

Bush Won't Say Angolan Aid By U.S. Intelligence Has Ended

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WASHINGTON, Feb. 15—George Bush, the Director of Central Intelligence, declined to rule out today the possibility that American intelligence agencies were continuing financial or other support to anti-Communist forces fighting in Angola.

Asked on the CBS television program "60 Minutes" whether the Central Intelligence Agency had been involved directly or indirectly in recent efforts to hire American mercenary soldiers to fight in Angola, Mr. Bush replied that his view was that it had not.

Mr. Bush said he did not "really know" the sources of the funds used by a number of domestic organizations in recent weeks to hire and train American citizens, many of them Vietnam war veterans, for service in Angola.

Congress Reported Informed

But when asked whether it was possible that the C.I.A. funds were finding their way into Angola "one way or another," the Director replied that "any involvement or non-involvement in Angola" of the agency had "been properly reported" to Congressional committees.

"One should press the Congress for any further information on that, which I hope they wouldn't give," he said. "But I'm not saying that there is or

isn't any money in it." He was understood to mean C.I.A. money.

The Senate voted last December to block further covert aid by the Ford Administration to military units in Angola for fighting against the Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola.

Recruiting Continues

Since then ostensibly private groups here and in Florida and California have continued to recruit and train mercenaries for service against the Soviet-supported forces.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation is investigating possible violations of the Federal neutrality statutes in connection with those efforts, but a Justice Department official said last week that no charges against any of those involved were imminent.

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