

# **A Chilean Paper Says Suspect in Killing Of Ex-Allende Aide Is North American**

SANTIAGO, Chile, March, 5 (AP)—One of two men wanted by the United States for questioning in the slaying of a former Chilean foreign minister is from North America and not Chile, the Chilean newspaper *El Mercurio* reported today.

The Justice Department has asked the Chilean Government to find the two men it identified as Chilean military officers—Juan Williams Rose, 28 years old, and Alejandro Romeral Jara, 27.

Two men with Chilean passports bearing those names entered the United States one month before the former Chilean foreign minister, Orlando Letelier, was killed on Sept. 21, 1976, in Washington, according to United States officials.

Mr. Letelier, who served in the leftist government of the late President Salvador Allende Gossens, was living in exile in Washington and was killed when a bomb blew his car apart. The Allende government was overthrown in a revolt by right-wing officers in September 1973.

*El Mercurio* said today: "From an investigation, it can be deduced unequivocally that 'Juan Williams Rose' is known

in this country as Michael V. Townley, a North American electronic technician resident in Santiago from 1970."

It published a picture of the man the Federal Bureau of Investigation identified as Juan Williams Rose and one of a man identified by the paper as Mr. Townley. The pictures were similar; both men had dark hair and eyes, short beards and mustaches.

*El Mercurio* published an interview with a writer who said he had known Mr. Townley from 1970 to 1973. He said he understood that Mr. Townley at that time was affiliated with a right-wing Chilean organization called Fatherland and Liberty.

The Chilean Supreme Court is expected to announce tomorrow whether it will grant the United States request for permission to question the two men. If it agrees, a criminal court will begin an investigation, presumably to locate the men.

The three branches of the Chilean armed forces have said the men listed in the United States request were never in the Chilean military.