

# 2 Named in Killing of Former Envoy to U.S. Cannot Be Found in Chile

SANTIAGO, Chile, Feb. 25 (AP)—Reporters here have been unable to locate two Chileans sought by the United States for questioning about the 1976 killing in Washington of a former Chilean Foreign Minister and Ambassador to the United States, Orlando Letelier.

Gen. Enrique Valdes, the Deputy Foreign Minister, said recently that at the time of the slaying the Chilean Embassy in Washington promised "the widest cooperation" in solving the crime. However, the military Government has issued no statement on the American request for help in questioning the two Chileans. The chief federal district judge in

Washington, William B. Bryant, has asked the Chilean Supreme Court to allow an assistant United States attorney to question the two, whose names were given as Juan Williams Rose and Alejandro Romeral Jara.

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In a letter that was sent last week, Judge Bryant said: "At least one of these men met with those believed responsible for the murders" of Mr. Letelier, 44 years old, and Ronni Moffitt, 25. According to the United States Justice Department, the two men named in the letter entered the United States a month before the killing. Both the Federal Bureau of Investiga-

tion and a federal grand jury are investigating the car bombing on Sept. 21, 1976, that killed Mr. Letelier and Mrs. Moffitt, who had been employees of the Institute for Policy Studies in Washington.

Mr. Letelier served in the Government of Salvador Allende Gossens, the late Marxist President of Chile, who was killed in a military coup in September 1973. Mr. Letelier lived in Washington after the coup and opposed the Chilean military junta.

Reporters went to the Santiago addresses given for the persons identified as Mr. Williams Rose and Mr. Romeral Jara and said one address did not exist. At the other, a building superintendent

who said he had worked there for 24 years told the reporters he had never heard of the name.

Officials at the civil registry said the last name Romeral Jara did not exist in Chile.

The Foreign Ministry declined comment on an allegation by the United States Embassy that the Ministry itself had asked the embassy for visas for the men. Embassy sources said the men held "official" passports and that it was routine for the ministry to arrange visas for Chileans with such documents.

All three branches of the Chilean armed forces denied that the two men, who were described in Washington as military

officers, were members of the military or ever had been.

A spokesman for the Chilean Supreme Court said it was awaiting a formal request from Washington for permission to question the two men. Once received, the spokesman said, the request will be sent to the criminal court for investigation.

Legal experts here said that if the two men were located and approval was given for their interrogation, American officials would be allowed only to submit written questions, with the actual questioning done by a Chilean.