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1. ~~(C)~~ SUMMARY. ACTING DAS WHITNEY SCHNEIDMAN
 VISITED MAPUTO MARCH 24-25, 1998, IN ORDER TO MEET
 HIGH LEVEL MOZAMBIKAN OFFICIALS AND TO BRIEF THEM ON
 THE PRESIDENT'S PARTNERSHIP FOR ECONOMIC GROWTH AND
 OPPORTUNITY IN AFRICA AS WELL AS ON THE AFRICA GROWTH
 AND OPPORTUNITY ACT. SCHNEIDMAN MET WITH VICE
 MINISTER OF INDUSTRY, COMMERCE, AND TOURISM, MAHOMED
 RAFIQUE, VICE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND
 COOPERATION, HIPOLITO PATRICIO, MINISTER FOR
 COORDINATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION, BERNARDO
 FERRAZ, FRELIMO SECRETARY GENERAL MANUEL TOME, RENAMO
 PARLIAMENTARY HEAD RAUL DOMINGOS, AS WELL AS WITH
 LEADING MOZAMBIKAN BUSINESSMEN, PARLIAMENTARIANS, AND
 HEADS OF EXTRAPARLIAMENTARY PARTIES.

2. ~~(C)~~ IN ALL HIS MEETINGS, SCHNEIDMAN EXPLAINED



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THAT PRESIDENT CLINTON'S TRIP TO AFRICA WAS TRULY HISTORICAL, WITH NO U.S. PRESIDENT HAVING EVER TAKEN SUCH A COMPREHENSIVE TRIP TO THE CONTINENT. SCHNEIDMAN STATED THAT THIS VISIT WAS THE TANGIBLE EVIDENCE OF THE ADMINISTRATION'S INTELLECTUAL, EMOTIONAL, AND FINANCIAL INVESTMENT IN AFRICA, A CONTINENT WHICH WAS UNDERGOING A TRUE RENAISSANCE. SCHNEIDMAN THEN EXPLAINED THAT THE PRESIDENT'S VISIT ALSO UNDERScoreD U.S. COMMITMENT TO CONFLICT RESOLUTION, DEMOCRACY, THE ENVIRONMENT, FOOD SECURITY, AND EDUCATION IN AFRICA.

3. ~~(C)~~ SCHNEIDMAN BRIEFED HIS INTERLOCUTORS ON THE SUBSTANCE OF THE PRESIDENT'S PARTNERSHIP FOR GROWTH AND OPPORTUNITY, EXPLAINING THAT OPIC AND OTHERS WOULD BE MAKING EQUITY AVAILABLE FOR INVESTMENT IN SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA. SCHNEIDMAN RELATED THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE AFRICA GROWTH AND OPPORTUNITY ACT, WHICH WOULD MAKE TRADE THE ENGINE OF GROWTH IN AFRICA. HOWEVER, SCHNEIDMAN ALSO ASSURED HIS AUDIENCE THAT BY NO MEANS DID THIS MEAN THAT THE U.S. WAS BACKING OFF FROM DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE, AND ANNOUNCED THE ADMINISTRATION'S PLANS TO ENCOURAGE AN INCREASE IN SUCH ASSISTANCE. SCHNEIDMAN THEN NOTED THAT HIGH LEVEL U.S. OFFICIALS WOULD BE INVITING THEIR COUNTERPARTS TO WASHINGTON IN ORDER TO DEVELOP A PARTNERSHIP PLAN AND TO GIVE DEFINITION TO THE PRESIDENT'S INITIATIVES.

4. ~~(C)~~ SCHNEIDMAN'S VISIT WAS WELL-RECEIVED, AS WAS HIS MESSAGE OF THE U.S.'S RE-INVIGORATED POLICY VIS A VIS AFRICA. GIVEN THE FACT THAT MOZAMBIQUE HAS LOST OUT ON A NUMBER OF HIGH LEVEL VISITS IN THE PAST SIX MONTHS, THE TIMING OF SCHNEIDMAN'S VISIT SERVED TO HELP REASSURE MOZAMBIQUE OF CONTINUED U.S. INTEREST IN MOZAMBIKAN REFORM AND HIGHLIGHTED THE POSSIBILITY OF INCREASED U.S. COMMERCIAL INVOLVEMENT IN THE COUNTRY. . END SUMMARY.

