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OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20301

INTERNATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS

15 MAY 1975

In reply refer to:
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR INTER-AMERICAN
AFFAIRS, DEPARTMENT OF STATE

SUBJECT: Proposed Award of the Legion of Merit (Degree of Officer)

The Department of the Air Force proposes the award of the Legion of Merit (Degree of Officer) to Major General Higinio Gonzalez, Argentine Air Force, in recognition of his outstanding services as Air Attache, Embassy of Argentina, Washington, D.C., from 22 January 1974 to 27 January 1975.

It is requested that the enclosures be reviewed and that this memorandum be signed in the space provided below if you concur in the award and the wording of the citation.

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(SIGNED)

GEORGE M. WALLACE
Major General, USA
Director
Inter-American Region

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON 20330

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY



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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

SUBJECT: Award of the Legion of Merit (Degree of Officer)

The Department of the Air Force recommends the award of the Legion of Merit (Degree of Officer) to Major General Higinio Gonzalez, Argentine Air Force, in recognition of his outstanding services as Air Attache, Embassy of Argentina, Washington DC, from 22 January 1974 to 27 January 1975.

The United States Ambassador, Buenos Aires, Argentina, concurs in this award. A background investigation reveals no derogatory information concerning General Gonzalez.

I recommend that you approve the award and:

- a. Sign the certificate and the citation.
- b. Impress your seal in the lower left corner of the citation.

John L. McLucas
John L. McLucas

- 4 Attachments
1. Certificate
 2. Citation
 3. Basic recommendation (✓)
 4. Biography

cc: Deputy Secretary of Defense

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RECOMMENDATION FOR DECORATION

DATE

21 February 1975

TO: (Organization and address)

AFMPC/DPMSAA2
Randolph AFB TX 78148

FROM: (Organization and address)

HQ USAF/CVAFL
Wash DC 20330

RECOMMENDATION

1. NAME OF DECORATION (Indicate number of clusters, if appropriate)

Legion of Merit, Degree of Officer

2. RECOMMENDATION IS BASED ON:

☐ HEROISM☐ OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT☒ MERITORIOUS SERVICE (Based on completed period of service)

3. INCLUSIVE DATE(S) OF ACT, ACHIEVEMENT, OR SERVICE

FROM: 22 Jan 1974

TO: 27 Jan 1975

PERSONAL DATA ON INDIVIDUAL BEING RECOMMENDED

4. LAST NAME - FIRST NAME - MIDDLE INITIAL

GONZALEZ, Higinio

5. AFSN

N/A

6. SSAN

N/A

7. GRADE

Major General

8. DATE OF BIRTH

N/A

9. PRESENT ORGANIZATION AND STATION

N/A

10. PRESENT DUTY ASSIGNMENT

N/A

11. PERMANENT HOME ADDRESS

N/A

12. ORGANIZATION OF NEXT DUTY ASSIGNMENT (Indicate, if not applicable)

N/A

13. ORGANIZATION, DUTY ASSIGNMENT AND GRADE AT TIME OF ACT OR SERVICE

Embassy of Argentina
Air Attache
Major General

14. EFFECTIVE DATE OF PROMOTION TO GRADE IN WHICH SERVING

N/A

15. INDIVIDUAL'S SERVICE IN AIR FORCE SINCE ACT OR SERVICE HAS BEEN HONORABLE

☒ YES☐ NO16. DATE OF ☐ REASSIGNMENT, ☐ RETIREMENT, ☐ OR SEPARATION:

THE CBPO WILL PROVIDE AND VERIFY THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION: N/A

RETIREMENT OR SEPARATION IS ☐ VOLUNTARY ☐ INVOLUNTARY, AND THE FOLLOWING SERVICE DATES APPLY

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17. PREVIOUS UNITED STATES DECORATIONS, COMPLETE AUTHORITY THEREFOR, AND INCLUSIVE DATES OF SERVICE RECOGNIZED (Do not include service medals, battle credits, unit citations or foreign decorations)

