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LISBON, Feb. 24—Government quarters have refused comment on reports that the Central Intelligence Agency is subsidizing nationalist students from Angola and Mozambique.

Portuguese officials have frequently accused private American institutions of aiding rebel movements in Portuguese Africa. However, these institutions have been pictured generally as witting or unwitting aides of international Communism, which Lisbon holds responsible for its troubles in Africa.

Disclosures that C.I.A. funds were being used to finance student refugees from Angola and Mozambique jarred many Portuguese, who have generally refrained from attacking the United States Government on the question.

Questioned on these reports, a United States Embassy spokesman declared: "We have nothing to say on the matter."

Nothing has appeared in the officially censored press on the presumed connections between the C.I.A. and Portuguese African students. The press has also kept silent on the report that the African-American Institute, which has helped Eduardo Mondelane, Mozambique nationalist leader, also received financing from the C.I.A.

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