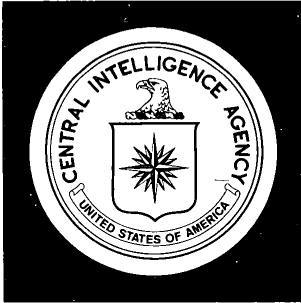


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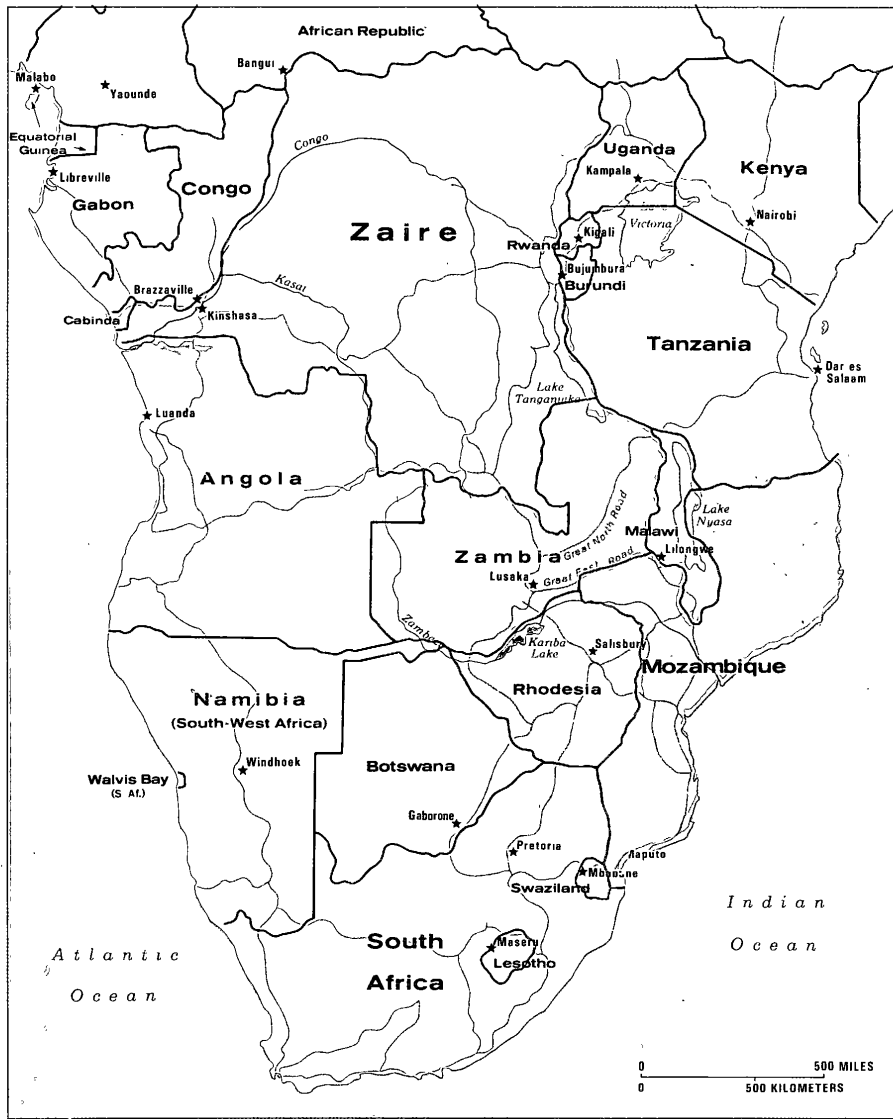
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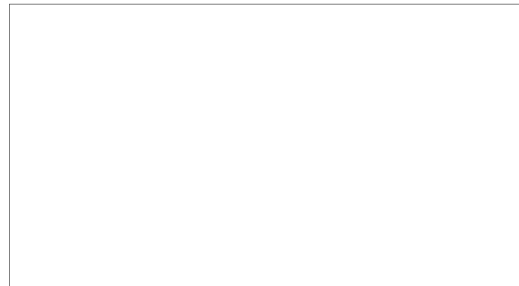
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The recent Rhodesian army raids into Mozambique [redacted] have convinced most of the nationalists and their allies that the guerrillas are much weaker than had been assumed. The latest raids, which began two months ago, apparently have disrupted guerrilla plans for increased military activity. Action in eastern Rhodesia by guerrillas based in Mozambique has been generally at a low level since the raids began.

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The nationalists and the front-line presidents are said to be discussing the reintegration of the main guerrilla force, representing the Zimbabwe African National Union based in Mozambique, with the much smaller force of the Zambia-based Zimbabwe African People's Union. These two guerrilla groups were merged briefly in Mozambique early last year, but the joint force disbanded after the two factions engaged in armed clashes.

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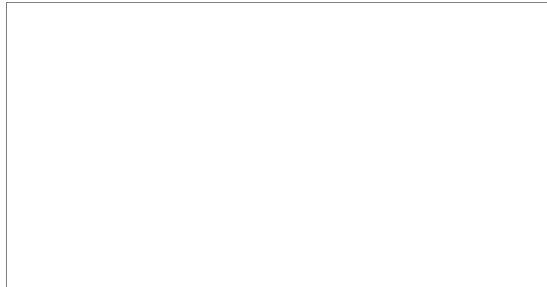
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NOTE

The Indian government arrested scores of Communists December 31 as a means of quashing a national protest planned by the Indian Communist Party against Prime Minister Gandhi's domestic policies.

Increased Communist criticism of Gandhi's ruling Congress Party is another aspect of growing tension between the government and the Indian Communist Party and its impatience with restrictions imposed under the state of emergency.



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