

## Cabaco claims US-SA espionage ring

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# 'Spies' shown to Press in Mozambique

MAPUTO. — The Government of Mozambique yesterday presented two alleged Mozambican spies to reporters to back up its allegations of a large-scale US CIA spy ring in

the country.

In a Press briefing that lasted more than three hours, a White Mozambican air force officer told journalists he had infiltrated the CIA as a double-agent, "Mole", and exposed it.

Neither Mr Arthur Zimmerman of Findlay, Ohio, nor Mr Charles Mohrer of Chicago, was present at the session. The two were arrested on March 7.

Their arrests came three days after Mozambique expelled four American diplomats and two of their wives of spy charges.

### Pictures on sale

No physical evidence of the American spying was presented, although pictures of the alleged spies were on sale outside the news conference for R3,75.

Two Black men, who formerly held high-ranking jobs in President Machel's government, gave lengthy accounts of their recruitment by the CIA.

Mr Joseph Massinga (51) Director of Research in the Foreign Affairs Department, said his links with the CIA began harmlessly when he answered some general questions. He said he later was trapped into providing information on Mozambican agreements with the Soviet Union and other communist countries, receiving R255 monthly in a Washington bank account.

### Machel's pilot

Mr Alcio Chivite, Chief of War Materials for the defence forces, said he had been bribed into providing vital military information.

Flight Captain Joao Goncalves, who is White, said he had infiltrated the CIA under orders from the Mozambican Security Police. Captain Goncalves sometimes serves as President Machel's pilot.

Meanwhile, the Information Minister, Mr Jose Cabaco, denied US State Department charges that Cuban advisers were behind the expulsions of the Americans. The State Department has said that the diplomats were expelled after one of them resisted Cuban attempts to recruit him as a double-agent.

### "Lack of respect"

Mr Cabaco said the Cuban reference "shows a lack of respect for our sovereignty". He also claimed the US had not denied that the expelled Americans were spying.

Mr Cabaco repeated an earlier assertion that the Americans had provided information which "was subsequently confirmed to have been channeled to the secret services of the racist minority regime of South Africa ...".

Mr Cabaco said that the CIA tried to obtain up-to-date information on the movements of President Samora Machel and the type of transport used by him. Recruitment of pilots and crew members who normally accompany the President was also one of the aims of the CIA. — Sapa-AP.