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CITATION TO ACCOMPANY THE AWARD OF
THE LEGION OF MERIT
(DEGREE OF COMMANDER)

TO

ADMIRAL EMILIO EDUARDO MASSERA
ARGENTINE NAVY

For exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service from December 1973 to February 1975 as Commander General of the Argentine Navy. During this period, Admiral Massera distinguished himself through his concerted efforts to reinforce the strong bonds of mutual trust and respect which exist between the Argentine Navy and the United States Navy. His keen understanding of the importance of cooperation in the tasks confronting the two services was of inestimable value to the United States Navy. In addition, his astute judgment and dynamic leadership earned for him and the service he leads the admiration of his nation and of other free societies throughout the world. Admiral Massera's exemplary professional competence and steadfast dedication reflected great credit upon himself and the Argentine Navy.

James R. Schlesinger

Argentine 200.63

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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

TO

Admiral Emilio Eduardo Massera
Argentine Navy

FOR

EXCEPTIONALLY MERITORIOUS CONDUCT
IN THE PERFORMANCE OF OUTSTANDING SERVICES

from December 1973 to February 1975

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND IN THE CITY OF WASHINGTON
THIS 25th DAY OF February 1975

William M. Ide
Secretary of the Navy



James R. Schlesinger
Secretary of Defense

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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

24 February 1975

Memo For General Wickham

Colonel Graves *ad*

Thru: Special Assistant

OASD (ISA), Department of State
and DIA concur in the attached proposed award
to Adm Emilio Eduardo Massera, Argentine
Navy.

The US Ambassador and the
Defense Attache also concur.

Recommend approval.

*Presentation by CNO scheduled for
0830, Tue, 25 Feb.*

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

INTERNATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS

24 February 1975

Refer to:
I-21083/75

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR, CORRESPONDENCE & DIRECTIVES
DIVISION, OSD

THROUGH: EXECUTIVE OFFICE, ISA

SUBJECT: Proposed Award of the Legion of Merit (Degree of
Commander) to Admiral Emilio Eduardo Massera,
Commander General of the Argentine Navy (FOUO)

(*) This office concurs in the proposed award and the
wording of the citation for the Legion of Merit, Degree of
Commander, to Admiral Emilio Eduardo Massera, in recogni-
tion of his exceptionally meritorious conduct in the
performance of outstanding services as Commander General
of the Argentine Navy during the period December 1973 to
February 1975.

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

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

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

24 February 1975

INTERNATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS

In reply refer to:
I-21083/75

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

SUBJECT: Proposed Award of the Legion of Merit (Degree of Commander) ~~(FOUO)~~

The Department of the Navy proposes the award of the Legion of Merit (Degree of Commander) to Admiral Emilio Eduardo Massera, Argentine Navy, in recognition of his outstanding services as Commander General of the Argentine Navy during the period December 1973 to February 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.

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

Enclosure
CNO Memo for SecDef
w/3 Enclosures

Department of State Concur: _____
Wording of Citation Approved.

William P. Allen Feb. 24, 1975
Date

Department of State Objects: _____
See Separate Comments.

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DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20301

18 FEB 1975

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~~REF ID: A66666~~ 51601/DS-6

TO: Chief of Naval Operations
Department of the Navy
ATTN: OP09B
Washington, D. C. 20380

SUBJECT: Legion of Merit Award

Reference: Your letter, Ser 61/C124515, 31 January 1975.

1. The Defense Intelligence Agency concurs in the award of the Legion of Merit (Degree of Commander) to Admiral Eduardo Emilio Massera Padula, Commander General of the Navy, Argentine Navy.

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

February 21, 1975

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

Subj: Award of the Legion of Merit (Degree of Commander) to ADM
Emilio Eduardo MASSERA, Argentine Navy

Ref: (a) DOD DIR 1005.12 of 17 Oct 68 (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 Commander, to Admiral Emilio Eduardo Massera, Argentine Navy, is forwarded for your approval. The proposed award to Admiral Massera is in recognition of his exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services while serving as Commander General of the Argentine Navy during the period December 1973 to February 1975. The United States Ambassador to Argentina and the United States Defense Attache, Buenos Aires, concur in the presentation of this award.

Admiral Massera will be visiting the United States during the period 23-27 February 1975 as the guest of the Chief of Naval Operations. If approved, the award is scheduled for presentation on or about 25 February 1975.