None known

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18. ARE OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS FOR AWARDS TO THIS INDIVIDUAL PENDING (If yes, state awards)

☐ YES☒ NO

19. ARE OTHER INDIVIDUALS BEING RECOMMENDED FOR THE SAME ACT OR SERVICE

☐ YES☒ NO20a. IF ANSWER TO ITEM 19 IS YES, ARE THE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE OTHER INDIVIDUALS FORWARDED AS A PART OF THIS RECOMMENDATION ☐ YES ☐ NO

b. IF ANSWER TO ITEM 20a IS NO, EXPLAIN REASON FOR DELAY, INCLUDING DATE RECOMMENDATION(S) WILL BE FORWARDED, AND IDENTIFY THE INDIVIDUAL(S) BY GRADE, NAME, SERVICE NUMBER, PRESENT ORGANIZATION, STATION, AND DECORATION RECOMMENDED.

21. HAS PREVIOUS AWARD BEEN MADE TO THIS INDIVIDUAL FOR THIS ACT OR SERVICE

☐ YES☒ NO

22. IF AWARD IS POSTHUMOUS, OR INDIVIDUAL RECOMMENDED IS MISSING IN ACTION OR A PRISONER OF WAR, LIST NAME, ADDRESS AND RELATIONSHIP OF NEXT OF KIN.

N/A

23. DATE WHICH PRESENTATION OF AWARD IS DESIRED, IF APPROVED

ASAP

24. IF APPROVED, FORWARD FOR PRESENTATION TO (Organization and address)

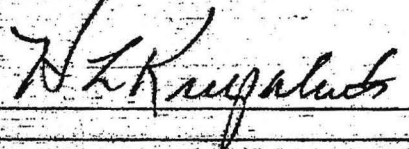
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25. NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION (Description of the act, achievement or service, including specific dates, places and facts. If additional space needed, use plain 8 x 10 1/2 bond paper, the last sheet of which must be signed by the recommending individual in addition to the signature required on this form)

1. Major General Higinio Gonzalez, Argentine Air Force, served as Air Attache, Embassy of Argentina, Washington, D.C. from January 1974 to January 1975. It is considered highly desirable and most appropriate that General Gonzalez be awarded the Legion of Merit, Degree of Officer) for outstanding service during this period. The U.S. Ambassador, Buenos Aires, concurs. (Atch 2). General Gonzalez is authorized by the Argentine Government to accept foreign awards.
2. During his assignment as Air Attache in Washington, General Gonzalez sought to further enhance the bonds of friendship and understanding that exist between the air forces of Argentina and the United States. His sincerity has contributed immeasurably to the continuing harmonious relationship between our two countries.
3. A background investigation has been conducted on General Gonzalez and reveals no derogatory information. In accordance with para IV.B.5, DOD Directive 1005.12, 17 Oct 68, this office secured the concurrence of the Defense Intelligence Agency (Atch 3).
4. A proposed citation (Atch 1) and biographic data (Atch 4) are attached.

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26. TYPED NAME, GRADE AND TITLE OF INDIVIDUAL INITIATING RECOMMENDATION H.L. KIRKPATRICK, Colonel, USAF Chief, Foreign Liaison Division Office of the Vice Chief of Staff		27. SIGNATURE 
28. ATTACHMENTS		
NUMBER	DESCRIPTION (Citation and supporting statements or other official documents)	
1	Proposed Citation (U)	
2	US Amb Concurrence (U)	
3	DIA Concurrence (U)	
4	Biography (U)	

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1. ~~██████████~~ RECOMMENDS AND AMR HILL CONCURS WITH AWARD OF LM TO

MGEN GONZALEZ.

