

Pinochet Order Hinted In Letelier's Killing

LONDON, June 19 (Reuters)—Mariana Townley, the wife of an American charged with conspiracy to murder former Foreign Minister Orlando Letelier of Chile, said in a television interview tonight that it was "quite possible" that President Augusto Pinochet of Chile ordered the slaying.

Mrs. Townley said her husband Michael, an American deported from Chile two months ago, was ordered by the Chilean secret police to go to the United States and arrange the murder of Mr. Letelier. She said it was up to Gen. Manuel Contreras Sepulveda, who was head of the secret police at the time of the assassination, to say whether he or General Pinochet gave the orders to kill Mr. Letelier.

Mr. Letelier was killed in Washington in September 1976 when a bomb exploded in his car. He was an outspoken critic of the Pinochet Government,