

# *U.S. Said to Urge Chile to Question 2 In Letelier Slaying*

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SANTIAGO, Chile, March 20—Eugene Propper, an assistant United States attorney, showed Chilean officials evidence today identifying two suspects in the assassination in Washington of Orlando Letelier, a former Chilean foreign minister.

Mr. Propper, who arrived from Washington yesterday, met with Ministry of the Interior officials and was reported to have asked that Chile's military Government bring Michael Vernon Townley, an American who has lived in Chile for many years, and Capt. Armando Fernandez Tarios of the Chilean Army before a judge for questioning.

Informed sources said the two men were suspected of entering the United States with official Chilean passports on Aug. 22, 1976, about three weeks before Mr. Letelier was killed by a bomb placed in his automobile.

Mr. Townley has disappeared from his home here since he was identified as a suspect by the newspaper *El Mercurio* early this month. Captain Fernandez is believed to be in military custody.

## **Issue in U.S.-Chilean Relations**

The assassination of Mr. Letelier and an American, Ronnie Moffitt, in Washington on Sept. 1, 1976, has become an important issue in United States-Chilean relations. An investigation that was opened here by Judge Juana Gonzalez two weeks ago has not led to the identification of any suspects.

United States Justice Department officials believe that the Government of President Augusto Pinochet must know the identity of the bearers of the Chilean official passports, which were issued under false names.