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DOUBTS<sup>24</sup>  
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INFORMED sources here yesterday described reports about an alleged Soviet and Cuban military build-up in Mozambique as exaggerated propaganda.

There was a strong suspicion that it was being done to exert pressure on Rhodesia, the sources said.

The aim of the pressure was to force Rhodesia to make concessions in its negotiations with external terrorist leaders and to encourage Rhodesian military action in its neighbouring States, reports Iana.

Observers pointed out that FRELIMO was actively engaged in the re-organisation of its army into a conventional force.

In view of this, the impression was also gained that support for Rhodesian terrorists, especially at low level, was rather half-hearted.

As far as weapons, and especially tanks, were concerned, the observers remarked that poor communication lines and other factors concerning the terrain made the use of tanks in the Rhodesian operational area extremely doubtful.