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Evo Fernandes, the National Resistance movement's spokesman in Portugal,

Asked whether the the group had South African help, Mr. Fernandes said: "Who knows?"

He said the group was receiving military and other aid from African, Asian, European and Western Hemisphere countries.

Mozambican and Western sources say the group was founded by the white-minority government of Rhodesia about six years ago to harass Rhodesian nationalist guerrillas based in Mozambique. When Rhodesia became independent from Britain as black-ruled Zimbabwe two years ago, the group was handed over to South African control, the sources say.

From the beginning, they say, the Mozambique National Resistance has been guided by men linked to the former Portuguese colonial government.

Independent sources say the guerrilla group is an embarrassment to Mr. Machel but remains incapable of sustained military operations that could bring him down.