

# Alert on guerrilla diary

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THE South African Government is reported to be increasingly anxious about the contents of a diary found on a captured guerrilla leader in Mozambique.

Already it is known that the diary tells of secret visits by Deputy Defence Minister Louis Nel to the main base of the MNR, the right-wing movement fighting to overthrow President Samora Machel.

Pretoria fears that the diary will prove to contain still more damaging revelations.

It already destroys South Africa's claim that it stopped giving help to the Mozambique rebels after signing a non-aggression treaty with Machel in March 1984.

Admissions last week that South Africa has been aiding anti-government forces in two neighbouring black countries—Mozambique and Angola—highlighted its military destabilisation tactics.

The Angola incursion—including bombing raids against government forces—is now known to have been

primarily to help the hard-pressed UNITA guerrillas, led by Jonas Savimbi. He told reporters at his southern Angola HQ that Soviet officers were leading Luanda's forces in the biggest offensive so far against his men.

President Machel is known to be deeply angered by the disclosures in the captured diary of South Africa's double-dealing. The diplomatic storm is likely to be still strong when he meets Mrs Thatcher in London this week.