

2,500 Honor Murdered Chilean

WASHINGTON, Sept. 26 (AP)—Some 2,500 persons walked in a memorial procession here today for Orlando Letelier, the former Chilean Foreign and Defense Minister killed in a bomb explosion Tuesday, then attended a funeral mass at St. Matthew's Cathedral.

"The people of Chile have been dealt another blow," Hortensia Allende, widow of former President Salvador Allende Gossens of Chile, said in a speech preceding the requiem mass celebrated by Bishop James S. Rausch, general secretary of the United States Catholic Conference.

She blamed the military junta ruling Chile for the deaths of Mr. Letelier and

Ronni Karpen Moffitt, who died when a bomb exploded in Mr. Letelier's car, and demanded "that the United States pursue a thorough investigation which will unmask the perpetrators of this monstrous crime."

The mourners followed the flower-blanketed coffin of Mr. Letelier around Sheridan Circle, where the explosion took place. From there, they walked about a mile to the cathedral.

Leading them were Mr. Letelier's wife, Isabel, and Mrs. Moffitt's husband, Michael.

The mourners placed flowers at the spot in front of the Rumanian Embassy where Mr. Letelier's bombed car came to rest and on the lawn to which Mr. Moffitt helped his wife after the explosion.

Representatives of more than 30 embassies, including the ambassadors of Denmark, New Zealand and Trinidad, and about a dozen members of Congress attended the requiem mass, which included a vocal accompaniment by the singer Joan Baez.

An article by Mr. Letelier appears today on the Op-Ed page.