

SADF influence behind Renamo's cause — Crocker

LONDON. — The United States Assistant Secretary of State, Dr Chester Crocker, said yesterday the principal responsibility for the creation and continuation of the Renamo movement in Mozambique was firstly Mr Ian Smith's Rhodesian administration and then the South African Defence Force.

"There can be no mistake about that," he told journalists in London and Lisbon in a television satellite interview from Washington.

Dr Crocker said the US saw a marked contrast between Unita and Renamo.

"Unita was born of the

anti-colonial struggle in Angola. It is a nationalist movement seeking nationalist objectives, and eager for peace and reconciliation in that country.

"Renamo is the creation of alien forces. That is to say foreign forces. Oh sure, there are some Mozambicans who work in it and who carry out its policies and actions — largely destructive actions.

"But it's primarily the influence of outsiders — South Africans and private Portuguese elements — that account for Renamo's position and its remaining influence. — Sapa.