VICE MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND COOPERATION

5. ~~(C)~~ ACTING DAS SCHNEIDMAN MET WITH VICE MINISTER HIPOLITO PATRICIO ON MARCH 25. AMBASSADOR AND POLOFF WERE PRESENT AT THE MEETING. AFTER A WARM WELCOME BY PATRICIO (HE WAS ACQUAINTED WITH SCHNEIDMAN FROM HIS YEARS IN WASHINGTON AS MOZAMBIKAN AMBASSADOR), SCHNEIDMAN BRIEFED PATRICIO ON THE PRESIDENT'S PARTNERSHIP WITH AFRICA, AND THE AFRICA GROWTH AND OPPORTUNITY ACT. SCHNEIDMAN THEN NOTED THAT HIGH LEVEL U.S. OFFICIALS WOULD BE INVITING THEIR COUNTERPARTS TO WASHINGTON IN ORDER TO DEVELOP A PARTNERSHIP PLAN AND TO GIVE DEFINITION TO THE PRESIDENT'S INITIATIVES.

6. ~~(C)~~ REGARDING REGIONAL COOPERATION, SCHNEIDMAN UNDERScoreD THE FACT THAT THE U.S. VIEWS SADC AS A VERY IMPORTANT DIMENSION OF THE U.S.'S BILATERAL AND REGIONAL RELATIONSHIP, AND THAT THE U.S. WAS

ENCOURAGING THE PRIVATE SECTOR TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE SADC REGIONAL MARKET. SCHNEIDMAN THEN NOTED THAT THE PRESIDENT WOULD DISCUSS THE IDEA OF A FREE TRADE AREA BETWEEN THE U.S. AND SADC, BUT THAT MOZAMBIQUE MUST FIRST RATIFY THE SADC TRADE PROTOCOL IN ORDER TO MOVE AHEAD ON THIS IDEA. HE ALSO STRESSED THAT MOZAMBIQUE MUST CONTINUE WITH ITS ECONOMIC REFORM PROGRAM, CUT ~~C O N F I D E N T I A L~~ SECTION 02 OF 05 MAPUTO 001848

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BUREAUCRATIC RED TAPE, STREAMLINE DECISION-MAKING PROCEDURES, SUPPORT GREATER TRANSPARENCY, AND ENCOURAGE ANTI-CORRUPTION LEGISLATION IN ORDER TO HELP ATTRACT U.S. INVESTMENT TO MOZAMBIQUE.

7. ~~(C)~~ TOUCHING ON SECURITY ISSUES, SCHNEIDMAN EXPLAINED THE SIGNIFICANCE OF ACRI, AND THE IMPORTANCE OF HUMANITARIAN DEMINING TO THE U.S. WITH REGARD TO LOCAL ELECTIONS, SCHNEIDMAN URGED THE GRM TO MOVE FORWARD ON THIS ISSUE.

8. ~~(C)~~ PATRICIO WELCOMED SCHNEIDMAN'S WORDS ON THE U.S.'S NEW INITIATIVES, AND EXPRESSED HOPE THAT MOZAMBIQUE WOULD BE INCLUDED IN THESE PROGRAMS. PATRICIO STRESSED THAT FOOD SECURITY WAS ONE OF MOZAMBIQUE'S (AND THE REGION'S) PRINCIPAL CHALLENGES AND EXPRESSED THANKS FOR THE U.S.'S PROGRAMS IN THIS AREA. PATRICIO REPORTED THAT MOZAMBIQUE CONTINUED TO WORK WITHIN SADC, AND SUPPORTED THE IDEA OF THE TRADE PROTOCOL, BUT THAT ACCOMMODATION FOR COUNTRIES IN EARLY GROWTH PHASES (I.E., MOZAMBIQUE) MUST BE MADE. PATRICIO NOTED THAT THE GRM CONTINUED TO WORK ON THE ISSUE OF CORRUPTION AND REALIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF DOING SO.

