

C.I.A. Said to Have Links**With Azores Secessionists**
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The Central Intelligence Agency has developed extensive contacts with a group favoring secession for the Portuguese Azores and State Department officials have received representatives of the group, Time magazine has reported in its issue that goes on sale today.

Time said the contacts were set up with the Azorian Liberation Front, which advocates independence for the island group in the Atlantic, despite United States Government claims of "strict noninvolvement" with the separatists.

The C.I.A. purpose, the magazine said, was "occasionally to provide some guidance and share information about developments on the mainland."

"The C.I.A. also wanted to be in a position to help push for secession if Lisbon went Communist," it added.

Time said that representatives were of the Azorian Front had been received by middle-level State Department officials in Washington, although it did not say when.