

EXPRESSSCOPE LOOKS AT THE 'CIA' EXPULSIONS

'Spy for us or your family will die'

AN AMERICAN diplomat in Mozambique was threatened with death by Cuban security agents while they attempted to recruit him as a spy — and they also warned him that if he did not defect, they would kill his wife and his children.

This was the grim prospect which Mr Louis Leon Ollivier, second secretary at the United States Embassy in Maputo, faced only hours before the Mozambique "spy" drama exploded this week.

Mr Ollivier's dramatic ordeal at the hands of 12 Cuban security agents can

now be told for the first time.

He was at first confronted by a Cuban agent based in Maputo and then later by another 11 Cuban agents, headed by Mr Armando Fernandez, a senior officer based in Havana.

Mr Ollivier was told bluntly that his services were required to spy on the United States for Cuba — and that they wanted him to remain in the embassy to do the job.

If he did not do so, he would be expelled from Mozambique and his career would be ruined, said the Cubans.

When the Cubans realised that Mr Ollivier would not co-operate, he was warned that he would then be stopped from leaving the country, that he would be jailed and that his wife and children would be killed.

The Cubans also threatened to harass his friends and contacts in Maputo — and then tried to bribe him with offers of money.

But Mr Ollivier steadfastly refused to co-operate.

Later the Mozambican Government decided to expel him and his wife, Mrs Ginger Lee Ollivier.

Although Mrs Ollivier does not work at the embassy, Radio Mozambique charged that she, and Mrs Karen Lundahl, wife of Mr Frederick Boyce Lundahl, had taken part in "support operations" with CIA agents based at the embassy.

According to the broadcast, they had close links with the South African Government.

Mrs Lundahl's husband, Mr Frederick Boyce Lundahl, was also expelled.

Diplomatic observers say that although Mr Ollivier survived, they fear for the safety of American citizens

working and living in Mozambique.

Concern has been expressed at the arrest in Maputo on Friday of a visiting American businessman, Mr Arthur Zimmerman.

I understand Mr Zimmerman is being held in connection with the spying allegations, but nothing more is known of his fate at this stage.

● The expelled embassy personnel and their families, making up a party of 13, flew from Matapa, Swaziland, via Nairobi to Washington yesterday. They are not expected to be replaced in the near future.