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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 25, 1975

Dear Mr. President:

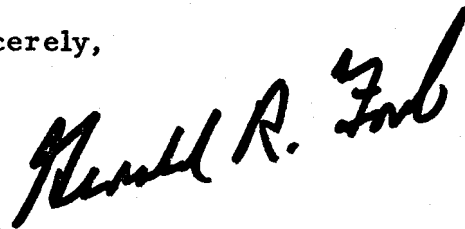
I am pleased to inform you that the United States Government extends recognition to Mozambique. It is our hope, with your agreement, that diplomatic relations can soon be established between our two countries.

We congratulate your leaders and their Portuguese colleagues on the wise statesmanship that has led to Mozambique's independence.

The American people share with the people of Mozambique the knowledge that hard-won individual liberty and national independence can be preserved only by unremitting labor and sacrifice.

As we strengthen and multiply our bonds of mutual friendship, I am confident of a future in which our two peoples will work together in the freedom, peace and security of all mankind.

Sincerely,



His Excellency
Samora Moises Machel
President of the Peoples Republic of Mozambique



NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

(Ref 2534)

Via LDX

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~-GDS May 8, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR

Mr. George S. Springsteen, Jr.
Executive Secretary
Department of State

SUBJECT: Recognition of Mozambique and
Establishment of an Embassy at
Lourenco Marques
(Ref - S/S 7505699, April 19)

As recommended by the Secretary of State in his memorandum to the President of April 19, 1975, the President has approved US recognition of Mozambique immediately upon its attainment of independence, scheduled for June 25, 1975, and the raising of our Consulate General in Lourenco Marques to an Embassy on that date.


Jeanne W. Davis
Staff Secretary

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FROM:

JEANNE DAVIS

TO:

GEORGE SPRINGSTEEN

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

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Do not send
the President's
letter to State.
Hold the letter
here & we will
date it & fill in
the man's title when
it is known.

MEMORANDUM

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

ACTION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: HENRY A. KISSINGER *HK*

May 5, 1975

SUBJECT: Recognition of Mozambique and Establishment of Embassy
at Lourenco Marques

In accordance with an agreement reached on September 7, 1974, between Portugal and representatives of the nationalist Front for the Liberation of Mozambique (FRELIMO), the Portuguese territory of Mozambique is to become fully independent on June 25, 1975.

This country of 8.7 million people comes to independence after an eleven-year guerrilla struggle against Portugal. FRELIMO, its principal liberation group, now dominates a Portuguese-headed transitional government, and believes that its efforts were largely responsible for ending colonialism in all of Portuguese Africa. Much of black Africa shares this view. In terms of our overall relations with Africa and of our bilateral interests in the countries of southern Africa, I believe it important that we establish diplomatic relations with Mozambique shortly after independence.

Mozambique probably will be recognized promptly by most other nations, and undoubtedly will apply for UN membership soon after independence.

If you approve US recognition of Mozambique, I will seek an early opportunity to notify the FRELIMO leadership of this fact and of our intentions to establish diplomatic relations at the Embassy level.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That you approve US recognition of Mozambique immediately upon its attainment of independence scheduled for June 25, 1975.

Approve *NR 7* Disapprove ____.

That you approve raising our Consulate General in Lourenco Marques to an Embassy on June 25, 1975.

Approve *NR 9* Disapprove ____.

That you sign the letter at Tab I which will be dated and delivered to the Head of State of Mozambique June 25. Paul Theis has cleared the text.

Attachment:

Tab I - Suggested Presidential letter on recognition of Mozambique.

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

April 28, 1975

NOTE FOR GENERAL SCOWCROFT

Brent -

I'd like to mention two things about the attached staff study:

1. I understand second-hand that Larry Eagleburger is particularly interested in getting a Presidential decision on the recognition of Mozambique in order to free him to proceed with certain administrative matters dealing with the establishment of Embassy in Lourenco Marques and the appointment of an Ambassador.
2. You will note in the suggested Presidential letter that we have not provided a full title and address for Samora Machel, the reason being that while State is certain he will be the appropriate addressee, his exact title is as yet not known.

HEH
HEHoran

Att.