9. ~~(C)~~ WITH REGARD TO INVESTMENT, PATRICIO EXPLAINED THAT MOZAMBIQUE WAS MAKING A CONCERTED EFFORT TO STREAMLINE INVESTMENT PROCEDURES, BUT THAT THE COUNTRY NEEDED LEGISLATION AS AN UMBRELLA FOR INVESTMENT REGULATIONS. HE EXPRESSED HOPE THAT AN UPCOMING JUNE 1998 INVESTMENT CONFERENCE HOSTED BY THE CENTER FOR INVESTMENT PROMOTION (CPI) WOULD MAKE PROGRESS ON THESE ISSUES. PATRICIO THEN NOTED THAT THE GRM WAS RATHER "DISENCHANTED" WITH ENRON, AND THAT THERE WAS "NO LIGHT" AT THE END OF THE TUNNEL ON THE DEAL. HE EMPHASIZED THAT THE GRM WOULD HAVE TO MAKE A DECISION ON ENRON AS IT WAS PART OF THE GRM'S 5-YEAR PROGRAM WHICH WOULD BE EVALUATED IN SEPTEMBER 1998. ON THE OTHER HAND, PATRICIO REPORTED THAT NEGOTIATIONS WITH ARCO WERE MOVING AHEAD SMOOTHLY.

PATRICIO WARMLY WELCOMED THE IDEA OF MEETINGS WITH HIGH-LEVEL U.S. COUNTERPARTS.

10. ~~(C)~~ ON ELECTIONS, PATRICIO STRESSED THAT THE 1998 LOCAL ELECTIONS WERE ONLY THE FIRST PHASE OF THE GRM'S OVERALL DECENTRALIZATION PROCESS. HE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THE CURRENT ELECTIONS PROCESS WAS NOT PERFECT, BUT THAT MOZAMBIQUE WOULD LEARN FROM THIS EXERCISE AND IMPROVE FUTURE ONES. PATRICIO THEN THANKED SCHNEIDMAN FOR U.S. SUPPORT OF THE DEMOCRATIZATION PROCESS IN MOZAMBIQUE, INCLUDING ASSISTANCE IN THE ELECTIONS, PARLIAMENT, AND THE JUDICIARY. HOWEVER, HE WARNED THAT ALTHOUGH THE PROCESS MUST CONTINUE TO MOVE FORWARD, IT COULD NOT BE FORCED FORWARD.

11. ~~(C)~~ PATRICIO INFORMED SCHNEIDMAN THAT THE GRM HAD JUST FINALIZED ITS ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT FOR 1997, AND THAT WATER POLICY FEATURED PROMINENTLY. HE NOTED THAT THE GRM WAS CURRENTLY WORKING ON AN AGREEMENT WITH SOUTH AFRICA REGARDING COMMON WATER SOURCES, IN ORDER TO HARMONIZE THE REGIONAL WATERS SYSTEM, SO AS TO AVOID FUTURE CONFLICT. PATRICIO ALSO INFORMED SCHNEIDMAN THAT THE GRM WILL JOIN THE NY ARBITRAGE CENTER CONVENTION AND URGE PARLIAMENT TO RATIFY IT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

12. ~~(C)~~ TURNING TO SECURITY MATTERS, PATRICIO ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THE PROBLEM OF DRUG AND ARMS TRAFFICKING WAS A SERIOUS ONE, BUT THAT MOZAMBIQUE WAS WORKING SUB-REGIONALLY TO IMPROVE THE SITUATION. AS FOR DEMINING INITIATIVES, PATRICIO REPORTED THAT THE GRM INTENDED TO STRENGTHEN THE NATIONAL DEMINING CENTER'S CAPACITY, AND TO INVOLVE MORE MOZAMBICANS IN THE OVERALL DEMINING PROCESS. WITH REGARD TO ACRI, PATRICIO STATED THAT IT CONTINUED TO BE DISCUSSED BOTH IN THE OAU AND SADC.

