

# Theory on Fatal Bomb

## Washington

An explosion that killed a former Chilean ambassador to the United States appears to have been caused by an expertly devised plastic bomb shaped to detonate upward into the automobile driver's seat, investigators say.

Sources involved in the investigation of the blast fatal to former Ambassador Orlando Letelier and a young woman associate said the device was apparently attached by wires or magnets to the auto's undercarriage.

A circular hole 2 to 2½ feet in diameter was blown upward in the area of the driver's seat. The sources said it did not damage the

street underneath or seriously injure Michael Moffitt, who was in the rear seat.

Sources close to the investigation said it is possible that the bomb was set off by a remote-controlled radio device. They said it is less likely that a timing device was employed.

In Congress, two conservative House members blocked consideration of a resolution to deplore the death of Letelier. The resolution offered by Representative Toby Moffett, (Dem-Conn.) would have called for a full federal investigation of the killings.

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