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

J. William Middendorf
J. William Middendorf II
Secretary of the Navy

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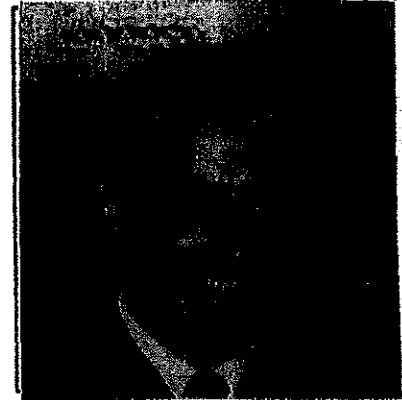
Adm Eduardo Emilio MASSERA Padula
February 1975

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(U) NAME: Adm Eduardo Emilio Massera Padula
(mah-SEH-rah), Navy.

(U) POSITION: Commander General of the Navy
since 7 Dec 1973. Concurrently, Commander of
Operations since 29 Jan 1974.

~~(S)~~ SIGNIFICANCE: A very intelligent and
extremely competent professional line officer,
Adm Massera is considered to be one of the most
outstanding Argentine Naval officers and is one of
the youngest officers to serve as Commander
General. Reportedly he was chosen for his
current position by the late Lt Gen Juan Domingo
Perón (President, 1973-July 1974) because he was less anti-Peronist than
his peers; his assignment forced the retirement of eight senior flag
officers. Adm Massera is a strong, dynamic Commander General and is
generally well respected within his service.



(U) 1973

He has been mentioned as the leading candidate to become Prime Minister if
the office is created. He is scheduled to visit the U.S. Chief of Naval
Operations and to receive the Legion of Merit in February 1975.

~~(S)~~ POLITICS:

~~(S)~~ International:

He was
enthusiastic about his assignment in Washington, D.C. as Advisor to the
Argentine Delegation at the Inter-American Defense Board and his studies
at the Inter-American Defense College. He has travelled throughout
Latin America and to Canada, Europe, the Middle East, and Africa.

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ARGENTINA
Adm Eduardo Emilio MASSERA Padula
February 1975

~~(S)~~ Internal: Considered to be anti-Peronist before his current appointment, Adm Massera is becoming more involved with President Perón and her governmental hierarchy and appears to support her. He strongly supported the December 1974 government declaration of the state of siege to combat the current rampant terrorism and reportedly believes that it is "necessary because the government is at war with the guerrillas and it is absurd to continue to tie the hands of the security forces with judicial restrictions". Adm Massera has been criticized by some officers in the Naval high command because of his increasing connections with the government and because of his "strongman" leadership of the Navy.

~~(S)~~ PERSONAL DATA:

(U) Birth: 19 Oct 1925 in Paraná, Entre Ríos, Argentina.

~~(S)~~ Family: [REDACTED]

~~(S)~~ Description: Caucasian. Medium build (5'10", 180 lbs); black hair, brown eyes; handsome, impressive appearance; well groomed; immaculate dresser. Strong, forceful character, but tactful and courteous. Pleasant; good conversationalist; has an excellent sense of humor; at ease with associates. [REDACTED]

(U) Languages: Native Spanish, limited English and French.

(U) Religion: Roman Catholic (practicing).

(U) Decorations: Scheduled to receive U.S. Legion of Merit (Degree: Commander). Chilean Navy Military Medal (3d Class). Ecuadoran Abdón Calderón Medal for Military Merit (2d Class).

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ARGENTINA
Adm Eduardo Emilio MASSERA Padula
February 1975

(U) CIVIL EDUCATION: Primary school and secondary school (Colegio Nacional La Plata) in Argentina. Studied physics and mathematics (1 year) at an unidentified university.

(U) CAREER:

- 1942-1946 -Cadet, Naval Academy, Río Santiago Naval Base, Jan 1942-Dec 1946. Commissioned Passed Midshipman, 31 Dec 1946.
- 1946-1948 -Assigned to cruiser La Argentina; battleship Moreno; Task Force No 2, Sea Fleet. Promoted to Ensign, 31 Dec 1948.
- 1948-1952 -Assigned to battleship Moreno; Sea Fleet; Naval Intelligence Service; Sea Fleet, patrol vessel Pueyrredon. Student, Communications School, 1951. Promoted to Lt (j.g.), 31 Dec 1950. Student, School of Application, 1951.
- 1952-1955 -Assigned to patrol vessel Pueyrredon; Student, Navy Intelligence School, Buenos Aires, 1953; Naval Intelligence Service; destroyer Entre Ríos; Aide to Secretary of the Navy; assigned to hydrographic ship Chiriguano; transport Bahía Aguirre. Promoted to Lt, 31 Dec 1952.
- 1955-1956 -Assigned to the Naval Antarctic Force.
- 1956 -Instructor, Intelligence Course, Naval Academy.
- 1956 -Assigned to Naval Intelligence Service. Promoted to Lt Cdr, 31 Dec 1956.
- 1957 -Assigned to Naval War School, Buenos Aires.
- 1957-1961 -Assigned to Naval Intelligence Service; Student, Naval War School, Buenos Aires, 1959; Instructor, Naval Aviation School, Punta Indio Airfield; Executive Officer, destroyer San Luis; Commander, minesweeper Boucharde. Promoted to Cdr, 31 Dec 1961.
- 1962 -Deputy Chief, Naval Intelligence Service.
- 1963-1964 -Adviser, Argentine Delegation, Inter-American Defense Board, Washington, D.C., Jan 1963-1964. Concurrently, student, Inter-American Defense College, Washington, D.C., June-Nov 1963.
- 1964-1965 -Chief of Training Division, Operational Plans Department, Naval Operations General Staff.

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Adm Eduardo Emilio MASSERA Padula
February 1975

1966-1967 -Commander, destroyer San Luis. Accompanied Adm Varela to the Inter-American Chiefs of Naval Operations Conference, Rio de Janeiro, July 1966. Promoted to Capt, 31 Dec 1966.

1967-1968 -Chief, 6th Department (Organization), Navy General Staff.

1969-1970 -Commander, frigate (training ship) Libertad.

1971 -Instructor, Military Plans Course, Naval War School.

1971-1972 -Secretary General of the Navy, Dec 1971-Dec 1972.
Promoted to Rear Adm, 31 Dec 1971.

1972-1973 -Commander of the Fleet, Dec 1972-Dec 1973.

1973-Present -Commander General of the Navy from 7 Dec 1973.
Concurrently, Commander of Naval Operations from 29 Jan 1974. Promoted to Adm, 22 Aug 1974, with concurrent administrative promotion to Vice Adm. Official visit to Chile, Sept 1974; to Peru, Nov 1974; scheduled to visit U.S. Chief of Naval Operations, Washington, D.C., Feb 1975.

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THE PENTAGON, WASHINGTON, D.C. 20301

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HOFFMAN BUILDING
2461 EISENHOWER AVENUE
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22304

IN REPLY REFER TO
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Ser U 0217
27 JAN 1975

From: Director, Naval Investigative Service
To: Chief of Naval Operations (Op-61)

Subj: Counterintelligence Records Check; request for

Ref: (a) Op-61 Memo ser 61/C124505 of 9 January 1975

1. Reference (a) requested a counterintelligence records check on Rear Admiral Eduardo Emilio MASSERA, Commander General of the Navy.

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

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PERSONAL FOR [REDACTED] FROM [REDACTED]

REF CNO 261546Z DEC 74 - ATTACHED

1. (U) [REDACTED] WAS CALLED TO ATTEND MEETING WITH ADM EMILIO MASSERA COMMANDING GENERAL ARA AT 081015 HOURS. FOLLOWING IS RESUME OF CONVERSATION WHICH ENSUED.

ADM MASSERA ACCEPTS WITH GREAT PLEASURE YOUR INVITATION TO VISIT THE UNITED STATES, HE WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY HIS LADY MRS DELIA ESTHER MASSERA, CAPT CARLOS ALBERTO BUSSE AND CAPT ROBERTO ALFREDO DAY.

2. (U) ADM MASSERA INDICATED HE DESIRES RADM ANTONIO VANEK, NEWLY DESIGNATED ARA NAVAL ATTACHE TO WASHDC TO ACCOMPANY. FYI, RADM DAVID DE LA RIVA SHOULD BE RETURNING TO ARGENTINA ABOUT LATE JAN AND PROBABLY WILL RETIRE FROM SERVICE. ADDITIONALLY, ADM MASSERA INQUIRED IF [REDACTED] AND HIS LADY WOULD BE AVAILABLE TO ACCOMPANY HE AND HIS PARTY WHILE THEY ARE IN THE STATES. [REDACTED] RESPONDED THAT THE CHOICE OF US ESCORT OFFICER WOULD BE YOUR DECISION. (FYI, [REDACTED] IS PERSONAL FRIEND OF MRS MASSERA, I RECEIVED IMPRESSION THAT IMPETUS FOR TRIP CAME FROM ADM'S WIFE, MAE AND I WOULD BE PLEASED TO ASSIST IN WHATEVER WAY APPROPRIATE.)

