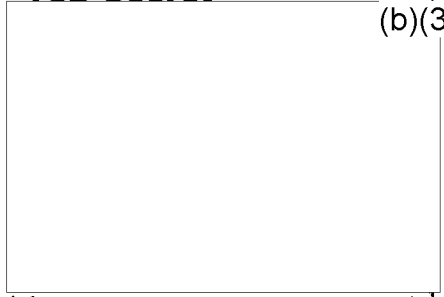




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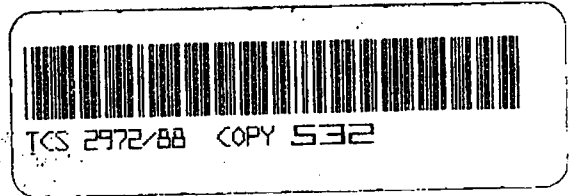
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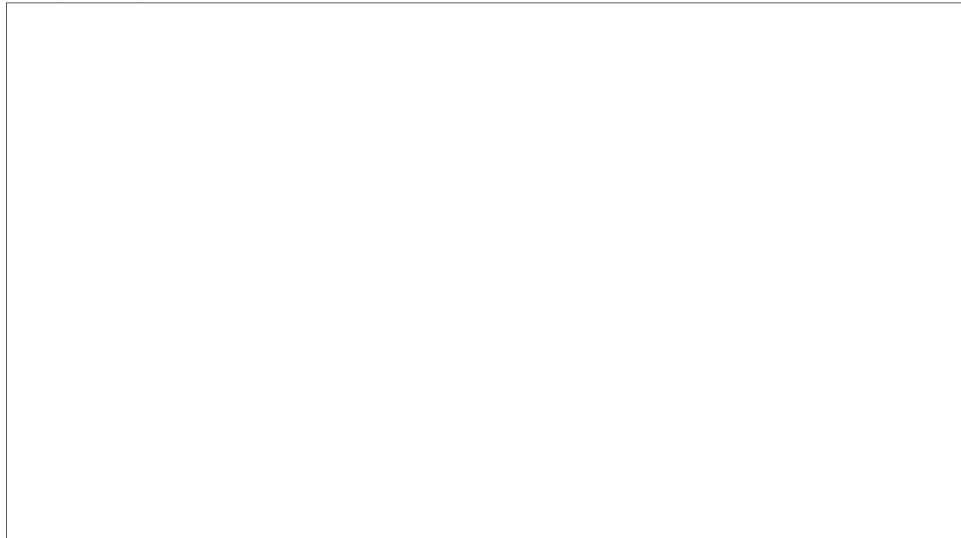
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