13. ~~(C)~~ PATRICIO EXPLAINED THAT THE RECENT SADC PRESIDENTIAL SUMMIT IN MAPUTO WAS AN ATTEMPT TO MOVE THE ORGANIZATION FORWARD AND THE MOZAMBIQUE WAS PART OF A SMALLER GROUP FORMULATING A RECOMMENDATION ON SADC'S RESTRUCTURING. HE THEN ADMITTED THAT THE DEFENSE, SECURITY, AND POLITICAL ORGAN NEEDED TO BE "SORTED OUT."

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VICE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY, COMMERCE, AND TOURISM

14. ~~(C)~~ ACTING DAS SCHNEIDMAN MET WITH VICE MINISTER MAHOMED RAFIQUE ON MARCH 25. THE AMBASSADOR AND ECONOFF WERE ALSO PRESENT AT THIS MEETING. SCHNEIDMAN'S MEETING WAS A FOLLOW-ON TO THE SUBSTANCE OF DAS CARSON'S MEETING WITH MINISTER OLDEMIRO BALOI IN WASHINGTON IN DECEMBER 1997, AS WELL TO RAFIQUE'S SUBSEQUENT PARTICIPATION IN THE REGIONAL MEETING HELD IN GABORONE FOR THE RANGEL PRESIDENTIAL DELEGATION. SCHNEIDMAN RELATED THE PRESIDENT'S PARTNERSHIP WITH AFRICA INITIATIVE TO RAFIQUE.

15. ~~(C)~~ AS WITH PATRICIO, RAFIQUE QUESTIONED SCHNEIDMAN AS TO WHY PRESIDENT CLINTON DID NOT INCLUDE MOZAMBIQUE ON HIS VISIT TO AFRICA. RAFIQUE THEN WELCOMED THE GROWTH AND OPPORTUNITY ACT, BUT NOTED THAT "MANY" CONSTRAINTS EXISTED IN MOZAMBIQUE, INCLUDING THE POPULATION'S LACK OF UNDERSTANDING, A LACK OF INTERNAL CAPACITY, A LACK OF INFRASTRUCTURE, AND THE INABILITY OF THE GOVERNMENT TO "DELIVER AS IT WOULD LIKE."

16. ~~(C)~~ TURNING TO REGIONAL ISSUES, RAFIQUE EXPRESSED HIS BELIEF THAT THE ONLY WAY FOR THE U.S. INITIATIVE TO WORK IN AFRICA WOULD BE TO START FIRST IN SOUTHERN AFRICA, BUT THAT MOZAMBIQUE WOULD NEED ADDITIONAL SUPPORT IN ORDER TO COMPETE WITH THE REST OF THE REGION. RAFIQUE THEN STRESSED THAT MOZAMBIQUE NEEDED A "MORE BALANCED" RELATIONSHIP WITH THE REST OF THE REGION, AND THAT INVESTMENT WAS NECESSARY BEFORE MOZAMBIQUE COULD BENEFIT FROM THE GROWTH ACT.

17. ~~(C)~~ REGARDING THE SADC TRADE PROTOCOL, RAFIQUE EMPHASIZED THAT THE PROTOCOL WOULD ONLY BE EFFECTIVE IF MEASURES WERE TAKEN TO ASSURE A BETTER TRADING BALANCE IN THE REGION. (COMMENT. MOZAMBIQUE CLEARLY DESIRES GREATER ACCESS TO SOUTH AFRICA'S MARKET WHILE PROTECTING CERTAIN EMERGING DOMESTIC MARKETS. END COMMENT.) HE DID REPORT THAT THE GRM PLANNED TO RATIFY THE PROTOCOL BY THE JUNE 1998 DEADLINE.

18. ~~(C)~~ RAFIQUE STRONGLY SUPPORTED THE IDEA OF A BILATERAL INVESTMENT TREATY (BIT) WITH THE U.S. HE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT TRADE AND INVESTMENT WERE THE BEST KIND OF FOREIGN ASSISTANCE AND REPORTED THAT HIS MINISTRY SAW NO CONSTRAINTS TO MOVING AHEAD WITH A BIT. HE DID NOTE, HOWEVER, THAT THE LEAD MINISTRY, THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND FINANCE, ALONG WITH THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND COOPERATION, WERE STILL IN THE PROCESS OF REVIEWING THE USTR'S MODEL TREATY.

