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SUBJECT: Projects Valued at \$47.5 Million to be Dedicated in Mozambique Over 1966/67 during the 40th Anniversary Celebrations of Salazar  
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Mozambique's Special Committee of the União Nacional Party in charge of the Celebration of the 40th Anniversary in power of the Salazar Government has announced that during the year 1966/67 (May 28-May 27) various development works valued at US\$47.5 million will be dedicated. Of the total \$32.06 million represents Mozambique Government and Municipal level projects and \$15.48 million is accounted for as private industrial investments.

1. Distribution by Districts

The regional development program works distributed by districts are: Lourenço Marques - \$16.53 million; Manica-e-Sofala - \$12.45 million; Inhambane - \$6.50 million; Moçambique - \$5.13 million; Gaza - \$3.52 million; Cabo Delgado - \$1.90 million; Zambezia - \$0.71 million; Niassa - \$0.63 million and Tete - \$0.17 million.

2. Category of Development Works

The regional development works fall into the following categories: private industrial projects - \$15.48 million; Public Works (highways and streets, low-cost housing units, Government and municipal buildings and residences, bridges and culverts, and social centers) - \$11.36 million; Harbors and Railways - \$10.63 million; Power and Water Supply - \$2.83 million; Health and Sanitation - \$2.62 million; Education - \$2.19 million; Agriculture, Forestry and Animal Husbandry - \$0.99 million; Airports - \$0.87 million; Weather Bureau - \$0.37 million; and Sundry Public Utility Services - \$0.21 million.

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### 3. Analysis of the Regional Projects

#### 3.1 - Private Industrial Establishments

Some 18 projects are set for completion in 1966/67 totaling 399,850,000 escudos (US\$13.95 million) and thus distributed: Loureço Marques (14) - \$10.29 million; Gaza (1) - \$2.79 million; Manica-e-Sofala (2) - \$0.84 million; and Niassa (1) - \$24.416 million. Major projects nearing completion are: merger of the laundry and toilet soap factories (\$3,313,568); Sonarep's asphalt and gas plant (\$3,139,170); cashew nut factory in Gaza by MOCITA (\$2,790,373); plastic container factory (\$697,593); expansion of the Soalpo textile factory (\$697,593); motor car assembly plant (\$523,195); and canned milk plant (\$523,197).

#### 3.2 - Public Works

Projected public works comprise: highways and streets (\$7.97 million); economic housing units (\$1.68 million); Government and Municipal buildings and residences (\$0.74 million); bridges and culverts (\$0.57 million) and sundry projects (\$0.40 million).

Major highway projects are: Loureço Marques-Matola highway (12 kms) at US\$0.98 million, Pungué-River highway section (60 kms) at \$0.77 million and Maxixe-Save River highway section (348 kms) at \$5.93 million.

Low-cost housing for low-income group families is chiefly represented by the "Fomento Predial" a private project to house 400 families at \$1.40 million located at Matola, a suburb of Loureço Marques.

Government office buildings in Porto Amelia are valued at \$0.32 million, while the Municipal Town Hall in Mocuba alone is assessed at \$83,711.

Of the bridges and culverts due for completion, the following deserve special mention: Meluli River bridge on the National Highway No. 232 (at \$97,663); Mocuburi River bridge on the National Highway No. 106 (at \$68,015); and Mutamba River Bridge on the National Highway No. 101 (at \$52,982).

#### 3.3 - Harbors and Railways

Improvements of harbors and railways scheduled for completion by Districts are: Manica-e-Sofala, (\$8.23 million), Loureço Marques (\$2.33 million) and Tete (\$0.07 million). Major works in this category are: wharves No. 9 and No. 10 at Beira (\$3.5 million), sugar warehouses at the port of Loureço Marques (\$2.33 million), Beira Central Railway Station (\$1.75 million) and Beira dry docks (\$1.74 million).

#### 3.4 - Power and Water Supply

Some \$2.14 million and \$0.68 million estimated power and water supply projects are earmarked for completion in 1966/67 thus distributed, in US\$1,000, by districts: Moçambique - 924 and 56; Gaza - 542 and 64; Cabo Delgado - 244 and 275; Inhambane - 220 and 19; Loureço Marques - 113 and 107; Zambezia - 48 and nil; Niassa - 34 and 2; Manica-e-Sofala - 7 and 155; and Tete - 2 and nil.