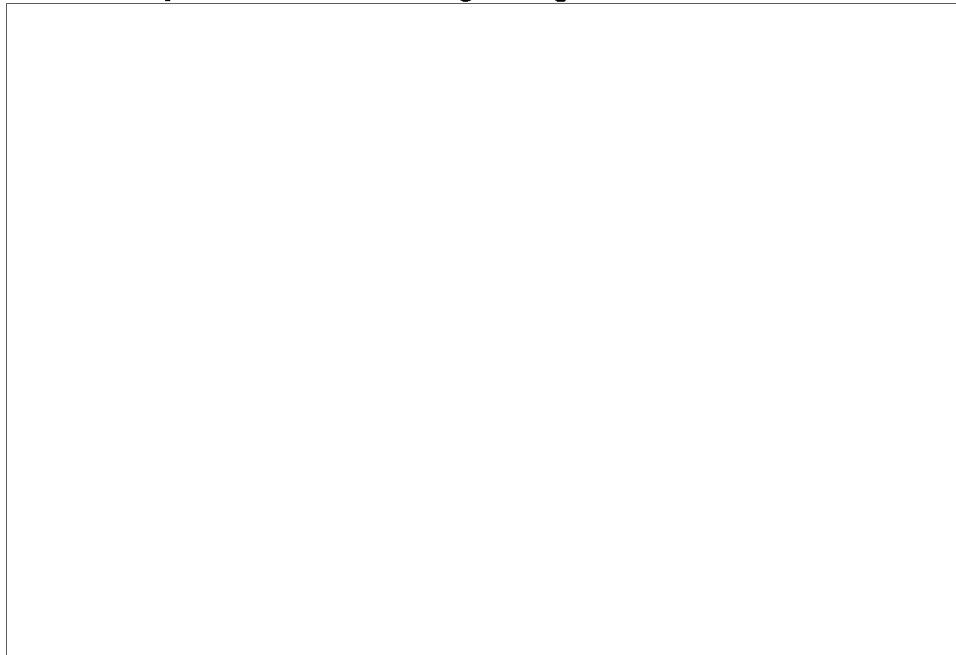
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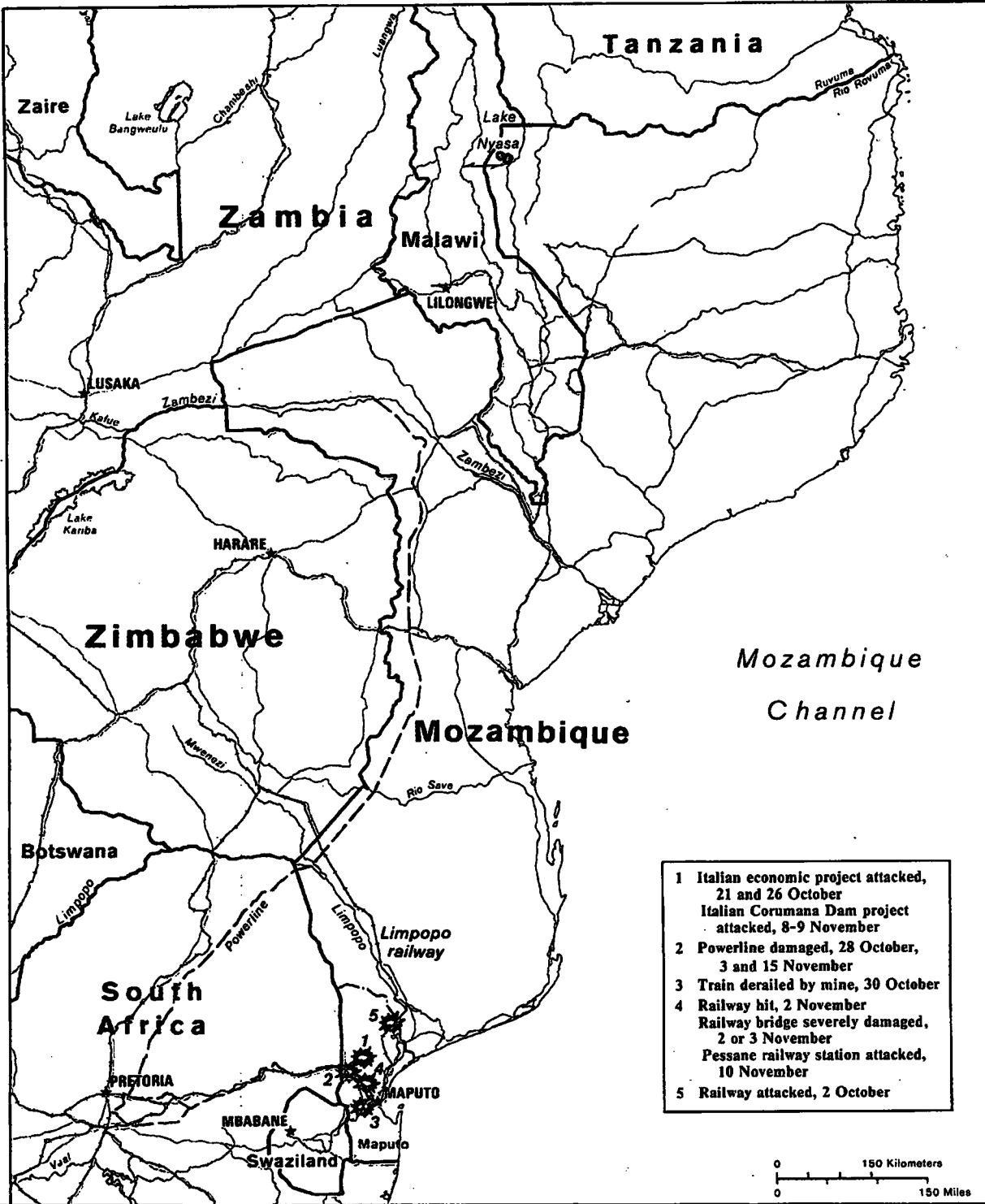
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Selected RENAMO Incidents in Maputo Province, October and November 1988