18. ~~(C)~~ TURNING TO ENRON, RAFIQUE INDICATED THAT, LIKE PATRICIO, HE AND OTHER GRM OFFICIALS BELIEVED THAT ENRO HAD NOT LIVED UP TO ITS OBLIGATIONS AS SET FORTH IN THE HEADS OF AGREEMENT. HE WAS RELUCTANT TO DISCUSS THE ISSUE IN DETAIL, EXPLAINING THAT THE LEAD MINISTRY WAS THE MINISTRY OF MINERAL RESOURCES AND

ENERGY. (COMMENT. IN A LATER CONVERSATION, FERNANDO SUMBANA, DIRECTOR OF THE INVESTMENT PROMOTION CENTER, TOLD THE AMBASSADOR THAT GRM OFFICIALS REALIZED THAT THE ERON PROJECT WAS JUST TOO IMPORTANT FOR THE COUNTRY NOT TO APPROVE IN THE LONG RUN. END COMMENT.)

MINISTER FOR COORDINATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION

19. (C) ACTING DAS SCHNEIDMAN MET WITH THE MINISTER FOR COORDINATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION, BERNARDO FERRAZ, ON MARCH 25. THE AMBASSADOR AND POLOFF ALSO ATTENDED THE MEETING. SCHNEIDMAN EXPLAINED THAT THE PRESIDENT'S CONFERENCE IN BOTSWANA WOULD SPOTLIGHT ENVIRONMENTAL THEMES SUCH AS BIODIVERSITY, DESERTIFICATION, AND WOMEN'S ACTIVITIES WHICH BENEFIT THE ENVIRONMENT. DURING THE MEETING, THE AMBASSADOR NOTED THAT THE U.S. MIGHT POSSIBLY BE ABLE TO CONTRIBUTE TO INTEGRATED SEACOAST MANAGEMENT, INCLUDING PATROL BOATS, AND HE SUPPORTED THE IDEA OF EMPOWERING THE CIVIL SOCIETY IN ADDRESSING ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES. SCHNEIDMAN AND FERRAZ AGREED THAT THE U.S. AND MOZAMBIQUE SHOULD INCREASE

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COOPERATION ON ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES.

20. (C) FERRAZ EXPLAINED THAT MOZAMBIQUE'S MOST SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUE WAS THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT OF SEA RESOURCES, AND THAT A PAN-AFRICAN CONFERENCE ON COASTAL AND SEA MANAGEMENT WAS SCHEDULED TO BE HELD IN MAPUTO JULY 18-25, WITH SEVERAL FOLLOW-UP MEETINGS OVER THE COURSE OF THE NEXT YEAR. FERRAZ THEN OUTLINED PLANS FOR A NEW CENTER FOR THE TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY. THE CENTER WOULD SEEK TO ADAPT TECHNOLOGY TO LOCAL NEEDS IN SUCH AREAS AS "GREEN" MEDICINE AND ENERGY ALTERNATIVES. FERRAZ ALSO DESCRIBED PRIVATE INITIATIVES TO DEVELOP AN ENVIRONMENTAL COLLEGE IN MOZAMBIQUE, WITH SUPPORT FROM CHINA AND THE PHILIPPINES. LASTLY, THE MINISTER EXPLAINED THAT HE WOULD BE CREATING A NEW POLICY ANALYSIS GROUP, WHICH WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ASSESSING AND HARMONIZING THE MANY POLICIES NOW IMPACTING ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES.

