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Assistant Secretary of State Nathaniel Davis is resigning after only five months as head of the bureau of African affairs, plagued by African suspicion that linked him to CIA operations in Chile.

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[Kissinger,] incensed by the opposition to Davis which he said was totally unwarranted, insisted last spring on pushing through the appointment, labeling it a matter of principle.

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The African opposition, led by Zaire President Mobutu Sese Seko, centered on Davis' service as U.S. ambassador to Chile in 1973 when President Salvador Allende was overthrown and lost his life.

The subsequently disclosed extensive operations of the [CIA] were cited in Africa as evidence of what lay ahead for that continent through the Davis appointment.

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