

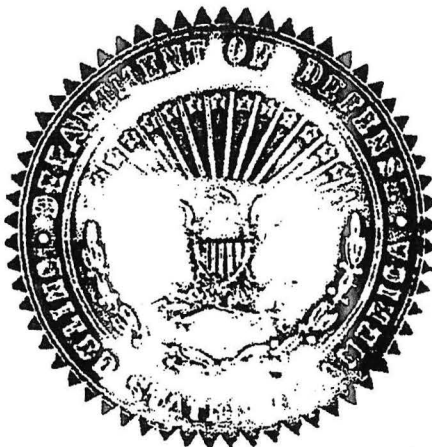
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(DEGREE OF OFFICER)

TO

ROBERTO FERMIN AGUIRRE CHAMPEAU

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W. H. Rumsfeld
JUL 13 1976



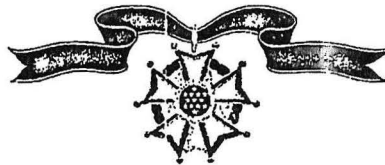
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THE LEGION OF MERIT (DEGREE OF OFFICER)

TO
MAJOR GENERAL ROBERTO FERMIN AGUIRRE CHAMPEAU
ARGENTINE AIR FORCE

FOR
EXCEPTIONALLY MERITORIOUS CONDUCT
IN THE PERFORMANCE OF OUTSTANDING SERVICES
27 JANUARY 1975 TO 3 FEBRUARY 1976

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



SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE





SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE *MS*

July 9, 1976

Memo For The Special Assistant

OASD (ISA), Department of State, and DIA concur in the attached proposed award and the wording of the citation, to Major General Roberto Fermin Aguirre Champeau, Argentine Air Force.

The U.S. Ambassador and Defense Attache also concur.

Recommend approval.

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WASHINGTON, D. C. 20301

01 JUL 1976

In reply refer to:
1-6043/76

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR, CORRESPONDENCE & DIRECTIVES DIVISION, OSD

THROUGH: EXECUTIVE OFFICE, ISA *[Signature]*

SUBJECT: Proposed Award of the Legion of Merit (Degree of Officer)
to Major General Roberto Fermin Aguirre Champeau

This office concurs in the proposed award and the wording of the citation for the Legion of Merit, Degree of Officer, to Major General Roberto Fermin Aguirre Champeau, in recognition of his exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services while serving as Air Attache, Embassy of Argentina, Washington, D.C., from 27 January 1975 to 3 February 1976.

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

[Signature]
RICHARD E. CAVAZOS
Major General, USA
Director, Inter-American Region

Enclosure
Dept of State Letter
w/Enclosure

C.E.B. Barry per
Alan Woods.

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21 JUN 1976


In reply refer to:
1-6043/76

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR INTER-AMERICAN
AFFAIRS, DEPARTMENT OF STATE


SUBJECT: Proposed Award of the Legion of Merit (Degree of Officer)
to Major General Roberto Fermin Aguirre Champeau

The Department of the Air Force has proposed the award of the Legion of Merit (Degree of Officer) to Major General Roberto Fermin Aguirre Champeau in recognition of his outstanding services as Air Attache, Embassy of Argentina, Washington, D.C., from 27 January 1975 to 3 February 1976.

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.


RICHARD E. CAVAZOS
Major General, USA
Director, Inter-American Region

Enclosure:
Memo for SecDef
w/4 Attachments

Department of State Concur: 
Wording of Citation Approved.

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Department of State Objects: _____
Separate Comments.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON 20330



OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

JUN 7 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

SUBJECT: Award of the Legion of Merit (Degree of Officer) -
ACTION MEMORANDUM

The Department of the Air Force recommends award of the Legion of Merit (Degree of Officer) to Major General Roberto Fermin Aguirre Champeau in recognition of his outstanding services as Air Attache, Embassy of Argentina, Washington DC, from 27 January 1975 to 3 February 1976.

The United States Ambassador and the US Defense Attache, Buenos Aires, concur in this award. A background investigation reveals no derogatory information concerning General Aguirre Champeau.

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.