21. (C) WITH REGARD TO THE ENRON/IDC AND BLANCHARD PROJECTS, FERRAZ SAID THAT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT DRAFTS EXIST, BUT THAT HE HAD NO FURTHER DETAILS. INDEED, FERRAZ NOTED THAT, FIRST, THE GRM

WOULD HAVE TO ENSURE THAT IT HAD THE CAPABILITY TO ANALYZE THE STATEMENTS. ON DEFORESTATION, FERRAZ ACKNOWLEDGED THAT IT WAS A SERIOUS PROBLEM IN CABO DELGADO PROVINCE AND ELSEWHERE, WITH ADEQUATE LEGISLATION IN PLACE BUT WITH THE MEANS OF ENFORCEMENT LACKING. FERRAZ REPORTED THAT IN CABO DELGADO, DEFORESTATION WAS A PRIORITY CONCERN FOR THE NEWLY NAMED GOVERNOR PACHECO (WHO WAS FORMERLY THE VICE MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES.)

HEAD OF RENAMO PARLIAMENTARY BENCH

22. ~~(C)~~ ACTING DAS SCHNEIDMAN MET WITH RENAMO PARLIAMENTARY HEAD RAUL DOMINGOS ON MARCH 24. THE AMBASSADOR AND POLOFF WERE PRESENT. DOMINGOS' FIRST COMMENT WAS THAT RENAMO WOULD LIKE TO SEE MOZAMBIQUE RETAIN ITS REPUTATION AS AN EXAMPLE OF A TRANSITION DEMOCRACY. WHEN ASKED ABOUT LOCAL ELECTIONS, DOMINGOS RESPONDED THAT, FOR RENAMO, THE DEMOCRATIZATION PROCESS (AND ELECTIONS PROCESS) DID NOT END IN 1994, AND THAT RENAMO VIEWED 1994 AS THE BEGINNING OF A PROCESS, NOT THE END OF ONE. DOMINGOS THEN EMGHASIZED THAT ISSUES SUCH AS REGIONALISM AND TRIBALISM NEEDED TO BE ADDRESSED BEFORE MOZAMBIQUE WOULD TRULY BE A NATION FOR ALL MOZAMBIANS.

23. ~~(C)~~ SCHNEIDMAN EXPLAINED THAT DEMOCRACY WAS ABOUT CHANGING GOAL POSTS, AND THAT THE PROCESS WAS NEVER FINISHED AND NEVER PERFECT. DOMINGOS ACKNOWLEDGED THE VERACITY OF SCHNEIDMAN'S COMMENT, BUT INSISTED THAT EQUAL OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL POLITICAL PARTIES WAS ESSENTIAL BEFORE DEMOCRACY COULD GROW. DOMINGOS THEN RECOUNTED HOW PRESIDENT CHISSANO WAS ALREADY UNFAIRLY USING HIS POSITION AS HEAD OF STATE TO CAMPAIGN FOR FRELIMO IN THE CENTRAL AND NORTHERN PROVINCES. DOMINGOS THEN COMPLAINED THAT LOCAL BUSINESSMEN, AND BANKERS WOULD ALL SUPPORT FRELIMO IN THE LOCAL ELECTIONS BECAUSE OF FRELIMO'S PERVASIVE PRESENCE NATION-WIDE. DOMINGOS THEN NOTED THAT ALTHOUGH RADIO WAS AN EFFECTIVE MEANS OF COMMUNICATION, FRELIMO'S DOMINATION OF NEWSPAPERS PUT RENAMO AT A DISTINCT DISADVANTAGE.

24. ~~(C)~~ DOMINGOS EXPLAINED TO SCHNEIDMAN THAT MUCH OF RENAMO'S FUNDS COME FROM THE STATE BUDGET ALLOCATION TO PARLIAMENTARY PARTIES, AND FROM TITHES ON ITS DEPUTIES' SALARIES. HE THEN REPORTED THAT RENAMO WAS STILL TRYING TO PAY ITS DEBTS FROM THE 1994 CAMPAIGN. ON A POSITIVE NOTE, DOMINGOS STATED THAT RENAMO WAS IN THE PROCESS OF COMPUTERIZING ITS FILES, INCLUDING MEMBERSHIP LISTS.

25. ~~(C)~~ DOMINGOS RESPONDED FAVORABLY TO SCHNEIDMAN'S EXPLANATION OF THE GROWTH AND OPPORTUNITY ACT, BUT NOTED THAT GROWTH OF A MIDDLE CLASS IN MOZAMBIQUE WAS VITAL TO FURTHER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. DOMINGOS E>RLAINED THAT STATISTICS

ASIDE, THE BULK OF THE POPULATION WAS STILL NOT BENEFITING FROM MOZAMBIQUE'S INCREASED ECONOMIC STABILITY.

