

**He Was an Enemy**

# Townley: No Regrets In Death of Letelier

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Cuban-Americans also charged in connection with Letelier's death, entered its third week.

Letelier was the Chilean ambassador to the United States under the late Marxist President Salvador Allende. He died Sept. 21, 1976, when a bomb strapped beneath his car exploded in a Washington neighborhood.

Letelier had lived in exile in Washington after a military junta overthrew the Allende regime.

Ronnie K. Moffitt, 25, Letelier's assistant, also died in that explosion.

Townley already has pleaded guilty in return for a lesser sentence.

In two days of startling testimony last week, Townley, a soft-voiced, clean-cut Waterloo, Iowa, native, said he carried out the killing at the direction of the Chilean secret police agency, DINA, which wanted Letelier's criticism of the junta silenced.

He is the government's key witness against the

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Michael Townley  
... 'a soldier'

lando Letelier.

Under a sometimes sharp cross-examination of his testimony in U.S. District Court, Townley, 36, likened his mission to assassinate Letelier to a wartime order.

"I would consider him (Letelier) an enemy," Townley said.

"He was a soldier of his cause and I was a soldier of mine. I received an order and I carried it out as best as I could," he said.

Townley's testimony came as the trial of three

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three militant Cuban exiles who allegedly played roles in the assassination. They are Guillermo and Ignacio Novo Sampoi, brothers, and Alvin Ross Diaz.

ASKED MONDAY by defense attorney Paul Goldberger if he had "any regrets" about killing Letelier, Townley replied simply, "Specifically, no sir."



Letelier  
bomb strapped to the car only if Letelier was alone.

He also said he directed that the bomb be detonated in an unpopulated park area so that no innocent passers-by would be injured. Neither directive was followed. The explosion occurred on Embassy Row, within sight of the Chilean Embassy.

Sources close to the case have said that Townley's cooperation with the prosecution stems in part from his remorse over killing Moffitt.

MEANWHILE, chief defense attorney Goldberger, in an effort to discredit Townley's testimony before the jury, bore in on the plea-bargained arrangement he had worked out with prosecutors in exchange for his cooperation.

That agreement enables Townley to plead guilty to a single count of conspiracy to kill a foreign official and receive a sentence of between 40 months and 10 years.

Goldberger especially was caustic about a provision that allows Townley to keep silent about other DINA missions that may have included assassination of Chilean exiles in Rome and Buenos Aires.

Townley, after invoking the Fifth Amendment right against self-incrimination to avoid testifying about other DINA assignments, said that he remains under an oath of secrecy to Chile.

The Chilean government officially has released him from his secrecy vows to testify in connection with the Letelier trial only.

"I do wish to return to Chile, to what I consider my homeland," Townley said in declining to answer any question that might subject him to prosecution there.

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## Did Townley Read About The Jackal?

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WASHINGTON — Admitted political assassin Michael V. Townley described Monday how easy it is for an intelligence agent — or anyone with \$12 — to establish an alias.

Townley used the name Kenneth Enyart to travel on a U.S. passport between Chile, where he lived and worked for the Chilean police agency DINA, and several foreign countries in which he performed covert missions.

Enyart, however, is a real person although Townley doesn't know where he is — or even if he is alive. All Townley knows about him is that he is white, has the same color eyes and was born about the same time. There is no Kenneth Enyart in the Miami telephone directory.

TOWNLEY DIDN'T SAY if he had read Frederick Forsyth's best-selling novel *Day of the Jackal*. If he had, he would have known that it's important to make certain that your alias is dead when you pull this caper.

In Forsyth's book, the Jackal, a professional international assassin, goes to an English country graveyard and searches for a headstone of a little boy. By finding one, he insures that, when he applies for a passport with a phony name, the alias will not already have a passport, thus foiling the scheme.

Having found the name of a dead boy born about the same time as he, the Jackal obtains a birth certificate for the boy, then applies for a passport using that birth certificate as proof of name and British citizenship.

TOWNLEY PICKED UP the name Kenneth Enyart in Miami while planning an assassination in Mexico. He said he subsequently used the alias when coming to the United States to carry out the murder of former Chilean diplomat Orlando Letelier.

Townley said that he went to the Wade County Courthouse and read through birth records until he came upon the name of someone whose birthdate was similar to his own. The name he found was Kenneth P. Enyart.

He asked for a photocopy of Enyart's birth certificate, took it to the passport office, paid \$12 and was in business. Apparently Enyart does not already have a passport — and Townley pulled it off without visiting a graveyard.