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In Reply Refer to:  
I-09193/82

MEMORANDUM FOR OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS (OP-009L)

SUBJECT: Legion of Merit Award for Rear Admiral Carlos Alberto  
Andres Bonino, Argentine Navy

The recommended award for Rear Admiral Carlos Alberto Andres Bonino, Argentine Navy, is returned without action at this time since the Department of State could not approve it. After the Argentine-UK dispute has been resolved peacefully, it should be possible to resubmit for approval.

*James A. Gravette*  
JAMES A. GRAVETTE  
Colonel, USAF

Deputy Director, Inter-American Region

Attachment  
a/s

ARGENTINA

Office of the Secretary of Defense  
Chief, RDD, ESD, WHS

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WASHINGTON, D. C. 20350

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MAR 31 1982

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

Subj: Award of the Legion of Merit (Degree of Officer) to  
Rear Admiral Carlos Alberto Andres Bonino, Argentine  
Navy -- ACTION MEMORANDUM

Ref: (a) DOD Directive 1005.12 of 9 May 79 (Armed Forces  
Decorations for Foreign Military Personnel)

Encl: (1) Background data  
(2) Citation  
(3) Certificate

In accordance with the provisions of reference (a), enclosure (1), a recommendation for the award of a Legion of Merit (Degree of Officer) to Rear Admiral Carlos Alberto Andres Bonino, Argentine Navy is forwarded for your approval. The proposed award to Admiral Bonino is in recognition of his exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services while serving as the Naval Attache to the Embassy of the Argentine Republic during the period February 1980 to January 1982. The U.S. Ambassador to Argentina and the U.S. Defense Attache, Buenos Aires concur in the presentation of this award.

It is recommended that this award, if approved be presented in Argentina.

If the award meets with your approval, it is requested that enclosures (2) and (3) be signed.

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JOHN LIBMAN  
Secretary of the Navy

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PROPOSED CITATION TO ACCOMPANY THE AWARD OF  
THE LEGION OF MERIT  
(DEGREE OF OFFICER)

TO

REAR ADMIRAL CARLOS A. A. BONINO  
ARGENTINE NAVY

For exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service from February 1980 to January 1982 while serving in Washington, D.C. as the Naval Attache to the Embassy of the Argentine Republic. Throughout this period, Admiral Bonino consistently served as an effective spokesman of his government and distinguished himself through his concerted efforts to establish and maintain an incisive and informative dialogue with representatives of the Department of the Navy regarding matters of mutual naval interest. His keen understanding of the importance of cooperation between the two navies resulted in a frank exchange of opinions and perspectives which were of inestimable value to the U.S. Navy and contributed significantly to the usefulness of free world seapower as an instrument of world peace. Admiral Bonino's exceptional devotion to duty, exemplary professional competence, and dynamic leadership are in the highest tradition of the Argentine Navy and have reflected great credit upon his nation and himself.

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Enclosure (1)



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Ser: 014  
11 March 1982

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FIRST ENDORSEMENT on CNO ltr Ser 09/30044 of 4 March 1982

From: Senior Member, Navy Department Board of Decorations and  
Medals, Washington, D.C.  
To: Chief of Naval Operations  
Subj: Legion of Merit, Degree of Officer, recommendation for  
in the case of Rear Admiral Carlos Alberto Andres BONINO,  
Argentine Navy

1. Readdressed and forwarded for further processing.
2. The Navy Department Board of Decorations and Medals recommends approval and has recorded the subject award.

*D. H. Seid*  
D. H. SEID  
By direction

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IN REPLY REFER TO  
Ser 09/300444  
4 March 1982

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From: Chief of Naval Operations  
To: Secretary of the Navy (Navy Department Board of  
Decorations and Medals)

Subj: Legion of Merit; recommendation for


Encl: (1) Proposed citation for Admiral Bonino  
(2) DIRNAVINSERV ltr NIS-22PX/pab 3850 Ser 22-0109  
of 26 Jan 1982  
(3) DIA ltr C-1247/OS-1 of 25 Feb 82  
(4) Biographic data on Admiral Bonino  
(5) CNO Washington DC 051934Z Jan 82  
(6) USDAO Buenos Aires AR 141200Z Jan 82

1. It is recommended that the Legion of Merit, Degree of Officer, be presented to Rear Admiral Carlos Alberto Andres Bonino, Argentine Navy. The U.S. Ambassador to Argentina and his country team concur with this recommendation.

2. Admiral Bonino distinguished himself through exceptionally meritorious service from February 1980 to January 1982 while serving in Washington, D.C. as the Naval Attache to the Embassy of the Argentine Republic. Throughout this period, Admiral Bonino, serving as an effective spokesman of his government, sought and maintained an energetic and informative dialogue with representatives of the Department of the Navy which consistently lent itself to a frank exchange of opinions and perspectives of great value to the U.S. Navy and contributed significantly to the usefulness of free world seapower as an instrument of world peace. Admiral Bonino's exceptional devotion to duty, exemplary professional competence, and dynamic leadership are in the highest tradition of the Argentine Navy.

3. It is anticipated that this award, if approved, will be presented by the U.S. Ambassador to Argentina or his designated representative.