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MOZAMBIQUE: RENAMO Asserting Strength in South

RENAMO guerrillas in recent weeks have disrupted Maputo's electricity supply three times, attacked rail lines and roads serving the capital, and raided several economic projects in the region

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Mozambique's government-influenced media

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speculate that some components of South Africa's security and armed services are trying to derail improving relations between Maputo and Pretoria by supplying the guerrillas despite President Botha's pledge in September that South Africa does not provide RENAMO with "positive support."

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Mozambican President Chissano has hoped that South African assistance to RENAMO would taper off or cease as a result of his meeting with Botha in September

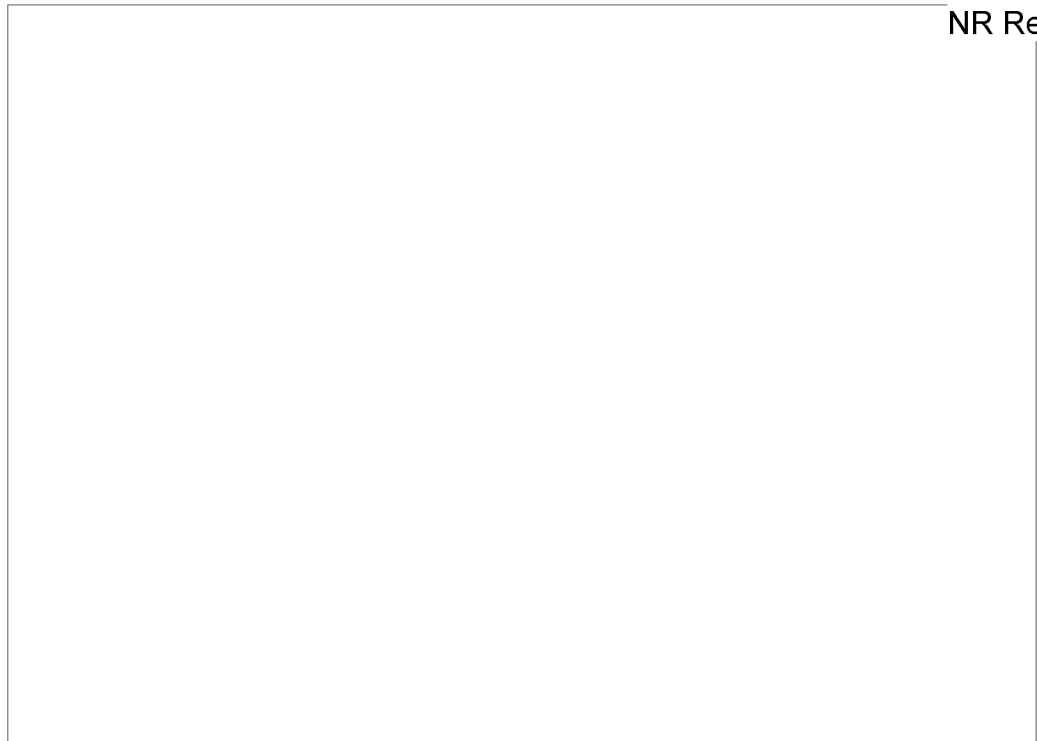
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Comment: RENAMO appears to be reasserting itself after the Botha-Chissano summit by attacking high-profile targets near the capital. Maputo almost certainly overestimated Botha's ability or willingness to control the insurgents and underestimated RENAMO. The insurgents are increasingly self-sufficient and probably able to continue operations without outside assistance. Hardliners in Maputo will attribute the surge in guerrilla action to continued South African support and may increase their pressure on Chissano to slow the pace of the rapprochement with Pretoria. But Chissano is not likely to change course quickly because his policy toward South Africa has led to increased economic cooperation.

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