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### CITATION TO ACCOMPANY THE AWARD OF

THE LEGION OF MERIT (DEGREE OF OFFICER)

TO

### REAR ADMIRAL DAVID ROGELIO HORACIO DE LA RIVA ARGENTINE NAVY

For exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service from January 1974 to January 1975 while serving in Washington, D. C. as the Naval Attache to the Embassy of Argentina.

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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

(Begree of Officer)

TO

Rear Admiral Bavid Rogelio Horacio De Ca Riva Argentine Navy

FOR

EXCEPTIONALLY MERITORIOUS CONDUCT IN THE PERFORMANCE OF OUTSTANDING SERVICES

from January 1974 to January 1975

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

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### OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

December 8, 1975

Memo For General Wickham

Colonel Graves

Thru:

Special Assistant

OASD (ISA), Department of State, and DIA concur in the attached proposed award and wording of the citation, to RAdm David Rogelio Horacio De La Riva, Argentine Navy.

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

Recommend Sec Def signature on Certificate and Citation.

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In reply refer to: 1-11834/75

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR, CORRESPONDENCE & DIRECTIVES DIVISION, OSD

EXECUTIVE OFFICE, ISA-

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

to Rear Admiral David Rogelio Horacio De La Riva, Argentine

This office concurs in the proposed award and the wording of the citation for the Legion of Merit, Degree of Officer, to Rear Admiral David Rogelio Horacio De La Riva, Argentine Navy, in recognition of his exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services while serving as Naval Attache to the Embassy of Argentina in Washington, D.C., during the period January 1974 to January 1975.

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

> DAVID W. QUANT Acting Director

Inter-American Region

Enclosure:

Department of State Letter

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

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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 Navy has proposed the award of the Legion of Merit (Degree of Officer) to Rear Admiral David Rogelio Horacio De La Riva, Argentine Navy, in recognition of his exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services while serving as Naval Attache to the Embassy of Argentina in Washington, D. C., during the period January 1974 to January 1975.

(U) 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.

> DAVID W. QUANT Acting Director Inter-American Region

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Dept of Navy Memo for SecDef w/3 enclosures

Department of State Concurs: <

Wording of Citation Approved.

Department of State Objects:

See Separate Comments.

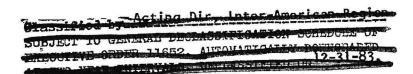
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### DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY WASHINGTON, D. C. 20350

7 November 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

Award of the Legion of Merit (Degree of Officer) to Rear Admiral David Rogelio Horacio DE LA RIVA, Argentine Navy--ACTION MEMORANDUM

(a) DOD Directive 1005.12 of 17 Oct 68 (Armed Forces Ref: 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 David Rogelio Horacio de la Riva, Argentine Navy, is forwarded for your approval. The proposed award to Rear Admiral de la Riva is in recognition of his exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services while serving as Naval Attache to the Embassy of Argentina in Washington, DC, during the period January 1974 to January 1975. 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 by the U. S. Ambassador in Argentina or his designated representative.

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

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J. William Middendorf II Secretary of the Navy

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FIRST ENDORSEMENT on CNO Itr Ser 009L/C90904 of 25 Sep 1975

From:

Senior Member, Navy Department Board of Decorations and Medals

To:

Chief of Naval Operations

Sub1:

Legion of Merit in the Degree of Officer; recommendation for

case of Rear Admiral David Rogelio Horacio DE LA RIVA,

Argentine Navy

1. Readdressed and forwarded for processing.

2. The Navy Department Board of Decorations and Medals recommends approval and has recorded the subject award.

R. W. HIGHBER

By direction

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### DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS WASHINGTON, D.C. 20350

IN REPLY REPER TO Ser 009L/C90904

**25 SEP 1975** 

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From: Chief of Naval Operations

To: Secretary of the Navy (Navy Department Board of

Decorations and Medals)

Legion of Merit; recommendation for (U) Subj:

(1) Proposed citation for RADM de la Riva Encl:

> (2) (3) CNO 271844Z JUN 75

(4) DIA 1tr ser C/NFD-52,045/DS-6 of 1 AUG 75

(5) DIRNAVINSERV ltr ser U1550 of 23 JUN 75

(6) Biographic data on RADM de la Riva

It is recommended that the Legion of Merit, Degree of Officer, be presented to Rear Admiral David Rogelio Horacio de la Riva, Argentine Navy. The U.S. Ambassador to Argentina and his country team concur with this recommendation.

