

CHILE DENIES U.S. CHARGE ON THE LETELIER INQUIRY

SANTIAGO, Chile, June 24 (Reuters)—The allegation by United States authorities that Chile is not cooperating fully with an investigation into the killing of Orlando Letelier, the former Chilean foreign minister, "conflicted with reality," a Government spokesman said here today.

The spokesman was commenting on the recall last night of the United States Ambassador to Chile, George Landau. The United States Embassy said the ambassador had been recalled because Washington was dissatisfied with the degree of Chilean cooperation in the investigation.

The spokesman said Washington had repeatedly acknowledged that Chile was cooperating with the investigation into the bombing death of Mr. Letelier in Washington in September 1976.

The Justice Department should make clear what information it requires and this should be done in a way that does not infringe on the sovereignty and dignity of Chile, he said.

The United States Embassy said that yesterday Mr. Landau handed Deputy Foreign Minister Enrique Valdes a list of requests from the Justice Department.