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COUNTRY: (U) MOZAMBIQUE (MZ); SOUTH AFRICA (SF) .

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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,  
UG TRAFFICKING, AND KIDNAPPING. THIS  
EA HAS SEEN AN EXPLOSION OF ACTIVITY IN RECENT  
MONTHS AND NOW OUTSTRIPS THE EQUALLY POROUS NATAL  
BORDER AREA

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3. (C) GUN BATTLES EXPLODE  
ALMOST DAILY ALONG THIS SECTION OF THE BORDER.  
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  
TROLS. THE SITUATION AS "MISSION  
POSSIBLE" DUE TO THE MOUNTAINOUS TERRAIN, INADEQUATE.

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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  
T 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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