

Top US official meets MNR

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UNITED STATES national security adviser, Mr Frank Carlucci, this month met a representative of the Mozambican MNR bandits together with rightwing lobbyists in the Washington administration, giving rise to speculation that the US government was changing policy towards recognising the MNR.

An article in the Washington Post on Tuesday last week reported con-

servative lobbyists as saying that following their meeting with Mr Carlucci together with an MNR representative on November 4, "this represented a victory for the Renamo cause".

The lobbyists were also quoted as saying that there had been "a 90 per cent change in the administration's (Washington) policy towards recognising Renamo".

The White House is reported to be playing

down the significance of the meeting and says that Mr Carlucci had not "knowingly met a Renamo representative" and that there was no change in policy.

The news report claims however, that the White House and the conservative lobbyists agreed that during a meeting on October 5, President Reagan allegedly extracted from Mozambican President, Cde Joachim Chissano, a promise to negotiate with Renamo.