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NOTE FOR THE RECORD

Question of UNSG: Discussions with the Foreign Minister of
Mozambique, H.E. Mr. Joaquim Alberto Chissano - Saturday, 30
August 1980

On Saturday, 30 August 1980, I attended a luncheon given by the Foreign Minister of Mozambique at the residence of his Permanent Residence in New Rochelle. Among those present were the Foreign Ministers of Sierra Leone, Mali, as well as Cabinet ministers from Burundi, Angola and Botswana and the Permanent Representatives of most of the aforementioned countries.

After the luncheon I had a one hour private discussion with Foreign Minister Chissano. The talks took place at about 4:30 p.m. and lasted up to just a few minutes before the Foreign Minister left for Paris. The topic of discussion was the question of my possible candidature for the post of Secretary-General.

Foreign Minister Chissano was very supportive of the idea of my candidature and he undertook to discuss the issue with President Samora. He pledged to do his utmost to work vigorously for my candidature. He pointed out that President Samora would be visiting the Soviet Union, Bulgaria and the German Democratic Republic in December this year and he would encourage the President to raise the issue with the Heads of State of those countries. Foreign Minister Chissano also said that he would talk with other African colleagues as well as with the Ministers from the European countries. At the appropriate moment he would start initiating such discussions through those countries with diplomatic representatives in Maputo.

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(NB: When Foreign Minister Chissano came for the 35th Session of the General Assembly I had another opportunity to discuss this question with him. He said that he had already briefed President Samora and mentioned that Mwalimu would be contacting him. Minister Chissano said that President Samora was awaiting Mwalimu's communication.)

New York, Thursday, 23 October 1980
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