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MEMORANDUM FOR: SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

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

Brigadier General Carlos Cesar Idelfonso Delia Larocca, Military Attache to the United States, Embassy of Argentina, from January 1974 to January 1975, has returned to Argentina and assumed the position of Commander III Corps, Cordoba, Cordoba Province, Argentina.

The Department of the Army considers that it will be in the best interest of the United States to present General Delia with the Legion of Merit, Degree of Officer. The United States Ambassador, Argentina, and the United States Defense Attache, Argentina, concur in the recommendation and indicate that there are no known restrictions of the Government of Argentina to preclude General Delia's acceptance of the award if approved.

In accordance with the Department of Defense Directive Number 1005.12, dated 17 October 1968, Subject: "Armed Forces Decorations for Foreign Military Personnel," I am forwarding the appropriate documents for your approval. If approval is given, the certificate (Inclosure 1) requires the signature of the Secretary of Defense and the seal of the Department of Defense. The Defense Intelligence Agency statement of concurrence in the proposed award (Inclosure 4) is attached.

It is recommended that, if approved, the pertinent documents be returned to the Foreign Liaison Directorate, Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence, for presentation by an appropriate officer.

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1. Certificate
 2. Citation
 3. Background Data
 4. DIA Statement of Concurrence

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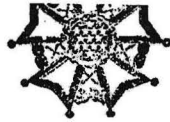
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THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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

Brigadier General Carlos Cesar Idelfonso Delia Larocca, Army of Argentina

FOR
EXCEPTIONALLY MERITORIOUS CONDUCT
IN THE PERFORMANCE OF OUTSTANDING SERVICES

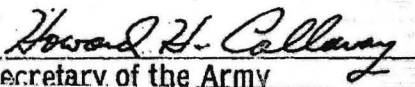
January 1974 to January 1975

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND IN THE CITY OF WASHINGTON

THIS

DAY OF

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Secretary of the Army



Secretary of Defense

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BRIGADIER GENERAL CARLOS CESAR IDELFONSO DELIA LAROCCA
ARGENTINE ARMY

for meritorious performance of duty.

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BIOGRAPHIC DATA

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Brig Gen Carlos César Idelfonso DELIA Larocca

March 1975

(U) NAME: Brig Gen Carlos César Idelfonso Delia Larocca (deh-LEE-ah), Army.

(U) POSITION: Commander, III Corps, Córdoba, Córdoba Province, since Jan 1975.

(S//NF) SIGNIFICANCE: Brig Gen Delia, widely regarded as the personification of the dynamic, professional cavalryman, holds command in the politically volatile northwestern region of Argentina, an area with great potential for organized insurgency. It was in this corps area that the Army first assumed an aggressive role against the terrorists of the Revolutionary Army of the People (ERP), and where serious acts of mutual retribution have taken place. Brig Gen Delia is considered somewhat outspoken in his criticism of "nationalist" policies and programs which he considers unrealistic. He especially opposed the grandiose "Plan Europa" of the late 1960's which called for reliance on European sources to modernize the Argentine Armed Forces, feeling that U.S. equipment and logistics support are more in line with his country's needs.



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1974

(S//NF) POLITICS:

(S//NF) International:

[REDACTED] his previous tour of duty was as Military Attaché in Washington, D.C. He has travelled abroad in an official capacity many times, including trips to the U.S., Europe, Mexico, and Japan as a member of Argentine Olympic and Pan-American Games teams.

(S//NF) Internal: Brig Gen Delia's views regarding domestic politics are unclear. He is purportedly a "Liberal", favoring strong military influence in a superficially civilian government. However, he opposes one-man rule by the stereotypical Latin caudillo, as evidenced by his opposition to the governments of both Lt Gen Alejandro Agustín Lanusse (President, 1971-1973) and Lt Gen Juan Domingo Perón (President, 1946-1955 and 1973-July 1974). He was dismissed from active duty during

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the early 1950's for his anti-Perón sentiments, and was removed from a position of importance during Lanusse's tenure.

(S//NF) Brig Gen Delia has little patience for what he terms the "false nationalism" espoused by many of his countrymen. He prefers a realistic approach, recognizing Argentina's limitations. While Commander of the Arsenals Command, he terminated the license production of French armored vehicles (part of the "Plan Europa"), terming the program "a ludicrous extravagance" and pointing out that four or five U.S. armored personnel carriers could be bought for the price of a single Argentine-built AMX model.

