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Subject: MOZAMBIQUE: Visit of  
President Machel June '83



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THE PRIME MINISTER

13 May 1983

**PRIME MINISTER'S  
PERSONAL MESSAGE  
SERIAL No. T64<sup>A</sup>/83**

Dear Mr. President,

I had been looking forward with so much pleasure to your visit next week. There are issues of importance which we should discuss together. But as you will probably have heard, we shall now be holding a general election here on 9 June.

It is our long-standing tradition not to entertain world political leaders in this country during a general election campaign and with the greatest regret I therefore have no option but to suggest that your visit should be postponed to a later date. I very much hope that mutually convenient dates for your visit can be found later in the year.

I do hope we shall be  
able to arrange a new date soon.

Yours sincerely

Margaret Thatcher

His Excellency President Samora Moises Machel

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