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SUBJECT: /COMRADELY VISIT OF SA

DEFENSE MINISTER MASKS REAL ISSUES (U)

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SUMMARY: (C) DETERIORATING SECURITY SITUATION ALONG MOZAMBIQUE-SOUTH AFRICAN BORDER PROMPTS FIRST VISIT TO MAPUTO OF NEW SA DEFENSE MINISTER. DESPITE COMRADELY EXCHANGE OF GOOD OLE DAYS, TWO SIDES FAIL TO AGREE ON SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES. NKOMATI ACCORD DIES NATURAL DEATH.

TEXT: 1. (U) IN A HASTILY ARRANGED VISIT WITHO UT PUBLICITY AND FANFARE ON THE EVE OF SOUTH AFRICAN PRESIDENT NELSON ((MANDELA))'S FIRST OFFICIAL TRIP OUTSIDE SOUTH AFRICA, THE NEW SOUTH AFRICAN DEFENSE MINISTER, MR JOE ((MODISE)), ARRIVED IN MAPUTO ABOARD A ROUTINE SOUTH AFRICAN AIRWAYS (SAA) FLIGHT ON 940715 FOR HIS FIRST OFFICIAL VISIT TO MOZAMBIQUE. MR MODISE MET WITH HIS MOZAMBICAN COUNTERPART, GENERAL ALBERTO ((CHIPANDE)), AND SEVERAL OTHER SENIOR MOZAMBICAN OFFICIALS. MR MODISE THEN QUIETLY DEPARTED ABOARD ANOTHER ROUTINE SAA FLIGHT LATE ON THE SAME AFTERNOON.

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VISIT HAS PROMPTED IN PART BY THE IMPENDING MANDELA VISIT AS WELL AS THE RAPIDLY DETERIORATING SECURITY SITUATION ALONG THE MOZAMBICAN-SOUTH AFRICAN BORDER AND THE COMPLETE ABSENCE OF MOZAMBICAN COOPERATION ON BORDER ISSUES. IN PARTICULAR, THE BORDER AREA FROM THE BORDER GATE CROSSING AT THE INTERSECTION OF THE SWAZILAND-MOZAMBICAN-SOUTH AFRICAN BORDER TO THE BORDER TOWN OF RESSANO GARCIA/

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AS PRINCIPAL FOCUS OF FOUR TYPES OF ILLEGAL ACTIVITY -- CATTLE RUSTLING, ARMS TRAFFICKING, DRUG TRAFFICKING, AND KIDNAPPING. THIS AREA HAS SEEN AN EXPLOSION OF ACTIVITY IN RECENT MONTHS AND NOW OUTSTRIPS THE EQUALLY POROUS NATAL BORDER AREA

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3. GUN BATTLES EXPLODE ALMOST DAILY ALONG THIS SECTION OF THE BORDER.

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SEVERAL RECENT EXAMPLES OF PITCHED BATTLES WITH SOUTH AFRICAN NATIONAL DEFENSE FORCE (SANDF) SOLDIERS AS MOZAMBICANS SEARCH FOR WEAK POINTS ALONG THE BORDER. IN THE PAST SEVERAL WEEKS, SEVERAL GUN BATTLES HAVE TAKEN PLACE AT ELECTRICAL GENERATOR STATIONS THAT PROVIDE POWER TO THE BORDER FENCE. TO COMBAT THE PROBLEM, SANDF HAS DEPLOYED A TOTAL OF 600 TROOPS WHO CONDUCT VEHICLE AND FOOT

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TROOPS. THE SITUATION AS "MISSION POSSIBLE" DUE TO THE MOUNTAINOUS TERRAIN, INADEQUATE NUMBER OF SOLDIERS, AND, MOST IMPORTANTLY, A COMPLETE ABSENCE OF ANY COORDINATION AND COOPERATION WITH MOZAMBICAN AUTHORITIES

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4. (C) THE SOUTH AFRICAN DEFENSE MINISTER CONDUCTED ONLY ONE OFFICIAL MEETING WITH THE MOZAMBICANS DURING HIS VISIT. HE MET WITH THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE WITH GENERAL CHIPANDE, THE DIRECTOR OF IMMIGRATION, MR MIGUEL ((CHISSANO)), THE CHIEF OF CUSTOMS, MR VIEGAS ((MAHUMANE)), THE CHIEF OF STAFF AND ACTING SUPERINTENDENT OF THE MOZAMBICAN NATIONAL POLICE, SUPERINTENDENT BENEDITO ((ZINUCACASSA)), AND FORMER LIEUTENANT GENERAL JOAQUIM JOAO ((MUNHEPE)). ON THE SOUTH AFRICAN SIDE, THE DEFENSE MINISTER HAS ACCOMPANIED BY THE EASTERN TRANSVAAL PRIME MINISTER ((PHOSA)) AND THE CHIEF OF PROVINCE'S SECURITY DEPARTMENT

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5. (C) [REDACTED] THE TWO DEFENSE MINISTERS MET FOR SEVERAL HOURS IN CHIPANDE RECEPTION ROOM. FOR THE FIRST TWO HOURS, THE TWO TRADED STORIES ABOUT THEIR RESPECTIVE DAYS IN THE LIBERATION STRUGGLE. [REDACTED] VERY EMOTIONAL AND HEART-WARMING FOR DEFENSE MINISTER MODISE AND SET THE TONE FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE MEETING

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6. (C) WHEN THE MEETING TURNED TO BORDER ISSUES, HOWEVER, THE FORMER JOVIAL ATMOSPHERE SUDDENLY BECAME QUITE HARSH. MINISTER MODISE POINTED TO THE ARRAY OF PROBLEMS ALONG THE BORDER AND SOLICITED MOZAMBICAN COOPERATION. [REDACTED] GENERAL CHIPANDE BLAMED THE ACTIVITY ON RENAMO AND A LACK OF RESOURCES OF THE "OZAMBICAN SIDE OF THE BORDER. TO THE SURPRISE OF "INISTER MODISE, GENERAL CHIPANDE THEN CLAIMED THAT THE MOZAMBICANS HAVE NO CONTROL OF THE BORDER AREA AND CANNOT INFLUENCE ACTIVITIES IN THAT AREA.

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7. (C) OF PARTICULAR INTEREST, THE TWO SIDES THEN DISCUSSED THE MECHANISMS FOR COOPERATION ON BORDER ISSUES PREVIOUSLY ESTABLISHED UNDER THE N'KOMATI ACCORD. RATHER THAN RETAIN THE ACCORD'S JOINT SECURITY COMMISSION (JSC), THE MOZAMBICAN AGREED TO SET-UP A JOINT POLICE AND DEFENSE COMMISSION (JPDC) WITH PARTICIPATION FROM POLICE, CUSTOMS, IMMIGRATION, AS WELL AS THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE. [REDACTED] THAT THE JPDC WILL MEET FORMALLY FOR THE FIRST TIME IN THE EASTERN TRANSVAAL PROVINCIAL CAPITAL OF NELSPRUIT ON 940726.

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8. (C) LASTLY, [REDACTED] MINISTER MODISE AND THE EASTERN TRANSVAAL PRIME MINISTER DEPARTED MOZAMBIQUE THOROUGHLY UNIMPRESSED WITH GENERAL CHIPANDE AND VERY WORRIED ABOUT FUTURE COOPERATION WITH SENIOR MOZAMBICAN LEADERS. [REDACTED]

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