

Problems with relations with Portugal (Excerpts) With the arrival in Lisbon of Ambassador Albertino Almeida and another three diplomats from the staff of the Portuguese Embassy in Mozambique, our representation there is virtually at a standstill, the only official now active being the Portuguese Consul, who is now also charge d'affaires. Political circles view the present state of relations between Portugal and Mozambique as rather tense, especially after the three leading officials were declared persona non grata by the Mozambique Government.

Today's issue of the weekly 'O Jornal' says that the recall of Albertino Almeida to Lisbon should also be viewed from another angle. Some Portuguese Government sources accuse him of behaving more as the MPLA's ambassador than as Portugal's representative. . . The same sources say that there will have to be a major reshuffle of the Embassy's diplomatic staff. . . Other sources . . . believe that no immediate replacement will be made, the Portuguese Consul continuing to combine his post with that of charge d'affaires. (Radio Clube Portugues, Lisbon in Portuguese 2230 gmt 14 Nov 75)