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SUBJECT An interview with John Stockwell

MIKE WALLACE: Why are there now Cuban troops in Africa, allies and tools of according to a former CIA officer, the Cubans part, because of the failure of a secret war the CIA in Angola in 1975 and '76. You're unclear just what happened in Angola during those years were sketchy at best. But according to the former CIA officer you're about to meet, that secret intervention was a debacle for the United States and a major triumph for the Soviets and their Cuban allies.

JOHN STOCKWELL: Had the CIA not existed, had the CIA option, the violent option not existed in Angola, we wouldn't have had the escalation of war and we wouldn't have had Cuban soldiers entrenched in the country, with great credibility, looked upon as heroes of the people of Africa. And this is because of the blundering stupidity, if you will, of the CIA's paramilitary operation.

WALLACE: Who is this man who talks of the blundering stupidity of the CIA? He was the chief of the CIA's Angola task force, John Stockwell, a twelve year veteran of the Agency's covert operations section. His unauthorized account of the covert war he helped run, a book he calls In Search of Enemies, has been secretly published and is just now being distributed to book stores across the country.

Stockwell was an ideal recruit for the CIA. He had grown up in Africa, went to college in the United States. After a hitch in the Marine Corps, he joined the agency in 1964. He served tours in Africa, Vietnam. Then in July, 1975, he was asked to ride herd from CIA headquarters in Langley, Virginia on the

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