Background: Insurgency and drought have combined to create a critical situation of famine and suffering in Mozambique. Direct South African support for the RENAMO* also known as MNR terrorist insurgent movement in Mozambique diminished after the 1984 NKomati agreement with South Africa under which both sides agreed not to support insurgent movements on the territory of the other party. Mozambique has complied with the agreement, but knowledgeable observers believe that Pretoria still provides critical command and control, communications and intelligence support to RENAMO, as well as remaining a reliable supplier at high priority items that RENAMO is unable to acquire on its own.

*RENAMO is not a political alternative according U.S. Foreign Policy Bulletin No. 989, but a terrorist organization which rapes, pillages and burns noncombatants.

Pencils for Peace in Mozambique**

Across Iowa churches, schools, community groups and other individuals are being recruited to help gather one million pencils to help stop the South African-backed war against Mozambique. The pencil gathering is symbolic of helping to reopen schools in Mozambique which have been destroyed by wartime violence. The pencil is also symbolic of the written messages of concern felt by Iowans for this war torn area and its people. For this reason, the pencil campaign will be complimented by a letter writing campaign. Study packets and speakers will be available to assist campaign sponsors. The campaign begins March 1, 1988 and will culminate on May 1, 1988.

**Along with pencil collections monetary donations will be accepted to purchase paper stock for schools and to transport materials to Mozambique.

Please help write peace into the future for the people of Mozambique by joining the Pencils for Peace in Mozambique Campaign.

Pencils for Peace in Mozambique

Name ________________________________

Address ________________________________ Zip ______

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_ I/We would like more information __ Yes, I/we want to participate.

_ I/We would like to make a donation to help with paper purchase and/or transportation of materials aids.

_ I/We would like a speaker on Mozambique.

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