2. APPARENTLY YOUR OFFICE DID NOT RECEIVE NOTIFICATION OF THE
PRESENTATION OF LM'S TO GENERAL'S NUNEZ SANCHEZ AND AGOSTI
WHICH WAS ACCOMPLISHED ON 18 OCT 74. ~~00, DEC 81.~~

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DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20301

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TO: Chief, Foreign Liaison Division
Office of the Vice Chief of Staff
Department of the Air Force
Washington, D. C. 20330

SUBJECT: Legion of Merit Award

Reference: Your letter, AF/CVAFL, 30 January 1975, subject
as above.

1. The Defense Intelligence Agency concurs in the award of the Legion of Merit (Degree of Officer) to Major General Higinio Gonzalez, Argentine Air Force.
2. Based upon a review of intelligence and security files there is no information currently available to indicate that presentation of the award to this individual would either depreciate the decoration or embarrass the U.S. Government.
3. Attached, per your request, is DIA Biographic Data concerning subject.

FOR THE DIRECTOR:

1 Enclosure
BIO Data on
MG Gonzalez,
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DIA FOIA 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(3); 10 U.S.C. § 424 + FOIA 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6)



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BIOGRAPHIC DATA

ARGENTINA
Major Brigadier* (Ret) Higinio GONZALEZ

February

(U) NAME: Major Brigadier (Ret) Higinio González
(goñn-SAH-less), Air Force.

(U) POSITION: Retired since Jan 1975.

(U) SIGNIFICANCE: Unknown.

(U) POLITICS:

(U) International: Unknown. Maj Brig González has served as Air Attaché to the United States, Brazil, and Spain and has participated in disaster relief work in several Latin American countries.



(U)

1974

(U) Internal: Unknown.

(U) PERSONAL DATA:

(U) Birth: 5 June 1921 in Santa Rosa, La Pampa, Argentina.

(U) Family: [REDACTED]

(U) Description: Caucasian. Brown hair; wears a mustache; very hard of hearing, normally wears a hearing aid, one must shout when speaking with him.

(U) Languages: Native Spanish.

(U) Religion: Roman Catholic.

(U) Decorations: Scheduled to receive U.S. Legion of Merit (Degree: Officer). Brazilian Military Aviator Honoris Causa; Chilean Military Aviator Honoris Causa; Spanish Aeronautical Merit Cross (1st Class).

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* Equates to U.S. Maj Gen.

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ARGENTINA
Major Brigadier (Ret) Higinio GONZALEZ
February 1975

(U) CIVIL EDUCATION: Graduated from high school.

(U) CAREER:

1942-1945	-Cadet, Military Aviation School, Córdoba. Commissioned 3d Lt, 7 Dec 1945.
1946-?	-Assigned to 1st Observation Group.
1947	-Promoted to 2d Lt, 31 Dec 1947.
1949	-Promoted to 1st Lt, 31 Dec 1949.
1951-1952	-Assigned to Air Operations Command. Promoted to Capt, 31 Dec 1951.
1952-?	-Assigned to Personnel Department, Ministry of Aeronautics.
1954	-Student, Basic Course, Air Force Command and Staff School, Buenos Aires.
1955-?	-Assigned to Personnel Department, Ministry of Aeronautics. Promoted to Maj, 31 Dec 1955.
1957-1960	-Assigned to Personnel, Economy, and Operations Sections of Air Force General Staff. Promoted to Lt Col, 31 Dec 1958.
1960	-Squadron Commander, 1st Air Brigade. Participated in Chilean earthquake disaster relief.
1961	-Student, Superior Course, Air Force Command and Staff School.
1962	-Promoted to Col, 31 Dec 1962.
?	-Commander, 1st Group, 7th Air Brigade.
1964-1965	-Air Attaché, Brazil.
1965	-Air Attaché, Spain.
?	-Assigned to Directorate of Personnel Administration, Personnel Command.
1968	-Deputy Chief of Logistics, Joint Command. Promoted to Brigadier, 15 Jan 1968.
1968	-Chief of Staff, Personnel Command.
1969-1971	-Commander, 1st Air Brigade. Promoted to Maj Brig, 31 Dec 1970.
1971	-Chief, Department II (Operational Planning), Air Force General Staff.
1971-1973	-Commander, Air Regions Command.
1973	-Commander, Personnel Command, June-Dec.
1974-1975	-Chief of Argentine Delegation, Inter-American Defense Board, and Air Attaché, Washington, D.C., Jan 1974-Jan 1975.
1975-Present	-Retired from Jan 1975.