Major power projects expected to be completed are: Nacala power station and distribution grid (\$924,311), Limpopo Valley power station and high voltage distribution grid (\$523,195) and Inhambane-Maxixe power station and distribution grid (\$209,278). Major water supply works projected for completion are: Porto Amelia water supply (\$207,813),

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Moamba water supply (#84,060), Ribaué water supply (#55,807), and Gondola water supply (#50,924).

### 3.5 - Health & Sanitation

Projects set for completion totaling \$2.62 million and distributed by districts are: Moçambique - \$1.89 million; Lourenço Marques - \$0.61 million; Inhambane - \$0.38 million; Cabo Delgado - \$0.37 million; Tete - \$0.18 million; Niassa - \$0.18 million; and Manica e Sofala - \$0.01 million. Major items in this group are: Nampula Central Hospital - \$1.89 million; Lourenço Marques Sanatorium Hospital - \$0.42 million; and Lourenço Marques Infectious Skin Diseases Hospital - \$0.19 million.

### 3.6 - Education

Construction of school buildings and the equipment of University laboratories are planned to total \$2.19 million comprising: technical, middle and high schools - \$1.59 million; primary schools - \$0.39 million; University - \$0.21 million. By Districts, the projects are (in US\$1,000): Manica e Sofala - 1,131; Cabo Delgado - 452; Lourenço Marques - 293; Inhambane - 132; Niassa - 128; Zambezia - 22; Tete - 19; Moçambique - 14; and Gaza - 3.

Major projects in this group to be dedicated are: Beira Commercial & Industrial School Building completed in 1962/63 - \$1.04 million; University Laboratories - \$0.21 million; St. Paul Mission Lyceum Buildings in Porto Amelia - \$0.19 million; and two Mission Seminary Buildings in Cabo Delgado - \$0.18 million.

### 3.7 - Agriculture, Forestry and Animal Husbandry

The total of projects to be completed is reported at \$0.99 million, distributed by districts: Moçambique - \$341,821; Cabo Delgado - \$153,122; Zambezia - \$125,811; Gaza - \$90,722; Manica e Sofala - \$89,815; Inhambane - \$28,601; Lourenço Marques - \$4,639; non-specified districts (Tete and Niassa) - \$153,122. About two thirds of the value of those projects refer to developments in agriculture and forestry of the Mozambique Cotton Institute; the rest of the money (\$324,276) is being spent on small settlement projects (\$186,606) and in assistance to cattle ranchers (\$137,670) in the form of dipping tanks, water depots, and residences for Veterinary Service personnel.

### 3.8 - Airports

Works to be completed are estimated to total \$865,190 in value, by districts: Manica e Sofala - \$691,489; Niassa - \$81,270; Zambezia - \$45,344; Cabo Delgado - \$39,065; Gaza - \$6,278; and Tete - \$1,744. Major works expected to be inaugurated are: Beira Airport - \$686,606; Vila Cabral Airport - \$41,507; and Montepuez airfield runways - \$34,880. The rest of the projects mostly consist of maintenance, reconstruction and/or expansion of airfields in the Province.

### 3.9 - Weather Bureau

The projects to be inaugurated are valued at \$372,270, and include the completion of the Beira Weather Center and Aerial Navigation Center and its equipment at \$330,310. The rest of the money is to be used for the expansion of the Central Weather Bureau Services

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in Lourenço Marques, including the equipping of its new Magnetic Station.

### 3.10 - Sundry Public Utility Services

These are estimated at around #0.21 million, but no debits are available about these projects.

#### Comment:

The above impressive list was compiled by the Special Committee of the União Nacional Party to show the general public how much the Salazar Government has done for the economic development of Portugal, including Mozambique. The list does not necessarily imply that all the above mentioned projects were started during 1966 for inauguration during the 40th Anniversary Celebrations. Several of these projects are still in the infant stage (v.g. Matola-Lourenço Marques and Maxixe-Save River highways) including many of the private industrial establishment and several have been completed for 2 or three years. Clearly, the Special Committee sought to reflect under the headings "education", "airports" and "public works" all of the small repair, maintenance and/or extension works, normally carried out for "primary school buildings", "airfields" and "small bridges and culverts". Items valued at 8,000#00 (US\$279.00), 10,000#00 (\$348.8), 15,000#00 (\$523.2), 20,000#00 (\$697.6), 50,000#00 (\$1744) and 100,000#00 (\$3488.0) are very numerous. They were probably included by the District authorities to make their lists as impressive as possible by sheer numbers. Without denigrating the importance of any and all projects to the maintenance and development of the infrastructure and economy of Mozambique, this listing is primarily an exercise in political propaganda, while indicating the limited performance under various economic plans to date.

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