

# US holds up \$5-m food for Mozambique

WASHINGTON. — State Department officials say the United States has held up R3,9-million in food aid for Mozambique because of what they call provocative political acts against American citizens.

The move follows Mozambique's expulsion last week of four US diplomats and the American wives of two of them.

Mozambique charged they were part of a US spy network, while Washington alleged one of the diplomats was detained by Cubans who tried vainly to get him to spy for them.

State Department officials said the credit for the food aid would be withheld while the US assessed its position.

Washington, an official said, might cancel the credit.

It allows the Maputo Government to buy wheat and rice under the US Food for Peace programme.

US officials said that because Mozambique had no diplomatic mission in Washington the only way to retaliate for the expulsion of the Americans was to suspend the food aid.

A State Department spokesman has also said that a US citizen was believed to have been detained in Mozambique during the past three days and the department was seriously concerned.