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THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

TO ALL WHO SHALL SEE THESE PRESENTS, GREETING:

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT
THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
AUTHORIZED BY ACT OF CONGRESS JULY 20, 1942
HAS AWARDED

THE LEGION OF MERIT
(DEGREE OF OFFICER)

TO
MAJOR GENERAL HIGINIO GONZALEZ
ARGENTINE AIR FORCE

FOR
EXCEPTIONALLY MERITORIOUS CONDUCT
IN THE PERFORMANCE OF OUTSTANDING SERVICES

22 JANUARY 1974 TO 27 JANUARY 1975

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND IN THE CITY OF WASHINGTON
THIS DAY OF 19

John L. MacLucas



CITATION TO ACCOMPANY THE AWARD OF

THE LEGION OF MERIT
(DEGREE OF OFFICER)

TO

HIGINIO GONZALEZ

Major General Higinio Gonzalez, Argentine Air Force, distinguished himself by exceptionally meritorious conduct in the outstanding performance of duties as Air Attache, Embassy of Argentina to the United States of America, from 22 January 1974 to 27 January 1975. During this period, he exhibited the highest standards of professional competence. His untiring efforts to promote understanding and cooperation between the air forces of Argentina and the United States have served to strengthen the bonds of friendship and further mutual objectives of both nations. His leadership, sound judgment, and diplomacy gained the confidence and admiration of those officers of the United States Air Force with whom he was in contact. General Gonzalez' exemplary manner of performance in these duties reflected great credit upon him and the Argentine Air Force.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR, CORRESPONDENCE AND DIRECTIVES DIVISION, OSD

THROUGH: EXECUTIVE OFFICE, ISA

SUBJECT: Proposed Award of the Legion of Merit (Degree of Officer)
to the Former Air Attache, Embassy of Argentina

This office concurs in the proposed award and the wording of the citation for the Legion of Merit, Degree of Officer, to Major General Higinio Gonzalez, Argentine Air Force, in recognition of his outstanding services as Air Attache, Embassy of Argentina, Washington, D.C., from 22 January 1974 to 27 January 1975.

The Department of State and Defense Intelligence Agency concur in the proposed award and in the wording of the citation.

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GEORGE M. WALLACE
Major General, USA
Director
Inter-American Region

21 June 1975

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George M. Wallace
for GEORGE M. WALLACE
Major General, USA
Director
Inter-American Region

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Department of State Concurrs: *[Signature]*

23/5/75
Date

Department of State Objects: _____

Date



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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON 20330



OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

MAY 13 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

SUBJECT: Award of the Legion of Merit (Degree of Officer)

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The United States Ambassador, Buenos Aires, Argentina, concurs in this award. A background investigation reveals no derogatory information concerning General Gonzalez.

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John L. McLucas

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cc: Deputy Secretary of Defense

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RECOMMENDATION FOR DECORATION

DATE

21 February 1975

TO: (Organization and address)

AFMPC/DPMSAA2
Randolph AFB TX 78148

FROM: (Organization and address)

HQ USAF/CVAFL
Wash DC 20330

RECOMMENDATION

1. NAME OF DECORATION (Indicate number of clusters, if appropriate)

Legion of Merit, Degree of Officer

2. RECOMMENDATION IS BASED ON:

☐ HEROISM☐ OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT☒ MERITORIOUS SERVICE (Based on completed period of service)

