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Mr. Jose Joaquim Alberto Chissano
President of Mozambique
Presidencia da Republica de Mozambique
Maputo
AV. Julius Nyerere, 1780
Mozambique

Dear Mr. Chissano:

Like all Americans, I am deeply concerned by reports that a United States citizen, along with six others, is being detained inside Mozambique. It is imperative that any American, or any other person of any nationality, being held against their will in Mozambique be released immediately and without precondition. It is also imperative that all parties in Mozambique cooperate with efforts to insure that a release can be accomplished without endangering the lives or well-being of those detained.

In order to insure the safety and humane treatment of those released, I call upon you to agree: (1) to a temporary ceasefire in the area in which a release could be effected, to insure that such a release could proceed without endangering the lives or well-being of the detainees; and (2) to cooperate with the Red Cross, or other reputable, non-political international organization, in accomplishing such a release.

For your information, I have written to the RENAMO organization, urging that it agree to the immediate release of all detainees, under a ceasefire, without any preconditions except those legitimately necessary to insure the safety of the detainees.

I would appreciate your earliest reply, providing assurances that you will cooperate to effect a release, in accord with the criteria outlined above.

Sincerely yours,


BOB DOLE
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