This news item tucked away in yesterday's leading London Tory newspaper begins to lift the curtain on the United States government's hidden agenda for Angola and for all Southern Africa.

We are being assured from Washington that the new Reagan administration wants friendly relations with the black African states, to continue the policy of dialogue aimed to reach an internationally acceptable solution for the independence of Namibia and to increase economic aid to Zimbabwe - all the while exercising friendship for the South African regime, as the President has said, 'to be helpful to them in their problems with apartheid'.

The cries about Soviet-supported international terrorism and Soviet adventurism - one prime example said by Secretary of State Haig to be in Namibia - have this past week become muted, as the American public reacts with growing concern to the US government's aggressive statements and actions. Discovery of the presence in this country of the chief of South Africa's military intelligence and high-ranking associates embarrassed Washington but the South Africans saw government and Pentagon officials and US ambassador to the United Nations, Jeane Kirkpatrick. Pretoria's DTA collaborators in the International Territory of Namibia were well received in Washington and by Ms Kirkpatrick. And, President Reagan voiced the current DTA-Pretoria line of a constitutional conference aimed to entrench white minority and multinational corporation rights in Namibia before any UN-monitored elections which would result in an overwhelming victory for SWAPO of Namibia. This Western power-Pretoria scheme for a constitutional conference is a complete turn-around of the UN plan for settlement in the International Territory.

A US official team is shortly to leave for Southern African countries to discuss Namibia. Jonas Savimbi, head of the UNITA anti-government group in Angola, has been dissuaded, it is said, to visit America at this time. The administration is pressing for the Congress to revoke the Clark amendment which forbids US military and para-military aid to such factions in Angola. Yet, behind the scenes - unknown to the American people - the US government is preparing to enter into this illegal enterprise - sending weapons, advisers, the lot.

The South African Defence Force in illegally-occupied Namibia has been built up to 100,000 men, according to Western intelligence reports referred to in THE SUNDAY TELEGRAPH of 22 March. Together with 20,000 South West Africa Territory Force troops, UNITA elements estimated to be 16,000 or more, and South African units in the Walvis Bay enclave of Namibia which Pretoria claims as its own, the apartheid regime has assembled an enormous strike force for a major assault on the People's Republic of Angola and the Peoples Liberation Army of Namibia, the military wing of SWAPO, with a certain goal the taking of Luanda. Washington and Pretoria are in an alliance to maintain control over Southern Africa.