Thomas G. Read
Secretary of the Air Force

4 Attachments

1. Certificate
2. Citation
3. Basic recommendation (c) 2 cys
4. Biography (c) 2 cys

cc: Deputy Secretary of Defense

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~~on this letter (indorsement) will be~~
~~cancelled~~

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RECOMMENDATION FOR DECORATION		DATE 16 March 1976
TO: (Organization and address) AFMPC/DPMASA2 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: <input type="checkbox"/> HEROISM <input type="checkbox"/> OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MERITORIOUS SERVICE (Based on completed period of service)
3. INCLUSIVE DATE(S) OF ACT, ACHIEVEMENT OR SERVICE FROM: 27 January 1975 TO: 3 February 1976		
PERSONAL DATA ON INDIVIDUAL BEING RECOMMENDED		
4. LAST NAME - FIRST NAME - MIDDLE INITIAL AGUIRRE CHAMPEAU, Roberto Fermin	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 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
16. DATE OF <input type="checkbox"/> REASSIGNMENT, <input type="checkbox"/> RETIREMENT, <input type="checkbox"/> OR SEPARATION: THE CBPO WILL PROVIDE AND VERIFY THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION: RETIREMENT OR SEPARATION IS <input type="checkbox"/> VOLUNTARY <input type="checkbox"/> INVOLUNTARY, AND THE FOLLOWING SERVICE DATES APPLY CDOS _____ TAFCSO _____ TAFMSO _____ PLSD _____ TFCSD _____ TMSD _____		
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) <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	19. ARE OTHER INDIVIDUALS BEING RECOMMENDED FOR THE SAME ACT OR SERVICE <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	
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21. HAS PREVIOUS AWARD BEEN MADE TO THIS INDIVIDUAL FOR THIS ACT OR SERVICE <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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) Hq USAF/CVAFL, Wash DC 20330	

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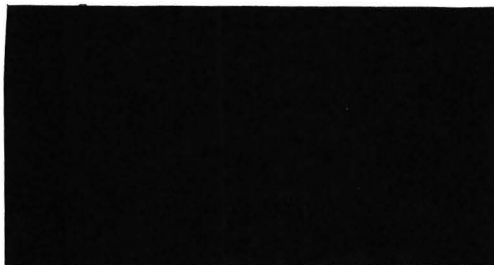
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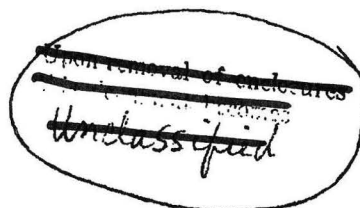
1. The Defense Intelligence Agency concurs in the award of the Legion of Merit (Degree of Officer) to Maj Gen Roberto Fermin Aguirre Champeau, Air Force.
2. Based upon a review of intelligence and security files within DIA, there is no information currently available to indicate that presentation of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

FOR THE DIRECTOR:

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Enclosure
BIO Data on Maj
Gen Aguirre
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BIOGRAPHIC DATA

ARGENTINA
Maj Gen Roberto Fermín AGUIRRE CHAMPEAU
March 1976

(U) NAME: Maj Gen Roberto Fermín Aguirre Champeau,
Air Force.

(U) POSITION: Retired. Served as Air Attaché and
Air Force Delegate to the Inter-American Defense
Board from Jan 1975 to Feb 1976.

(U) SIGNIFICANCE: Maj Gen Aguirre Champeau is a
rated pilot who has had several top command and
military school directorship assignments. In 1974
he was mentioned as the most likely candidate to
become Commander General of the Air Force due to
his acceptability to the ruling Peronists.
Maj Gen Aguirre Champeau along with a number of
other high ranking officers were forced to retire as
a result of the "Air Force Rebellion" of 18 Dec 1975.



~~(S/NOFORN)~~ POLITICS:

(U) International: Maj Gen Aguirre Champeau's international political
views are unknown. He served as Air Attache in Lima, Peru, and has made an
official visit to Peru, Venezuela, and Brazil.