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FRELIMO SECRETARY GENERAL

26. ~~(C)~~ ACTING CS SCHNEIDMAN MET WITH FRELIMO SECRETARY GENERAL MANUEL TOME ON MARCH 24. THE AMBASSADOR AND POLOFF WERE PRESENT. TOME STATED THAT HE WAS SATISFIED WITH THE NEW WAYS THE U.S. WAS DEALING WITH AFRICAN ISSUES, AND THE FACT THAT THERE WAS A MORE ACCURATE CONCEPTION OF AFRICA IN THE U.S. TOME BELIEVED THAT THE U.S. COULD HELP MOZAMBIQUE IN TWO KEY AREAS: DEMOCRATIC DEVELOPMENT AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

27. ~~(C)~~ TOME ALSO EXPLAINED THAT DEMOCRACY MUST BE VIEWED IN LIGHT OF A COUNTRY'S CULTURE. HE NOTED THAT IN MOZAMBIQUE, PEOPLE FOLLOW LEADERS, NOT INSTITUTIONS, AND THAT THE CONCEPT OF ELECTED GOVERNMENT WAS AN ABSTRACT ONE, AS THE POPULATION WAS USED TO POWER RESTING WITH A LEADER WHO HAD INHERITED IT. TOME ALSO EXPLAINED THAT MANY DIFFERENT CUSTOMS EXIST IN MOZAMBIQUE, AND THAT THIS MADE IT HARD TO FORGE NATIONAL UNITY. TOME STATED THAT FRELIMO'S TOP GOAL WAS TO UNITE THE COUNTRY IN ITS DIVERSITY, BUT ACKNOWLEDGED THAT DEMOCRACY WAS AN IMPORTANT ELEMENT.

28. ~~(C)~~ TOME NOTED THAT PEOPLE HAD THE CHOICE WHETHER TO PARTICIPATE OR NOT IN LOCAL ELECTIONS, AND THAT DEMOCRACY WAS NOT AN END IT ITSELF, BUT A WAY FOR ALL TO PARTICIPATE TOGETHER IN GOVERNMENT. TOME THEN STRESSED THAT FRELIMO CONTINUED TO BE PREPARED TO GO FORWARD WITH LOCAL ELECTIONS, WITH OR WITHOUT RENAMO, BUT THAT IT REALIZED THAT IT WAS EASIER FOR THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY AND OTHERS TO "BLAME" THOSE IN POWER. TOME ACKNOWLEDGED THAT EVEN WITHIN FRELIMO, THERE WAS MANY DIFFERING THOUGHTS AND IDEAS, BUT THAT HE WAS PART OF FRELIMO'S POST-LIBERATION STRUGGLE'S "SECOND GENERATION" (AND THE FIRST SECRETARY GENERAL NOT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ARMED STRUGGLE), AND THAT RENOVATION HAS NOW BECOME EASIER. TOME REPORTED THAT FRELIMO'S SINGLE BIGGEST STRUGGLE WAS TO ATTRACT MORE YOUTH TO THE PARTY.

COMMENT

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29. ~~(c)~~ ACTING DAS SCHNEIDMAN'S WELL-RECEIVED VISIT WENT A LONG WAY IN ASSUAGING MOZAMBICAN FEELINGS ABOUT BEING LEFT OUT OF THE PRESIDENT'S AFRICAN TRIP. HIS COUNTERPARTS LISTENED ATTENTIVELY TO THE DAS' EXPLANATION OF THE IMPORTANCE OF THE PRESIDENT'S AFRICAN INITIATIVES, AND ALMOST ALL REQUESTED FURTHER INFORMATION OR FOLLOW-UP DETAIL. THE MESSAGE THAT CLEARLY EMERGED FROM SCHNEIDMAN'S VISIT WAS THAT MOZAMBIQUE IS SERIOUS ABOUT DOING SERIOUS BUSINESS WITH THE U.S.

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