- 2. Rear Admiral de la Riva distinguished himself through exceptionally meritorious service from January 1974, to January 1975, while serving in Washington, D.C. as the Naval Attache to the Embassy of Argentina. Throughout this period, Rear Admiral de la Riva, 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 multi-lateral sea power as an instrument for hemispheric security. His exceptional devotion to duty and exemplary professional competence are in the highest tradition of the Argentine Navy.
- It is anticipated that this award, if approved, will be presented by the U.S. Ambassador in Argentina or his designated representative.

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ADMIRAL, U.S. NAVY VICE CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS





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

TO

### REAR ADMIRAL DAVID ROGELIO HORACIO DE LA RIVA

### ARGENTINE NAVY

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B. CND 271847Z JUN 75

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OF AWARDING LEGION OF MERIT TO PERSONNEL STATED REFS A & B.\*
HOWEVER NEITHER AMBASSADOR NOR DATT KNOW THESE OFFICERS
SINCE BOTH HAVE BEEN IN A RETIRED STATUS SINCE RETURNING
TO ARGENTINA.

2. 46/MED) TO BEST OF KNOWLEDGE INDIVIDUALS HAVE NOT MADE STATEMENTS OR ENGAGED IN ACTIVITY THAT MIGHT EMBARRASS US GOVT SHOULD AWARD BE MADE.

3. (U) BID DATA ON THESE OFFICERS IS CURRENT.

4. IF APPROVED AMBASSADOR WOULD BE PLEASED TO HOLD CEREMONY IN EMBASSY RESEDENCE.

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\* BY REF A CNO REQ AMBASSADOR AND USDAO CONCURRENCE IN PRESENTING LEGION OF MERIT TO RADM DE LA RIVA. REF A IS INCLUDED IN BASIC CORRESPONDENCE AS ENCLOSURE {3}.

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## DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20301

1 AUG 1975

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TO:

Chief of Naval Operations

Department of the Navy

ATTN: OPO9B

Washington, D. C.

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SUBJECT:

Recommendations for Awards

Reference: Your letter, Ser 009L/090360, 18 July 1975.

The Defense Intelligence Agency concurs in the award of the Legion of Merit (Degree of Officer) to the following foreign officers:

Rear Admiral David Rogelio Horacio de la Riva, Argentine Navy Vice Admiral Ramon Gomes Leite Labarthe, Brazilian Navy

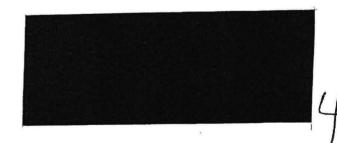
- Based upon a review of intelligence and security files there is no information currently available to indicate that presentation of the awards to these individuals would either depreciate the decorations or embarrass the U.S. Government.
- 3. Attached, per your request, is DIA Biographic Data concerning subjects.

FOR THE DIRECTOR:

2 Enclosures:

BIO Data on Rear Adm de la Riva, Jul 75, 1 cy

BIO Data on Vice Adm Labarthe, Jul 75, 1 cy (C/NI)



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NIS-27/bem 3850 Ser U 1550 2 3 JUN 1975

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

Subj: Counterintelligence records check; request for

Ref: (a) Op-009L Memo Ser 009L/C108 of 6 Jun 75

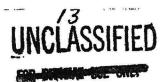
1. Reference (a) requested a counterintelligence records check on RADM David R.H. de LaRiva, Argentine Navy, and RADM Ramon Gomes Leite LaBarthe, Brazilian Navy.

2. Appropriate records checks were conducted at agencies of the Seat of Government and this Service with no derogatory information being developed.

R. H. COOK By direction

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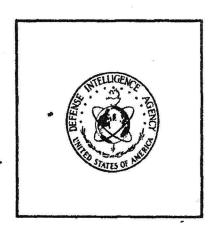
BIOGRAPHIC DATA Rear Adm David Rogelio Horacio de la RIVA

July 1975

(U) NAME: Rear Adm David Rogelio Horacio de la Riva (deh-lah-REE-vah), Navy.

(U) POSITION: Naval Attaché, Washington, D.C., Jan 1974-Jan 1975.

(U) SIGNIFICANCE: A line officer, Rear Adm de la Riva has had an extremely varied military career consisting of some staff positions, several command assignments, and many academic jobs including Director, Navy Intelligence School, and Director, Naval War School. He has had both actual and academic intelligence experience.



### (U) POLITICS:

- (U) International: Unknown. Rear Adm de la Riva participated in War Games at the U.S. Naval War College, Newport, Rhode Island, has paid a brief visit to Washington, D.C., has visited several Latin American countries, and served in the Naval Mission in Paraguay.
  - (U) Internal: Unknown.

