed by lunch. It would, clearly, be helpful if you could avoid suggesting any other bilaterals in that month.

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Foreign and Commonwealth Office.



Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

13 July 1981

*Dear Michael,*

We had a word on 10 July about the proposal that President Machel's official visit to Britain might be timed for July 1982. We proposed this month because at present no other foreign Heads of State are due to visit London in July 1982 (as you know, certain other African leaders such as President Banda are expected earlier in the year). With European and Parliamentary business, plus ad hoc visits to London by other overseas visitors, July may once again turn out to be a busy month. If you would prefer not to commit the Prime Minister to talks and a lunch in July, you may wish to suggest alternative dates which would be more convenient.

*Yours ever*  
*Rodric Lyne*

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Private Secretary

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FOR THE DIRECTOR OF THE BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D. C.

MEMORANDUM

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PRIME MINISTER

Visit by President Machel of Mozambique:  
July 1982

Michael Alexander put this to you over the weekend, and you were not happy with it as you said July was so busy. In fact, the Foreign Office suggestion that President Machel should be invited is the first we have received for July, and they will have to be told that you are not able to do too many similar ones.

But can we go firm on this one?

Do this really wish  
to give this  
exclusive priority?  
E.S.

Spoketo  
not Chris Jobb - he  
will come back.

29 June, 1981.

cf. 3/17.



MR. ALEXANDER

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Prime Minister: Agree  
that we should offer these dates:  
in the (unlikely) event of the Economic Summit  
clashing we could reschedule by a day or two  
Visit by President Machel of Mozambique

I can manage talks followed by lunch  
on Wednesday, 7 July, and Wednesday, 14th. 1982

I shall keep both days free, but I  
wonder about dates for the Economic Summit  
which we do not yet have.

*ES.*

25 June, 1981.

July is very  
busy - do we have  
to have so many  
joint visits then?

*no*





Foreign and Commonwealth Office

London SW1A 2AH

24 June 1981

*Dear Michael,*

Mozambique: Visit by President Machel

When Mr Luce visited Mozambique last September he discussed in general terms with the Foreign Minister the possibility of inviting President Machel to visit Britain. The Royal Visits Committee have agreed that Machel should be invited as a Guest of Government in 1982 and the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary recommends that a formal invitation should now be issued. We would expect President Machel to be accompanied by his wife and for the visit to last about four days.

The Zimbabwe settlement was something of a watershed in our relations with Mozambique, and President Machel played a helpful role during the Lancaster House negotiations. You will recall that he subsequently sent his personal representatives (Sr Cabaco and Sr Honwana) to convey his congratulations to the Prime Minister on the settlement, and that he invited Lord Soames to visit Maputo in April 1980. We have maintained the momentum of these improved relations with visits by Mr Luce to Maputo last September, and by the Foreign Minister, Sr Chissano, to London in January (when he called on the Prime Minister).

Despite its Marxist trappings and the close relationship with the Soviet bloc, President Machel evidently considers that the best way to develop his country is to seek closer links with the West. We need to encourage this, both from the point of view of increasing our trade with Mozambique and in order to wean Machel away from complete dependence on the Soviet Union.

I should be grateful for your views on the most convenient timing for the visit. Machel has indicated that he would not wish to come in the winter. We think it important that the Prime Minister should be involved in his programme; and, as we are not according Machel the State Visit which he clearly wanted, we shall be recommending that he be received by The Queen. Mrs Gandhi is due in March: State Visits are planned for March/April and June: President Ahidjo has been invited for April and President Banda (and the Pope) for May. July might therefore be the best month for Machel: are there dates in that month which we could offer?

*Yours PLO*  
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