3. (U) THE FOLLOWING IS KEYED TO REF:

(#) A. (U) RECOMMENDED ITINERARY:

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SUN, 16 FEB	ARRIVE WASHDC (STAFF TIME)
MON, 17 FEB	OFFICIAL CALLS IN WASH AREA TO INCLUDE PRIVATE TALKS WITH [REDACTED]
18-20TH FEB	VISITS TO INCLUDE MARINE BASE QUANTICO TO VISIT ARGENTINE OFFICERS ATTENDING AMPHIBIAN WARFARE SCHOOL AND COMMAND AND STAFF SCHOOL, NORFOLK NAVAL BASE TO INCLUDE VISIT TO NAVAL AIR, VISIT TO CHARLESTON SUBMARINE BASE AND TOUR OF NUCLEAR SUBMARINE IF POSSIBLE, VISIT TO NEWPORT TO INCLUDE TOUR OF NAVAL WAR COLLEGE. NAMES AND TITLES OF VIP'S E.G., BASE COMMANDERS TO BE

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B. ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ SUBJS TO DISCUSS WITH CNO WILL PROBABLY INCLUDE PURCHASE OF ARA ESPORA (FORMER DD DORTCH) AND USE OF EX-USS COLLETTE TO REPLACE ARA ESPORA AND PURCHASE OF T-28'S TRAINERS TO AUGMENT DEPLETED ARA AVIATION TRAINER FLEET. OTHER POSSIBLE AREAS MAY INCLUDE INTER-AMERICAN TELECOMMUNICATIONS NETWORK (IANTN), INTER-AMERICAN NAVAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE (IANCO), FUTURE ARA PARTICIPATION IN UNITAS OPERATIONS, USSR SUBMARINE THREAT IN SOUTHERN CONE, AVAILABILITY OF SHIP-BASED MISSILES FOR INSTALLATION ON ARGENTINE NAVAL VESSELS, AND THE ASSIGNING OF ARGENTINE NAVAL OFFICER ON BOARD USN GUIDED MISSILE SHIP. AN OUTSIDE POSSIBILITY EXISTS OF DISCUSSING FUTURE RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN CHILE AND PERU.

C. (U) NUMBER - 5

COMPOSITION:

ADMIRAL EMILIO MASSERA
MRS DELIA ESTHER MASSERA
CAPT CARLOS ALBERTO BUSSE
CAPT ROBERTO ALFREDO DAY

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(5) A. (U) 160705 VIA AA FLT 330 NYC. CAPT BUSSE IS ARRANGING COMMERCIAL TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS TO AND FROM CONUS.

B. (U) BIO DATA AND PHOTOS IN PREPARATION. ADM MASSERA HAS STATED HE AND HIS PARTY HAVE NO PERSONAL RESTRICTIONS OR PREFERENCES IN DIET OR RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES. FYI MRS MASSERA ENJOYS SHOPPING AND THEATRE. ADM MASSERA WAS STUDENT AT IADC AND CONCURRENTLY ARGENTINE ADVISOR TO INTER-AMERICAN DEFENSE BOARD IN 1963-64.

C. (U) U.S. EQUIVALENT DESIRED FOR AUTO FLAG DURING OFFICIAL VISITS.

D. ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ ADM MASSERA REQUESTS NO RPT NO PRESS RELEASES OR PRESS CONFERENCES. HE DESIRES TO DISCUSS NEWS MEDIA COVERAGE OF TOUR WITH THE CNO PRIOR TO MAKING DECISION ON NEWS MEDIA COVERAGE. IT APPEARS TO ME THAT ADM MASSERA WOULD NOT PREFER NEWS MEDIA COVERAGE.

E. ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ COUNTRY TEAM CONCURS IN PRESENTATION OF LEGION OF MERIT. ADM MASSERA HAS NOT MADE STATEMENTS OR ENGAGED IN ACTIVITY THAT MIGHT EMBARRASS THE U.S. GOVT. DRAFT CITATION IN PREPARATION.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ ADM MASSERA TO OUR KNOWLEDGE HAS NOT PREVIOUSLY RECEIVED U.S. DECORATIONS.

4. ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ IN ORDER THAT CONTINUITY BE PRESERVED, I HAVE SHOWN ALL MSG TRAFFIC REGARDING THIS VISIT TO MY REPLACEMENT ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ I HAVE NOT SENT MSG TRAFFIC TO INFO ADDEES LIST REF. DURING MTG ADM MASSERA MENTIONED HE WILL REQUEST AUTHORITY TO PRESENT THE ARGENTINE ORDER OF MAY UPON ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ THIS DECORATION IS THE HIGHEST AWARD GIVEN TO A NON-ARGENTINE. ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

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FCVFA, CIA FOR PROTOCOL, USDAO FOR ALUSNA, SECSTATE FOR S/CPR.

INVITATION TO VISIT THE U.S. (U)

1) ~~66~~ WITH THE CONCURRENCE OF THE AMBASSADOR, CONVEY ON MY BEHALF THE

DRAFTER: L1 A/RELEASER (00)

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J. R. Shalloway
ADMINISTRATIVE, U. S. NAVY
CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS

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FOLLOWING INVITATION TO ADM EDUARDO EMILIO MASSERA:

QUOTE: "DEAR ADM MASSERA: I TAKE GREAT PLEASURE IN EXTENDING A CORDIAL INVITATION TO YOU AND MRS. MASSERA TO VISIT THE UNITED STATES AS MY GUESTS. SUCH A VISIT, I AM SURE, WOULD DO MUCH TOWARD ENHANCING THE TIES OF FRIENDSHIP WHICH BIND OUR NAVIES. IN THE HOPE THAT YOU ARE IN A POSITION TO ACCEPT MY INVITATION, MAY I SUGGEST A 30 DAY PERIOD, OR LESS IF YOU PREFER, BEGINNING IN WASHINGTON, D.C. ON OR ABOUT 15 FEBRUARY 1975. YOUR SCHEDULE WOULD INCLUDE TWO DAYS IN WASHINGTON FOR CALLS, DISCUSSIONS AND SOCIAL ENGAGEMENTS, FOLLOWED BY A VISIT TO VARIOUS NAVAL INSTALLATIONS IN THE UNITED STATES. I WOULD BE HAPPY TO WELCOME TWO MEMBERS OF YOUR STAFF AS AN ACCOMPANYING PARTY, AND I WILL DESIGNATE A U.S. NAVAL OFFICER TO ACT AS YOUR ESCORT. AN ITINERARY WILL BE PLANNED WHICH, I TRUST, YOU WILL FIND REWARDING AND OF PROFESSIONAL INTEREST. THE U.S. NAVAL ATTACHE IN ARGENTINA IS PREPARED TO DISCUSS DETAILS OF THE VISIT WITH YOUR STAFF TO INSURE INCLUSION OF AREAS OF YOUR PARTICULAR INTEREST.

I EARNESTLY HOPE THAT YOU AND MRS. MASSERA ARE ABLE TO MAKE THE TRIP AND ALLOW ME THE HONOR OF HOSTING YOUR VISIT. SINCERELY,

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J.L. HOLLOWAY III, ADMIRAL, U.S. NAVY, CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS. UNQUOTE

2. (U) PARAGRAPH 1 ABOVE UNCLASSIFIED UPON DELIVERY OF INVITATION. DELIVER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND NOTIFY CNO BY MESSAGE WHEN DELIVERED AND AGAIN WHEN RESPONSE IS MADE. INTERIM REPLY DESIRED IF NO RESPONSE IS RECEIVED WITHIN FIVE DAYS OF DELIVERY.

3. (U) FOLLOWING FOR YOUR GUIDANCE.

A. IF MRS. MASSERA ACCOMPANIES SHE WILL BE INCLUDED AS A MEMBER OF THE OFFICIAL PARTY DURING TOUR OF U.S. WHEN APPROPRIATE, SEPARATE SCHEDULE WILL BE ARRANGED FOR HER. IN THE EVENT SHE DOES NOT COME, ACCOMPANYING OFFICERS MAY BE INCREASED TO THREE. IN ANY CASE, TOTAL NUMBER IN PARTY, INCLUDING U.S. ESCORT OFFICER, MUST NOT EXCEED FIVE.

