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## United States Senate

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Mr. Afonso Dhlakama  
President of RENAMO  
Gorongosa, Mozambique

Dear Mr. Dhlakama:

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

In order to insure the safety and humane treatment of those released, the release should be conducted under a ceasefire in the area of the release, and through a reputable, non-political international organizational, such as the Red Cross.

For your information, I have written to the Embassy of Mozambique in Washington, urging that it agree: (1) to cooperate in a temporary ceasefire in the area in which the release is to be effected, to insure that it can proceed safely; and (2) to facilitate the efforts of the Red Cross or other selected international organization to effect the release.

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

Sincerely yours,

  
BOB DOLE  
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