

New Lisbon warnings about CIA

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LISBON — For two consecutive days, Portuguese publications have carried warnings by the left-leaning military government against interference by the Central Intelligence Agency.

Both warnings made reference to claims that the CIA was involved in the overthrow of Chile's late Marxist President Salvador Allende a year ago.

In an interview with a weekly magazine, the chief of military security, Brig. Otelo Carvalho, said yesterday that as soon as Communist leader Alvaro Cunhal joined the provisional government after last April's Lisbon coup, the CIA "immediately focused their attention on us."

"The Americans have a morbid terror of Communism and as you know have a series of specific organs to fight it," Carvalho said.

"The CIA, which uses the most incredible methods — and you only have to look at the example of Chile — is probably the most dangerous, but it is not the only one. NATO is another example."