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MEMORANDUM

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

April 28, 1975

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Tab I
dated
5/5/75
(KM)

MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARY KISSINGER

FROM: Hal Horan *HH*

SUBJECT: Recognition of Mozambique and Establishment
of Embassy at Lourenco Marques

On April 19 you wrote the President seeking approval of US recognition of Mozambique immediately on its attainment of independence, scheduled for June 25, 1975, and of raising our Consulate General in Lourenco Marques to an Embassy on that date (Tab B). I would like to recommend a slight variation of that memorandum (Tab A).

First, I believe it would be useful to seek a Presidential signature on a letter to the Chief of State of Mozambique extending recognition which would be dated and delivered June 25 either by the US delegation to independence ceremonies, if there is one, or by our diplomatic personnel in Lourenco Marques. A suggested text, approved by Paul Theis, is at Tab I.

Secondly, once the President has approved recognition, I believe it would be useful if the State Department could seek an early opportunity to convey this information to the Mozambique authorities. Such advance notice would facilitate our preparation for engaging in diplomatic relations with the new state. This advance notice could be conveyed either by a letter from you to the FRELIMO leadership or by Assistant Secretary of State Nat Davis personally, should he visit the area prior to June 25. My suggested memorandum from you to the President contains a phrase indicating to the President your intention to give this advance notice of recognition, once he has made his decision.

RECOMMENDATION

That you forward to the President the memorandum at Tab A

Attachments:

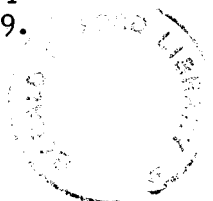
Tab A - Memo to President, as proposed by NSC staff.

Tab I - Presidential letter extending recognition to Mozambique.

Tab B - Memo from Secretary of State to President, April 19.

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

~~Confidential~~ April 25, 1975

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FOR: Paul Theis

FROM: Hal Horan
(x-5022)

SUBJECT: Letter by the President
to the Head of State of
Mozambique recognizing
that country's newly
attained independence.

For your concurrence. Many thanks.

Att.

TABI 11

Drafted - HEHoran-NSC
4/25/75
(x-5022)

Suggested Presidential Letter to Head of State of Mozambique on
United States' Recognition of Mozambique's Attainment of Independence
on June 25, 1975

Dear Mr. President:

I am pleased to inform you that the United States Government extends recognition to Mozambique. It is our hope, with your agreement, that diplomatic relations can soon be established between our countries.

We congratulate your leaders and their Portuguese colleagues on the wise statesmanship that has led to Mozambique's independence.

The American people share with the people of Mozambique the knowledge that hard-won individual liberty and national independence can be preserved only by unremitting labor and sacrifice.

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Sincerely,

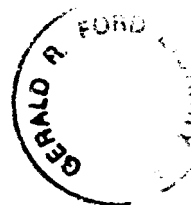
[for Presidential signature]

His Excellency

Moises
Samora Machel

[to insert title of head of state of Mozambique]

Laurenco Marques, Mozambique



THE SECRETARY OF STATE
WASHINGTON

April 19, 1975

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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT

From: Henry A. Kissinger ^{XX}

Subject: Recognition of Mozambique and
Establishment of an Embassy at
Lourenco Marques

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Recommendations:

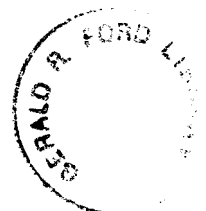
That you approve United States recognition of Mozambique immediately upon its attainment of independence scheduled for June 25, 1975.

Approve _____ Disapprove _____

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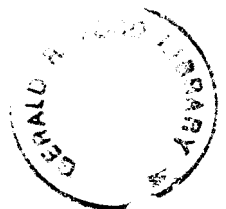
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That you approve the raising of our Consulate General in Lourenco Marques to an Embassy on June 25, 1975.

Approve _____ Disapprove _____

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SUBJECT: Recognition of Mozambique & Establishment of an Embassy at Lourenco Marques

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6/25		Horn	S	Further action (7-3)	
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AUGUST 17, 1976

TO: BRENT SCOWCROFT

FROM: WILLIAM G. HYLAND

THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE WAS SENT OVER BY STATE FOR OUR CLEARANCE.
I HAVE APPROVED IT WITH THE TWO BRACKETED SENTENCES IN THE
SECOND PARAGRAPH DELETED, BUT HAK HAS NOT APPROVED IT.

