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~~The Cuban press continues to play up articles dealing~~

Revelations made in Washington that the CIA has been playing an active role in the fight against the MPLA government in Luanda is greeted here in Havana with "That's no news to us" ~~The~~ Cuban newspapers have been ~~anybody talking about US arms and~~ ~~advisors being channeled through the African nation of Zaire for~~ ~~many weeks. It has also played up stories on South African involvement in the~~ ~~Angolan war~~ ~~so far been~~ ~~here~~ ~~official~~ ~~about~~ ~~Cuba's~~ ~~unconditional~~ ~~support~~ ~~for~~ ~~the~~ ~~MPLA~~ ~~government~~ ~~to~~ ~~words~~ ~~that~~ ~~was~~ ~~not~~ ~~the~~ ~~case~~ ~~of~~ ~~Cuba~~ ~~and~~ ~~the~~ ~~Cuban~~ ~~ambassador~~ ~~added~~ ~~we~~ ~~are~~ ~~proud~~ ~~of~~ ~~it~~."

Nothing has been said in Havana by government sources about the nature of Cuba's own aid to the Angolan MPLA government. However, there have been a number of statements about Cuba's unconditional support for the MPLA. Just last week, the Cuban Ambassador at the UN said that while some nations limit their support of the MPLA government to words, that was not the case of Cuba and the Cuban ambassador added, "We are proud of it."

The official Cuban view is that what is taking place in Angola is not a civil war but rather, an invasion by mercenary forces back by the big Western powers with the aim of overthrowing the MPLA government in Luanda, according to the Cubans, the only legitimate Angolan government.

This is Lionel Martin in Havana for CBC Radio News.

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