3. INCLUSIVE DATE(S) OF ACT, ACHIEVEMENT OR SERVICE

FROM: 22 Jan 1974

TO: 27 Jan 1975

PERSONAL DATA ON INDIVIDUAL BEING RECOMMENDED

4. LAST NAME - FIRST NAME - MIDDLE INITIAL

GONZALEZ, Higinio

5. AFSN

N/A

6. SSAN

N/A

7. GRADE

Major General

8. DATE OF BIRTH

N/A

9. PRESENT ORGANIZATION AND STATION

N/A

10. PRESENT DUTY ASSIGNMENT

N/A

11. PERMANENT HOME ADDRESS

N/A

12. ORGANIZATION OF NEXT DUTY ASSIGNMENT (Indicate, if not applicable)

N/A

13. ORGANIZATION, DUTY ASSIGNMENT AND GRADE AT TIME OF ACT OR SERVICE

Embassy of Argentina
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14. EFFECTIVE DATE OF PROMOTION TO GRADE IN WHICH SERVING

N/A

15. INDIVIDUAL'S SERVICE IN AIR FORCE SINCE ACT OR SERVICE HAS BEEN HONORABLE

☒ YES☐ NO16. DATE OF ☐ REASSIGNMENT, ☐ RETIREMENT, ☐ OR SEPARATION:

THE CSPO WILL PROVIDE AND VERIFY THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION: N/A

RETIREMENT OR SEPARATION IS ☐ VOLUNTARY ☐ INVOLUNTARY, AND THE FOLLOWING SERVICE DATES APPLY

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☐ YES☒ NO

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20a. IF ANSWER TO ITEM 19 IS YES, ARE THE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE OTHER INDIVIDUALS FORWARDED AS A PART OF THIS RECOMMENDATION

☐ YES☐ NO

b. IF ANSWER TO ITEM 20a IS NO, EXPLAIN REASON FOR DELAY, INCLUDING DATE RECOMMENDATION(S) WILL BE FORWARDED, AND IDENTIFY THE INDIVIDUAL(S) BY GRADE, NAME, SERVICE NUMBER, PRESENT ORGANIZATION, STATION, AND DECORATION RECOMMENDED.

21. HAS PREVIOUS AWARD BEEN MADE TO THIS INDIVIDUAL FOR THIS ACT OR SERVICE

☐ YES☒ NO

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N/A

23. DATE WHICH PRESENTATION OF AWARD IS DESIRED, IF APPROVED

ASAP

24. IF APPROVED, FORWARD FOR PRESENTATION TO (Organization and address)

HQ USAF/CVAFL, WASH DC 20330

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26. TYPED NAME, GRADE AND TITLE OF INDIVIDUAL INITIATING RECOMMENDATION

H.L. KIRKPATRICK, Colonel, USAF
Chief, Foreign Liaison Division
Office of the Vice Chief of Staff

27. SIGNATURE

H.L. Kirkpatrick

28. ATTACHMENTS

DESCRIPTION (Citation and supporting statements or other official documents)

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Proposed Citation (U)
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DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
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TO: Chief, Foreign Liaison Division
Office of the Vice Chief of Staff
Department of the Air Force
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SUBJECT: Legion of Merit Award

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1 Enclosure
BIO Data on
MG Gonzalez,
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BIOGRAPHIC DATA

ARGENTINA
Major Brigadier* (Ret) Higinio GONZALEZ
February 1975

(U) NAME: Major Brigadier (Ret) Higinio González
(goohn-SAH-less), Air Force.

(U) POSITION: Retired since Jan 1975.

(U) SIGNIFICANCE: Unknown.

(U) POLITICS:

(U) International: Unknown. Maj Brig González has served as Air Attaché to the United States, Brazil, and Spain and has participated in disaster relief work in several Latin American countries.

(U) Internal: Unknown.

(U) PERSONAL DATA:

(U) Birth: 5 June 1921 in Santa Rosa, La Pampa, Argentina.

(U) Family: [REDACTED]

(U) Description: Caucasian. Brown hair; wears a mustache; very hard of hearing, normally wears a hearing aid, one must shout when speaking with him.

(U) Languages: Native Spanish.

(U) Religion: Roman Catholic.

