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Letelier Case Reversal

SANTIAGO, Chile—The Supreme Court reversed a military court's decision to dismiss the case against three military officials accused in the 1976 assassination in Washington of exile Orlando Letelier.

The high court said the military court's investigation "does not clearly establish the innocence of the accused and for that reason the definitive dismissal cannot proceed." The high court said the earlier decision was temporary and not definitive, meaning that the case against former chief of Chilean intelligence, Gen. Manuel Contreras, and two other intelligence officers could be reopened. Washington sought the extradition of Contreras and Army officers Pedro Espinoza and Armando Fernandez to stand trial on charges of conspiring to kill Letelier and his assistant Ronni Moffit. The court's ruling was issued in response to an appeal by Letelier's sister, Fabiola Letelier.