(S//NF) PERSONAL DATA:

(U) Birth: 24 Jan 1923, Villa Federal, Entre Ríos Province, Argentina.

(S//NF) Family:

[REDACTED]

(S//NF) Description: Caucasian. Slender build (5'9", 150 lbs); gray hair, brown eyes, wears glasses for reading; wears a neatly trimmed mustache.

[REDACTED]

Avid, accomplished horseman; has participated in numerous international equestrian competitions, including several Olympic Games.

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(U) Languages: Native Spanish, good French, fair English, Portuguese, and Italian.

(U) Religion: Roman Catholic (practicing).

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Brig Gen Carlos César Idelfonso DELIA Larocca

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(U) Decorations: Scheduled to receive U.S. Legion of Merit
(Degree: Officer).

(U) CIVIL EDUCATION: "Alejandro Carbo" High School, Concordia, Entre
Ríos Province, Argentina.

(U) CAREER:

1941-1944	-Cadet, Military Academy, El Palomar, Buenos Aires. Commissioned Sub-Lt in Cavalry, 1944.
1944-1945	-Assigned to 9th Cavalry Regiment.
1946	-Assigned to 11th Cavalry Regiment. Promoted to Lt.
1947-1950	-Assigned to Cavalry School, Campo de Mayo. Promoted to 1st Lt, 1948.
1951	-Assigned to School of Equitation, Campo de Mayo.
1951-1955	-Dismissed from active duty (for anti-Perón sentiments).
1955	-Reinstated on active duty, and assigned to School of Equitation, Sept. Promoted to Capt, with effective date of 31 Dec 1951, and to Maj, 31 Dec 1955.
1956	-Assigned to Argentine Olympic Team. Participated in official travel to Europe.
1957-1959	-Student, Superior War School, Buenos Aires. Promoted to Lt Col, 31 Dec 1959.
1959-1960	-Instructor, Superior War School. Participated in Pan-American Games, Chicago, Illinois (1959) and unidentified competition in Europe (1960).
1961	-Instructor, Superior Technical School, Buenos Aires.
1962-1963	-Assigned to Department II (Intelligence), Army General Staff.
1964	-Chief of Staff, 2d Cavalry Brigade, II Army Corps, Concordia, Entre Ríos Province. Participated in Olympic Games, Tokyo, Japan. Promoted to Col, 31 Dec 1964.
1965	-Student, Colonels Course, National War School, Buenos Aires. Participated in unidentified competition in Europe.
1966	-Chief, Operations Section, III Army Corps, Córdoba, Córdoba Province.
1967	-Student, Special Planning and Programming Course, unidentified school.
1968	-Participated in Olympic Games, Mexico City, Mexico.
1968-1969	-Deputy Commander and Chief of Staff, I Armored Cavalry Brigade, I Army Corps, Tandil, Buenos Aires.

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1970	-Director of Operations and Intelligence, Military Institutes Command. Participated in unidentified competition in Mexico.
1971-1973	-Commander, Arsenal Command. Promoted to Brig Gen, 31 Dec 1971. Participated in Olympic Games, Munich, West Germany, 1972.
1973	-Chief, Department III (Operations and Plans), Joint General Staff, June-Dec.
1974-1975	-Military Attaché and Delegate, Inter-American Defense Board, Washington, D.C., Jan 1974-Jan 1975.
1975-Present	-Commander, III Corps, Córdoba, from Jan 1975.

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DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20310

31 MAR 1975

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TO: Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence
Department of the Army
Washington, D. C. 20310

SUBJECT: Legion of Merit Awards

Reference: Your letters, DAMI-FLA, 20 March 1975.

1. The Defense Intelligence Agency concurs in the awards of the Legion of Merit (Degree of Officer) to the following Argentine officers:

Brigadier General Carlos Cesar Idelfonso Delia Larocca
~~Brigadier General Leoncio Perez Tenaud~~

2. 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 deprecate the decorations or embarrass the U.S. Government.

2. Attached, per your request, is DIA Biographic Data concerning subjects.

FOR THE DIRECTOR:

2 Enclosures:

1. BIO Data on
BG Delia, Mar 75,
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2. BIO Data on
BG Perez, Mar 75,
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