(U) Decorations: Scheduled to receive U.S. Legion of Merit (Degree: Officer). Brazilian Military Aviator Honoris Causa; Chilean Military Aviator Honoris Causa; Spanish Aeronautical Merit Cross (1st Class).

* Equates to U.S. Maj Gen.

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ARGENTINA
Major Brigadier (Ret) Higinio GUTZALEZ
February 1975

(U) CIVIL EDUCATION: Graduated from high school.

(U) CAREER:

1942-1945	-Cadet, Military Aviation School, Córdoba. Commissioned 3d Lt, 7 Dec 1945.
1946-?	-Assigned to 1st Observation Group.
1947	-Promoted to 2d Lt, 31 Dec 1947.
1949	-Promoted to 1st Lt, 31 Dec 1949.
1951-1952	-Assigned to Air Operations Command. Promoted to Capt, 31 Dec 1951.
1952-?	-Assigned to Personnel Department, Ministry of Aeronautics.
1954	-Student, Basic Course, Air Force Command and Staff School, Buenos Aires.
1955-?	-Assigned to Personnel Department, Ministry of Aeronautics. Promoted to Maj, 31 Dec 1955.
1957-1960	-Assigned to Personnel, Economy, and Operations Sections of Air Force General Staff. Promoted to Lt Col, 31 Dec 1958.
1960	-Squadron Commander, 1st Air Brigade. Participated in Chilean earthquake disaster relief.
1961	-Student, Superior Course, Air Force Command and Staff School.
1962	-Promoted to Col, 31 Dec 1962.
?	-Commander, 1st Group, 7th Air Brigade.
1964-1965	-Air Attaché, Brazil.
1965	-Air Attaché, Spain.
?	-Assigned to Directorate of Personnel Administration, Personnel Command.
1968	-Deputy Chief of Logistics, Joint Command. Promoted to Brigadier, 15 Jan 1968.
1968	-Chief of Staff, Personnel Command.
1969-1971	-Commander, 1st Air Brigade. Promoted to Maj Brig, 31 Dec 1970.
1971	-Chief, Department II (Operational Planning), Air Force General Staff.
1971-1973	-Commander, Air Regions Command.
1973	-Commander, Personnel Command, June-Dec.
1974-1975	-Chief of Argentine Delegation, Inter-American Defense Board, and Air Attaché, Washington, D.C., Jan 1974-Jan 1975.
1975-Present	-Retired from Jan 1975.

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TO ALL WHO SHALL SEE THESE PRESENTS, GREETING:

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT
THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
AUTHORIZED BY ACT OF CONGRESS JULY 20, 1942
HAS AWARDED

THE LEGION OF MERIT

(DEGREE OF OFFICER)

TO
MAJOR GENERAL HIGINIO GONZALEZ
ARGENTINE AIR FORCE
FOR
EXCEPTIONALLY MERITORIOUS CONDUCT
IN THE PERFORMANCE OF OUTSTANDING SERVICES

22 JANUARY 1974 TO 27 JANUARY 1975

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND IN THE CITY OF WASHINGTON
THIS DAY OF 19

John L. MacLucas



CITATION TO ACCOMPANY THE AWARD OF

THE LEGION OF MERIT
(DEGREE OF OFFICER)

TO

HIGINIO GONZALEZ

Major General Higinio Gonzalez, Argentine Air Force, distinguished himself by exceptionally meritorious conduct in the outstanding performance of duties as Air Attache, Embassy of Argentina to the United States of America, from 22 January 1974 to 27 January 1975. During this period, he exhibited the highest standards of professional competence. His untiring efforts to promote understanding and cooperation between the air forces of Argentina and the United States have served to strengthen the bonds of friendship and further mutual objectives of both nations. His leadership, sound judgment, and diplomacy gained the confidence and admiration of those officers of the United States Air Force with whom he was in contact. General Gonzalez' exemplary manner of performance in these duties reflected great credit upon him and the Argentine Air Force.

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