

FW will visit Maputo — official

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THE leader of the National Party, Mr F W de Klerk, will visit Maputo next Wednesday to hold talks with President Chissano of Mozambique, a spokesman for the Department of Foreign Affairs said last night.

The Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr Pik Botha, had confirmed he would accompany Mr De Klerk.

The visit will be Mr De Klerk's first to the leader of a Black African state since he became National Party leader earlier this year.

Meetings with US President George Bush and Zambia's President Dr Kenneth Kaunda, who earlier indicated that he wanted a meeting with Mr De Klerk, are also on the cards.

Sources, however, believed that a meeting with President Bush might be delayed at least until his administration's policy review on South Africa has been completed.

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With Mr Botha having indicated that South Africa would like to play a role in bringing about a peaceful settlement in Mozambique, and with matters already on the move in this regard, a visit to Maputo at this time could be of immediate importance, according to the sources.

A meeting with President Kaunda — who has indicated that he would like to see a start to negotiations in South Africa and whose country has been shifting out large numbers of members of the ANC — could also be fruitful at this time.

Talks with President Bush were also regarded as highly important, but the Americans have indicated they will base their attitude towards South Africa on what Mr De Klerk does if he becomes South Africa's leader in the September elections.

According to a Washington report Pres

George Bush is being urged by a group of House Democrats not to meet Mr De Klerk until the South African Government ends its state of emergency and releases political prisoners.

A meeting "without any significant political change would send a terribly wrong signal concerning the direction of US policy", said a letter sent to Mr Bush prior to his departure for Europe

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and released in Washington on Tuesday.

The letter bore the names of 51 House Democrats and more signers are being added, said the office of Republican William H Gray, a Pennsylvania Democrat, the House majority whip who co-sponsored the letter with Democratic Re-

publicans Ronald Dellums of California, and Howard Wolpe of Michigan.

Mr Dellums is author of South African sanctions legislation before the House, Mr Wolpe is African Affairs subcommittee chairman.

Questions of whether, Mr Bush would receive, Mr De Klerk were earlier referred to the travelling

White House.

The June 29 Congressional letter praised Mr Bush for meeting anti-apartheid leaders such as, Archbishop Desmond Tutu, Dr Allan Boesak, Dr Beyers Naude and Mrs Albertina Sisulu.

Besides asking for an end to South Africa's

state of emergency and release of political prisoners, the letter listed other conditions for meeting government leaders. The letter said political organisations should be banned in South Africa and restrictions on leaders of extra-Parliamentary groups should be ended.