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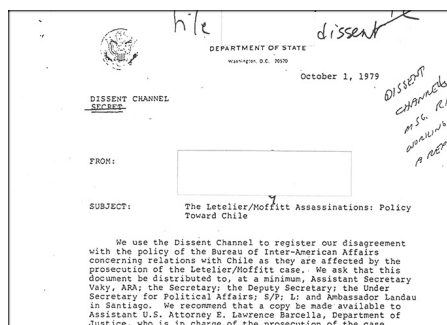
'Dissent Channel' Memorandum Called for U.S. Policy to Force Pinochet From Power

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**Washington D.C., September 20, 2019** — In the aftermath of the September 21, 1976, car-bombing that killed former Chilean ambassador Orlando Letelier and his colleague, Ronni Moffitt, in Washington D.C., four State Department officers began pressing for a policy to force General Augusto Pinochet from power, according to a declassified "Dissent Channel" memorandum published today by the National Security Archive. "It is probable that President Pinochet ordered the assassination of Letelier and others," the authors wrote in their appeal for an aggressive policy of ending normal relations with Chile until Pinochet was removed. "Our only hope for justice is for the U.S. to take action that will bring it about."



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