B. FOR PURPOSES OF THIS INVITATION, RADM DAVID DE LA RIVA, WASHINGTON, D.C., WILL BE COUNTED AS ONE OF THE TWO OR THREE ACCOMPANYING OFFICERS, SHOULD ADM MASSERA DESIRE HIS PRESENCE OUTSIDE THE WASHINGTON D.C. PORTION OF THE TRIP.

4. (U) FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS REQUESTED WITHOUT DELAY TO INITIATE PLANNING FOLLOWING ACCEPTANCE OF INVITATION:

A. RECOMMENDED ITINERARY, INCLUDING DESIRED INSTALLATIONS TO BE VISITED. WHERE FEASIBLE, A FIRM ITINERARY WILL BE ESTABLISHED BASED

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ON THE RECOMMENDED ITINERARY.

B. SUBJECTS ADM MASSERA WISHES TO DISCUSS WITH CNO AND DESIRED CALLS IN WASHINGTON. IN ADDITION, INCLUDE YOUR OWN BEST ESTIMATE OF ANY OTHER TOPICS THAT MAY COME UP FOR DISCUSSION.

C. NUMBER AND COMPOSITION OF ACCOMPANYING PARTY.

D. DOES ADM DESIRE ARGENTINE NAVATT, WASHINGTON, D.C., TO ACCOMPANY ON ENTIRE TOUR?

5. (U) FOLLOWING SHOULD BE PROVIDED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO COMPLETE DETAILED PROCESSING:

A. TIME AND PLACE OF ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE CONUS AND FLIGHT NUMBERS.

B. FULL NAMES, CORRECT PRONUNCIATIONS, POSITIONS, TITLES, UNCLASSIFIED BIO DATA, AND PHOTOS OF ALL MEMBERS OF ACCOMPANYING PARTY, INCLUDING PERSONAL RESTRICTIONS AND PREFERENCES OF ADM AND MRS. MASSERA IN DIETARY AND RECREATIONAL AREAS. ALSO DESIRE INFORMATION AS TO WHETHER MEMBERS OF PARTY HAVE VISITED THE UNITED STATES.

C. WHETHER ADM MASSERA DESIRES TO USE PERSONAL FLAG ON AUTO DURING OFFICIAL CALLS; OTHERWISE U.S. EQUIVALENT WILL BE USED.

D. ADM MASSERA'S DESIRES CONCERNING PAO COVERAGE OF VISIT IN#

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E. ~~FOR~~ COMMENTS OF THE COUNTRY TEAM REGARDING THE DESIRABILITY AND FEASIBILITY OF PRESENTING THE LEGION OF MERIT, DEGREE OF COMMANDER, TO ADM MASSERA. RECOMMENDATION SHOULD INCLUDE A REMARK THAT THE INDIVIDUAL HAS NOT MADE STATEMENTS OR ENGAGED IN ACTIVITY THAT MIGHT EMBARRASS THE U.S. GOVERNMENT SHOULD THE AWARD BE PRESENTED. IF YOU AND THE AMBASSADOR CONCUR IN THE PRESENTATION OF THE AWARD, REQUEST YOU PROVIDE A DRAFT, UNCLASSIFIED PROPOSED CITATION ASAP, ALONG WITH INFO ON U.S. DECORATIONS AWARDED ADM MASSERA IN THE PAST; MESSAGE PROVIDING DRAFT CITATION SHOULD ALSO INCLUDE STATEMENT THAT AMBASSADOR AND DATT CONCUR IN THE AWARD.

F. ~~THE~~ TRAVEL TO AND FROM THE US WILL BE AT THE EXPENSE OF THE GOVERNMENT OF ARGENTINA. ALL IN CONUS FLIGHTS WILL BE BY CNO AIRCRAFT.

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CITATION TO ACCOMPANY THE AWARD OF
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TO
ADMIRAL EMILIO EDUARDO MASSERA
ARGENTINE NAVY

For exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service from December 1973 to February 1975 as Commander General of the Argentine Navy.

During this period, Admiral Massera has distinguished himself through his concerted efforts to reinforce the strong bonds of mutual trust and respect which exist between the Argentine Navy and the U.S. Navy. His keen understanding of the importance of cooperation in the tasks confronting the two services has been of inestimable value to the U.S. Navy. In addition, his astute judgment and leadership have earned for him and the service he leads the admiration of his nation and of other free societies throughout the world.

Admiral Massera's exemplary professional competence and steadfast dedication are in the highest traditions of the Argentine Navy and have reflected great credit upon himself and the Argentine Navy.

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