

Informers fears CIA^{Star 16/3 81} liquidation

MAPUTO — A senior Mozambican Government official has admitted publicly he was recruited as an informer by the United States' Central Intelligence Agency at the end of 1975, only months after the country's independence, the official Mozambique Agency, AIM, has reported.

Speaking at a Press conference at the weekend, Mr Jose Massinga (51), director of research and personnel in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, told reporters from the Mozambican and foreign Press how the CIA had pro-

mised him R225 a month to work for it. He supplied information on agreements with the socialist countries and introduced likely recruits for the US intelligence services to CIA officers in Maputo.

Mr Massinga joined Frelimo in August 1962, shortly after the organisation was founded. Frelimo sent him to the United States to study, and there he met someone called "Willie," who said he was a student doing research on East Africa.

Mr Massinga said he left the US to continue

his studies in Geneva at the end of 1967 and did not see Willie again until the end of 1975. Mr Massinga explained that by 1975 he was working in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and was part of a Mozambican delegation to the UN General Assembly to present Mozambique's credentials for UN membership.

In New York Mr Massinga met Willie again. After a few meetings, Willie asked him to work for the CIA and after some discussion he agreed.

The monthly payments for his collaboration were

deposited for him in Washington to avoid arousing suspicions of the Mozambican authorities. He had not, he said, yet seen any of the money.

In his statement he claimed he wanted to resign from his job in the Foreign Ministry to end his association with the CIA but needed the permission of his Minister and the agreement of the CIA contract, because he was afraid the CIA might "liquidate" him.

Mr Massinga was arrested on March 2, two days before his CIA contact, Mr Louis Ollivier, a

second secretary in the US Embassy, was expelled from the country with five other CIA officers and collaborators.

Asked what had led him to accept the CIA offer, Mr Massinga said he had not realised until too late the specific nature of the information he would be required to supply.

The second person presented at the Press conference was Mr Alcido Chivite, a veteran guerilla from the days of Frelimo's armed struggle against Portuguese colonialism.

Mr Chivite said he had



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been seduced and corrupted by gifts of stereo equipment and money before his CIA contacts in Maputo began to ask him for information. As

He said his association with the CIA began in 1978 during the Zimbabwean liberation struggle. He had received payments of from R112 to R225 for each meeting with his CIA contacts.

Mr Chivite said he came to the attention of security authorities when he began to build himself a luxury four-bedroomed house, and was arrested in February. — Sapa.



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