~~(S/NOFORN)~~ Internal: Maj Gen Aguirre Champeau's internal political
views are unknown; however, he does not appear to be an anti-Peronist. The exact
reason for naming him Air Attache remains unclear. Some reports indicated that
the appointment would be temporary and was made to remove the General from the
local political conflict between the then Minister of Defense and the Social
Welfare Minister. Other reports stated that the former Air Force Commander
General, Lt Gen Hector Luis Fautario, sent him out of the country in order to
remove his nearest rival. An Attache job for a general officer normally is
viewed by the Argentine Air Force as an end-of-the-line assignment.

(U) PERSONAL DATA:

(U) Birth: [REDACTED]

(U) Family: [REDACTED]

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ARGENTINA
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(U) Description: Unknown.

(U) Languages: Native Spanish.

(U) Religion: Probably Roman Catholic.

(U) Decorations: Brazilian Military Pilot "Honoris Causa".

(U) CIVIL EDUCATION: Primary and secondary presumably in Argentina.

(U) CAREER:

1943-1946	-Cadet, Military Aviation School, Córdoba, Nov 1943-Dec 1946. Commissioned 3d Lt and Military Pilot, 17 Dec 1946.
1946-1949	-Assigned to 1st Bomber Regiment, Dec 1946-Dec 1948. Concurrently, Student, School of Mountain Flying, Jan 1948-Mar 1949. Promoted to 2d Lt, 1948.
1949-1950	-Assigned to 2d Air Transport Regiment, Mar 1949-Dec 1950. Promoted to 1st Lt, 1950.
1950-1951	-Assigned to 3d Attack Regiment, Dec 1950-Aug 1951.
1951	-Assigned to 2d Transport Group., Aug-Nov.
1951-1953	-Assigned to 7th Technical Group, Nov 1951-Jan 1953. Promoted to Capt, 1952.
1953	-Assigned to 2d Transport Group, Jan-Nov.
1953-1955	-Assigned to 1st Technical Group., Nov 1953-Feb 1955.
1955	-Student, Basic Course, Command and Staff School, Buenos Aires, Feb-Dec.
1955-1959	-Assigned to the Military Aeronautical Institutes Command, Dec 1955-Jan 1959. Promoted to Maj, 1956.
1959-1960	-Assigned to unidentified Air Force Command, Jan 1959-Dec 1960. Promoted to Lt Col, 31 Dec 1959.
1960-1962	-Assistant Director, <u>Aerolineas Argentinas</u> (Argentine State Airlines), Dec 1960-Feb 1962.
1962-1963	-Assigned to the I Air Brigade, Oct 1962-Jan 1963.
1963	-Assigned to the V Air Brigade, Jan-May.
1963-1965	-Commander, 1st Bomber Group, May 1963-Jan 1965. Promoted to Col, 1963.
1965	-Commander, <u>Aeroparque</u> Military Air Base, Buenos Aires, Jan-Dec.
1966	-Student, Superior Course, Command and Staff School.
1967-1969	-Air Attaché, Lima, Peru, Jan 1967-Jan 1969.
1969	-Commander, II Air Brigade, Jan-Dec.

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1969-1971	-Commander, IV Air Brigade, Mendoza, Dec 1969-Nov 1971. Promoted to Brig Gen, Dec 1969.
1971-1972	-Director, Command and Staff School, Nov 1971-Dec 1972.
1972-1973	-Director, National War School, Buenos Aires, Dec 1972-Dec 1973. Official travel to Peru, Venezuela, and Brazil, Nov 1973. Promoted to Maj Gen, 1973.
1973-1974	-Commander, Personnel Command, Dec 1973-Mar 1974.
1974-1975	-Commander, Air Operations Command, Mar 1974-Jan 1975.
1975-Present	-Air Attaché and Air Force Delegate to the Inter-American Defense Board from Jan 1975 to Feb 1976. Presently retired from the Argentine Air Force.

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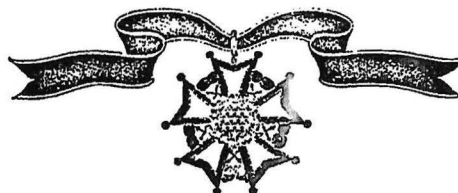
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