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A justification for this finding in the circumstances of each country is attached to the Determination at Tab A. It will be forwarded to Congress and subsequently published in the Federal Register. Although notification of Congress and publication in the Register is not required by law in these cases, I believe these steps are appropriate and will promote acceptance.

There will be some Congressional opposition to this addition of other African countries to the FMS sales list. However, I believe -- and Bill Timmons agrees -- that the majority of members of Congress will regard this eligibility as an appropriate way to meet modest, local defense needs while enhancing our ability to support naval operations in the Indian Ocean.

At Tab A is a memorandum for the Department of State forwarding your finding that FMS sales to Kenya, the Malagasy Republic and Mauritius will strengthen the security of the United States and promote world peace. Attached to the Determination is a justification for use with Congress.

Mr. Ash concurs in this finding (Tab C).

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the memorandum at Tab A and approve the attached justification.

Approve G.R.F. Disapprove _____