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WILLIAM H. SEARLL  
ADMIRAL, U.S. NAVY  
VICE CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS

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NAVAL INVESTIGATIVE SERVICE  
P O BOX 16230  
SUITLAND, MARYLAND 20023

IN REPLY REFER TO

NIS-22PX/pab  
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Ser 22- 0109

26 JAN 1982

From: Director, Naval Investigative Service  
To: Chief of Naval Operations (OP-009L)

Subj: Counterintelligence Records Check

Ref: (a) CNO LTR SER 009LS/365514

1. Reference (a) requested a counterintelligence records check on Rear Admiral Carlos Alberto Andres Bonino, Argentine Navy.
2. Appropriate checks were conducted of agencies at the Seat of Government and at this Service with no derogatory information being developed.

*DIREC*  
E. R. FOLEY  
By direction

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Enclosure (2)



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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20301

25 FEB 1982

C-1247/OS-1

MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS, UNITED STATES NAVY

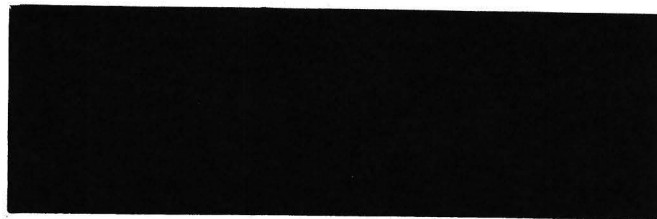
SUBJECT: Legion of Merit Award (U)

Reference: CNO Letter, Ser 009LS/C365537, 3 February 1982, subject as above.

1. ~~(S)~~ The Defense Intelligence Agency concurs in the award of the Legion of Merit, Degree of Commander, to Rear Admiral Carlos Alberto Andres Bonino, Argentine Navy.
2. (U) Based upon a review of intelligence and security files within DIA, 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. (U) Attached is a DIA Biographic Sketch concerning the individual.

FOR THE DIRECTOR:

1 Enclosure  
BIO Sketch on  
RADM Bonino  
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DIA FOIA 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(3); 10 U.S.C. § 4124



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ARGENTINA  
Rear Admiral Carlos Alberto Andres **BONINO**  
May 1980

(U) **NAME:** Rear Admiral Carlos Alberto Andres Bonino (boh NEE no), Navy.

(U) **POSITION:** Naval Attache in Washington, D.C., since 7 February 1980, and Delegate to the Inter-American Defense Board. Admiral Bonino succeeded Rear Admiral Juan Jose Lombardo.

(U/NOFORN) **SIGNIFICANCE:** Admiral Bonino was

[REDACTED] He entered the Argentine Naval Academy on 17 March 1947, and was commissioned a Passed Midshipman on 1 December 1951. His early career followed the normal path of young Naval officers through a series of assignments aboard the training ship Libertad, minesweeper Guarani, transports Bahia Buen Suceso and Beagle, icebreaker General San Martin, and destroyers San Juan and Santa Cruz. While holding the rank of Commander (1969-1974), Bonino was Chief, Department of Operations and Plans, Joint General Staff; Staff Officer, Navy General Staff; and Instructor, Argentine Navy Mission in La Paz, Bolivia. He was promoted to Captain during his command of the icebreaker General San Martin. Subsequent significant assignments include Advisor, Navy Secretariat General; Chief, Armed Forces Commission before the National Congress; Subsecretary of Operations, Public Information Secretariat, Presidential Household; and Chief, Department III (Operations), Navy General Staff. In January 1979 Admiral Bonino was appointed Commander of the 2d Destroyer Division, a prestigious billet he held until his departure for the United States in February 1980. His date of rank is 31 December 1979.

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**Addendum:**

15 February 1982

Rear Admiral Carlos Alberto A. Bonino, the outgoing Naval Attache in Washington, DC, [REDACTED]

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~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ //NO1650//

SUBJ: LEGION OF MERIT AWARD (U)

1. ~~1~~ RADM CARLOS A.A. BONINO, ARGENTINE NAVY, IS BEING CONSIDERED FOR A LEGION OF MERIT (DEGREE OF OFFICER) AWARD FOR HIS SERVICE AS NAVAL ATTACHE, ARGENTINE EMBASSY, FROM FEBRUARY 1980 TO JANUARY 1982.

2. ~~1~~ REQUEST AMBASSADOR AND DATT COMMENTS/CONCURRENCE BY MESSAGE REGARDING THE DESIRABILITY OF PRESENTING SUBJECT AWARD. MESSAGE SHOULD INCLUDE REMARK ON WHETHER OR NOT INDIVIDUAL HAS MADE STATEMENTS OR ENGAGED IN ACTIVITY THAT MIGHT EMBARRASS U.S. GOVT SHOULD AWARD BE GIVEN.

3. ~~1~~ REQUEST DIA BE PROVIDED WITH UPDATED BIOGRAPHIC DATA ON

RADM BONINO

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SUBJ: LEGIO OF MERIT AWARD (RADM CARLOS AA BONINO)

REF: UR MSG DTG 051934Z JAN 82

1. (U) DATT STRONGLY RECOMMENDS THAT RADM CARLOS AA BONINO, ARGENTINE NAVY, BE AWARDED THE LEGION OF MERIT (DEGREE OF OFFICER).
2. (U) RADM BONINO HAS NOT MADE STATEMENTS OR ENGAGED IN ACTIVITY THAT MIGHT EMBARRASS THE U.S. GOVT.
3. (U) THIS MESSAGE HAS BEEN COORDINATED WITH THE AMBASSADOR AND HAS HIS CONCURRENCE. BEST REGARDS. PITT

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Rear Admiral Bonino's exemplary professional competence, dynamic leadership, and exceptional devotion to duty reflected great credit upon himself and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the Naval Service.

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