

**Mozambique criticises Canadian asylum for MNR official** (Text) An official source in Mozambique said today that the Mozambican government is taking very seriously the fact that the Canadian government has given residence and a refugee status to a representative of South Africa's MNR bandits, Francisco Nota Moises. Nota Moises has been secretary of information of the MNR since 1986. The Canadian decision, which came to light through Canadian news reports, took by surprise observers in Maputo, who thought that Canada had adopted a firmer policy against apartheid and against the regional destabilisation promoted by Pretoria. The surprise is also due to the fact that Canada has substantially increased its aid to Mozambique and to the regional alliance, SADCC.

The former spokesman for the MNR in Portugal, Lisbon [as heard] Paulo Oliveira, who gave himself up to the Mozambican authorities at the beginning of this year, said at a press conference in Maputo in March [ME/0110 B/4] that Nota Moises has links with an American businessman, James Blanchard. Blanchard is said to be subsidising the so-called secretary for information of the bandits. Nota Moises' name has also appeared in the press linked with the pro-American faction of the MNR. Oliveira stated that Nota Moises worked in an information office about Mozambique in Washington with Blanchard and [Tom] Schaaf, another American who, according to Oliveira, mentioned payments of up 5,000 dollars to the office. (Maputo in English for abroad 1800 gmt 24 Jun 88) ME/0191, B/6, 30/6/88