

SOUTHERN AFRICA

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INFO ROUTINE WASHINGTON, PRETORIA, UKMIS NEW YORK.

MY TELNO 432 (DTG 171500): PRESIDENT MACHELS VISIT TO UNITED STATES.

1. US EMBASSY HERE SAY WASHINGTON PART OF VISIT WENT WELL AND THAT PRESIDENT REAGAN AND MACHEL HIT IT OFF AFTER BUSINESSLIKE MEETING. BOTH WERE IN GOOD FORM AT OFFICIAL LUNCH ENJOYING EACH OTHERS COMPANY, WITH MANY EXCHANGES OF JOKES AND LAUGHTER. MACHEL MORE THAN HELD HIS OWN WITH CONGRESSMEN AT SEPARATE MEETING WITH FIRM ASSERTIONS OF MOZAMBIQUES INDEPENDENCE AND GENUINE NON-ALIGNMENT.
2. LITTLE OF CONTENT OF MACHELS MEETINGS HAS BEEN REPORTED HERE. REPORTING HAS BEEN RESTRAINED AVOIDING BUILD-UP OF EXPECTATIONS OF FOR EXAMPLE SIGNIFICANT ANNOUNCEMENTS OF FURTHER US AID. WHILE EMPHASISING CORE OF MACHELS MESSAGE AS BEING THAT APARTHEID MUST BE ABOLISHED NOT JUST REFORMULATED AND THAT SANCTIONS WERE DESIRABLE IF IMPLEMENTED SERIOUSLY BY WESTERN COUNTRIES WITH STRONG ECONOMIC TIES WITH SOUTH AFRICA WITH COMPENSATING SUPPORT FOR ECONOMIES OF THE FLS AFFECTED. PRESENTATION HAS BEEN THAT MOZAMBIQUE AND THE UNITED STATES HAVE MANY POSITIONS IN COMMON ON THE PRINCIPAL QUESTIONS CONCERNING SOUTHERN AFRICA, IF THERE WERE DIFFERING VIEWS ON PROBLEMS ELSEWHERE THAT WAS ONLY "NORMAL".
3. WE GATHER THAT AMERICANS WERE STILL TRYING TO DO A HEAD COUNT OF DELEGATION AND CHECKING WHO WAS THERE MANY HOURS AFTER ARRIVAL (SEE MIFT FOR FULL LIST NOW PASSED TO US). MACHEL ALSO ARRIVED TIRED AFTER OVER NIGHT FLIGHT, AS NO ONE HERE HAD REMEMBERED TO SPECIFY FULL SLEEPERS FOR THE CHARTERED AIRCRAFT.

COMMENT

4. ALTHOUGH MACHEL APPEARS TO HAVE CALLED FOR THE APPLICATION OF SANCTIONS TO END APARTHEID AND FOR SUPPORT FROM DEVELOPED COUNTRIES TO ENABLE SOUTH AFRICAS NEIGHBOURS TO AVOID THE EFFECTS OF SANCTIONS, IT IS BY NO MEANS CLEAR WHETHER MACHEL WAS CALLING FOR FULL MANDATORY SANCTIONS OR WHETHER HE WAS SIMPLY URGING THE AMERICANS TO BE METICULOUS IN APPLYING THEIR OWN, LIMITED MEASURES.

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