

With regard to Cuba, we truly noted that our cooperation was positive. The assessment of our cooperation is very positive, and we had little difficulty in discussing the development of our cooperation. Accordingly, we shall continue to cooperate in all fields in which we already cooperate.

Coming to Nicaragua, the results were similar, although in this case our cooperation is still wanting in the practical economic and military fields. All the same, we exchanged information which will enable us to continue our diplomatic cooperation with a greater intensity. We also opened new horizons for cultural and economic cooperation. We signed cooperation agreements which will be the foundation of the development of cooperation in the economic, cultural, scientific, technical fields. I must also say that we learned a lot from the situation Nicaragua is experiencing.

As for Argentina, we carried out research work. As in the case of Nicaragua, we expect to soon receive delegation from Argentina to continue our discussions.

Coming to Brazil, in conclusion, we held good discussions, despite our brief stay in that country. We reviewed our cooperation and we set up goals that we should reach in the field of cooperation. With this country, too, we will soon exchange delegations. We hope to reactivate cooperation, which has more or less stagnated for a few years, since 1982, I would say. We believe there are conditions in both countries to reactivate this cooperation now, with more determination from the Brazilian authorities.

Mozambique

Chissano Returns From Latin America Tour

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[Text] President Joaquim Chissano returned to Maputo this morning at the end of visits to Argentina, Cuba, Nicaragua, and Brazil. The Mozambican leader was welcomed at the airport on his return by party and state officials, including Political Bureau members Marcelino dos Santos and Mario Machungo. Members of the diplomatic corps and thousands of Maputo city residents were also at the airport to welcome President Chissano. On his return to Maputo, the Mozambican leader stopped over in Luanda where he briefed Angolan journalists on his visits to four Latin American countries.

[Begin Chissano recording] Well, I visited four countries, namely Argentina, Cuba, Nicaragua, and Brazil. The visits were aimed at reactivating existing cooperation with these four countries, strengthening existing friendship, and reviewing cooperation, particularly with countries with which we already cooperate. In each country visited, we had positive results, although these results differed from country to country, since with some of the four countries our cooperation is not all that well developed.

In all the countries we visited, we found great sympathy and solidarity with the struggle we are waging in southern Africa. In all these countries, we examined in detail, both in speeches and in our talks, the prevailing situation in southern Africa, particularly in Angola. The Angolan situation received special attention, not only because our delegation was interested in discussing it, but also because the countries and peoples of those regions were very much interested in becoming familiar with the situation. We were able to tell them about it, as much as we could, although obviously, we were more prepared to brief them on Mozambique's situation.

On the whole, the solidarity is overwhelming. Even in Argentina, where we did not expect great understanding of the situation in this region, we felt the people's warmth. Accordingly, we have the support and, must therefore, both of us, Mozambicans and Angolans, increase our work to continue to enlighten the people of those countries about the situation, because they are truly ready to support our struggles. [end recording]