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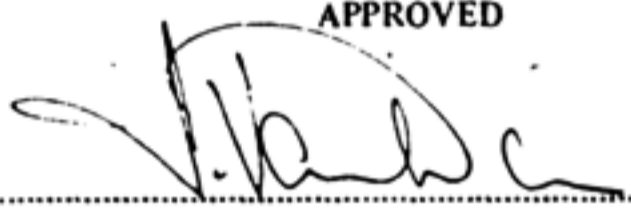
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To His Excellency  
Col. Sergio Vieira  
Minister of Agriculture

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*10.10.83*  
*M. J. 10/3/83*

Greetings

1. I thank you for your telex no. 14/GMA/83 of 14.2.83.
2. The South African Government has concluded that it would be inappropriate for a ministerial delegation to attend the follow-up meeting. This decision was reached after it came to light that the recent bomb attack on government offices in Bloemfontein had been perpetrated by ANC terrorists emanating from Mocambique. As a result of the attack, one person died, 16 were seriously injured and 59 lightly injured while the damage is estimated to be at least R40 000. Other recent attacks of the same nature in Port Elizabeth and Pietermaritzburg confirmed that ANC members operating from Mocambique with apparent blessing of Mocambican authorities, are responsible for these acts of violence.
3. The South African Government, however, remains firmly committed to peace and stability in southern Africa and in a

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further endeavour to achieve this goal, is still prepared to send a delegation of senior officials under my leadership to Mocambique to discuss restraint as a prerequisite to further discussions.

4. It would be appreciated if you could suggest a suitable date for such a meeting.

Highest consideration.

J VAN DALSEN  
DIRECTOR-GENERAL:  
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