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(MOÇAMBIQUE REVOLUTIONARY COMMITTEE)

(COREMO).

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MEMORANDUM

SUBMITTED TO THE 5TH SESSION OF THE ELEVEN NATION AFRICAN LIBERATION COMMITTEE - DAR ES SALAAM, UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA.

31ST JANUARY, 1966.
MR. CHAIRMAN, Sir, Honourable Ministers and Brothers in the struggle for African Liberation.

ON behalf of the MOZAMBIQUE REVOLUTIONARY COMMITTEE (COREMO), I would like to congratulate you on the success of convening this Session of the African Liberation Committee and to wish you success in all your deliberations in your bid to liberate the remaining African countries which are still under the yoke of slavery and foreign domination.

MR. CHAIRMAN Sir, Honourable Members, The MOZAMBIQUE REVOLUTIONARY COMMITTEE (COREMO) is hereby to inform you of the following, that after analysing the grave and explosive situation which is prevailing in our country Mozambique, the Provisional Action Council of COREMO decided after long and intensive mass mobilization and training to make a strategic and tactical plan of waging a fierce fight against the Portuguese oppressors and exploiters in Mozambique.

As a result, the Provisional Action Council in the month of September, 1965 instructed its guerrilla commanders and fighters to intensify their activities more special in the Central part of Mozambique where COREMO enjoys popular mass support. And on the 5th October, 1965, a meeting was called by the Provisional Military Committee of COREMO, to study all the orders that were given by the Provisional Action Council, this meeting was attended by Military leaders, Political Commissars and Party Branch leaders.

THE Military Committee decided therefore that orders must be given to all different combating regional guerrilla units to start operations throughout the whole country.

AND as a result of this glorious decision in the early weeks of October, 1965, in the Central Province, district of Tete 12 African soldiers who were serving under the Portuguese
under the Portuguese fascist army deserted and joined our guerrilla units bringing in their arms and ammunition. And from 21st October to 23rd December, 1965, our heroic guerrillas completely annihilated more than 58 soldiers and wounded many in the areas of Zambue, Zumbo, Pingoe, Tete and Manica e Sofala district.

MR.CHAIRMAN, Sir, during these operations 28 American Semi-automatic 8 rounds rifles were captured, 9 military lorries destroyed and one strategic air base was destroyed and burned down. In the Northern Province of Zambezia, our guerrillas wiped out 17 Portuguese troops, arrested 3 African soldiers and captured 2 American made Pistols, 35 rounds of ammunition and 3 bicycles.

MR.CHAIRMAN Sir, as a result of these operations the Portuguese fascist soldiers retaliated by mace-reaging indiscriminately men, women and children and about 20,000 to 25,000 people were left homeless after their villages were burned down by the Portuguese troops and then they had to follow our guerrilla units into the mountains for protection and over 8,000 others crossed the boundaries into the Republic of Zambia.

Faced with the urgent problem of protecting the lives of over 20,000 to 25,000 people now hiding in the mountains and bushes of Mozambique and the problem of intensifying and expanding our armed revolutionary struggle inside Mozambique, the Provisional Action Council of COREMO, decided to send a 3 (three) man delegation to appeal to the African Liberation Committee for the following urgent assistance:-

(a) Recognition of COREMO by the O.A.U.
(b) Arms and ammunition
(c) Radio Transmitters and
(d) Transport.

MR.CHAIRMAN, if these requests are accepted, we invite a delegation of the African Liberation Committee to come and inspect our Military and Political Training Bases inside Mozambique and we guarantee the delegation’s safety in coming in and out of Mozambique.
MR. CHAIRMAN, on behalf of the Provisional Action Council of COMECON and the Provisional Military Committee and the entire suffering people of Mozambique, I have the hope that the African Liberation Committee and the Organization for African Unity as a whole will take our appeal into full and urgent consideration for the sake of immediate liberation of Mozambique and the rest of our African Continent.

Yours in the service of Africa,

Paul Jose Gueome.  
National Secretary General.  

Julius K. Dzonzi.  
Guerrilla Commander.