SUBJECT: CONVERSATION WITH MACHEL

REF: MAPUTO 0917 (NOT RPTD COLOMBO)

1. YOU SHOULD PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO PRESIDENT
MACHEL OF MOZAMBIQUE:

2. QUOTE: DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: I HAVE RECEIVED AMBASSADOR
DEPREZ'S REPORT OF YOUR CONVERSATION WITH HIM OF AUGUST 14
ABOUT RHODESIAN RAIDS INTO MOZAMBIQUE. I WANT TO ASSURE YOU
THAT MY GOVERNMENT IS SERIOUSLY CONCERNED BY THE TRAGIC EVENTS
WHICH HAVE TAKEN PLACE ON YOUR BORDERS. BEGIN BRACKETS: AS YOU
KNOW THE UNITED STATES DEPLORES SUCH RAIDS WHICH RESULT IN SO
MUCH HUMAN SUFFERING AND DO NOT CONTRIBUTE TO THE PEACEFUL
SETTLEMENT OF THE RHODESIAN QUESTION WHICH WE SEEK. I CAN SYMPATHIZE
WITH THE POSITION THESE RAIDS PLACE YOUR GOVERNMENT IN AND HAVE
TAKEN NOTE OF YOUR CONCERNS OVER THE FLOW OF MILITARY
EQUIPMENT INTO RHODESIA. END BRACKET.

***** WHSR COMMENT *****

HYLAND, SDO

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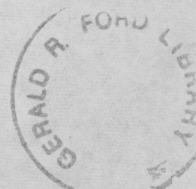
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E.O. 12958, SEC. 3.5

NSC MEMO, 11/24/88, STATE DEPT. GUIDELINES

BY lh, NARA, DATE 3/6/04



IN MY VIEW THE MOST CERTAIN WAY TO BRING AN END TO THE ARMED INCURSIONS YOUR COUNTRY HAS SUFFERED IS TO ACCELERATE AND COMPLETE THE NEGOTIATING PROCESS FOR MAJORITY RULE IN AN INDEPENDENT ZIMBABWE. I AM GREATLY HEARTENED BY YOUR ENCOURAGEMENT OF OUR EFFORTS TO HELP ACHIEVE A PEACEFUL RESOLUTION OF THE SERIOUS PROBLEMS OF SOUTHERN AFRICA. BASED ON THE RESULTS OF THE CONSULTATIONS WE HAVE HAD TO DATE, I AM REASSURED ABOUT THE FUTURE OF OUR POLICY AND AM HOPEFUL THAT OUR EFFORTS CAN LEAD TO A SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION - A CONCLUSION THAT WILL BRING PEACE TO THE REGION AND CREATE CONDITIONS OF SECURITY FOR YOUR NATION AND PEOPLE.

YOU MAY REST ASSURED, MR. PRESIDENT, THAT YOUR VIEWS AND CONCERNS ARE VERY MUCH IN OUR THINKING AS WE PURSUE OUR EFFORTS. MOZAMBIQUE HAS AN IMPORTANT ROLE TO PLAY IN THE FUTURE OF SOUTHERN AFRICA AND A FAVORABLE OUTCOME WILL REQUIRE THE COOPERATION OF ALL THOSE CONCERNED.

WE WILL BE PURSUING VIGOROUSLY THE COURSE ON WHICH WE ARE EMBARKED BECAUSE WE ARE CONVINCED THAT THERE MUST BE RAPID MOVEMENT TO PREVENT FURTHER BLOODSHED, DESTRUCTION AND HARDSHIP. YOUR SUPPORT AND PARTICIPATION WILL HELP ENSURE SUCCESS.

I WOULD WELCOME ANY FURTHER THOUGHTS YOU MAY HAVE. AS YOU MAY KNOW I AM SENDING UNDERSECRETARY OF STATE ROGERS AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY SCHAUFEL TO AFRICA NEXT WEEK TO RENEW OUR CONSULTATIONS WITH PRESIDENTS KAUNDA AND NYERERE. IF YOU THINK IT WOULD BE USEFUL THEY COULD ALSO GO TO MAPUTO FOR AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS WITH YOU. SINCERELY, GERALD R. FORD. UNQUOTE.

3. YOU SHOULD TRY TO ELICIT AT LEAST PRELIMINARY RESPONSE TO SUGGESTION THAT ROGERS AND SCHAUFEL VISIT MAPUTO BUT YOU SHOULD NOT PUSH THE MATTER.

PLEASE ADVISE.

BEST REGARDS.

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