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(U) PERSONAL DATA:

(U) Birth: 10 Dec 1925 in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

(U) Family:

(U) <u>Description</u>: Caucasian. Medium build (5'll", 185 lbs); hazel eyes, wears reading glasses; grey hair. Excellent health.

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Rear Adm David Rogelio Horacio de la RIVA

July 1975

- (U) Languages: Native Spanish, reads and understands English but speaks it very poorly.
  - (U) Religion: Roman Catholic (practicing).
  - (U) Decorations: Unknown.
- (U) CIVIL EDUCATION: Graduated from Champagnat Primary School, Buenos Aires, and "General San Martin" Military High School, Buenos Aires.

(U) CAREER:	
1942-1946	- Cadet, Naval Academy, Río Santiago Naval Base,
エファニーエフ・マン	Jan 1942-Dec 1946. Commissioned Passed Midshipman.
	13 Dec 1946.
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1947-1948	- Communications Assistant, cruiser Moreno, and
201.0	torpedo boat La Rioja. Rank: Ensign.
1948	- Communications Assistant, torpedo boat squadron.
1949	- Boat Commander, torpedo boat squadron.
1950	- Duty aboard torpedo boat Santa Cruz. Promoted to
	Lt j.g., 31 Dec 1950.
1951	- Student, Communications Officer Course, Naval
	Postgraduate School, Río Santiago Naval Base.
1951	- Communications Assistant, Fleet Staff.
1952	- Student, Information and Security Course, Navy
	Intelligence School, Buenos Aires.
1952	- Assigned to the Naval Intelligence Service.
1952	- Duty aboard cruiser La Argentina.
1952	- Duty aboard training ship Bahia Thetis.
1952	- Assigned to the Navy General Staff. Promoted to .
	Lt, 31 Dec 1952.
1953	- Assistant Secretary, Naval Intelligence Service.
1954	Navigator, cruiser La Argentina.
1955	- Navigator, training ship Bahia Thetis. Concurrently,
	student, Instruction Technique Course. Training
	cruise to several unidentified countries.
1956	- Assistant Chief, Logistics Department, Navy General Staff.
1956	- Assigned to Naval Intelligence Service.
1956	- Executive Officer, frigate Azopardo.
1956	- Commander, destroyer Mendoza.
1956-1957	- Professor, "Role of Merchant Vessels in Time of War-
	Security and Counterintelligence", training course
	for Captains, Officers, and Pilots of the Merchant
	Marine, Naval Academy. Promoted to Lt Cdr, 31 Dec 1956.
1958	- Student, Command and Staff Course, Naval War School,
	Buenos Aires.

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Rear Adm David Rogelio Horacio de la RIVA

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1958	- Professor, Counterintelligence Course, Navy Intelligence School.
1959	- Director, Navy Intelligence School.
1960	- Executive Officer, frigate Azopardo.
1961	- Commander, dredge Parker.
1961	- Commander, destroyer Mendoza. Promoted to Cdr, 31 Dec 1961.
1962	- Chief of Studies, Naval Academy.
1963-1964	- Naval Advisor, Argentine Naval Mission to Paraguay.
1965	- Chief of Staff, Antarctic Naval Group, 31st Antarctic Campaign, from Oct 1965.
1966	- Commander, destroyer Misiones. Promoted to Capt,
((0	31 Dec 1966.
1967-1968	- Chief, Command and Staff Course, and Subdirector, Naval War School, from Feb 1967. Concurrently, student, Senior Extension Course, Naval War School, 1967. Student, Systematization of Organization Course, Institute of Studies on Systematization and Automation, 1968. Student, Waterways Transport
* #	Course, Faculty of Economic Science, Argentine Maritime Studies Foundation, 1968.
1969	- Commander, Auxiliary Ship Division.
1969-?	- Commander, Naval Instruction Group, from Nov 1969. Attended Command Course War Games, U.S. Naval War College, Newport, Rhode Island, 1969.
1972-1973	- Director, Naval War School. Attended 7th Conference of American Naval Academies, Valparaiso, Chile, Sept 1972. Promoted to Rear Adm, 31 Dec 1972.
1973	- Merchant Marine Under Secretary, Mar-June.
1973	- Chief, Policy and Strategy Department, Navy General Staff, June-July.
1973	- Coordinator, Southern Atlantic Maritime Area, July-Dec.
1973	- Acting Chief of the Navy General Staff, Dec.
1974-1975	- Naval Attaché, Washington, D.C. Jan 1974-Jan 1975.
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