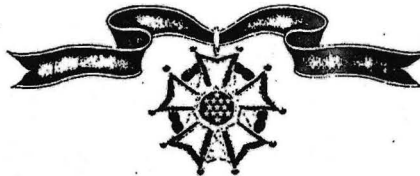


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TO ALL WHO SHALL SEE THESE PRESENTS, GREETING:

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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
MAJOR GENERAL HIGINIO GONZALEZ
ARGENTINE AIR FORCE
FOR
EXCEPTIONALLY MERITORIOUS CONDUCT
IN THE PERFORMANCE OF OUTSTANDING SERVICES

22 JANUARY 1974 TO 27 JANUARY 1975

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John L. McLucas



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OASD (ISA), Department of State, and DLA concur in the attached proposed award and the wording of the citation, to Maj Gen Higinio Gonzalez, Argentine Air Force.

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

Recommend approval.

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OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR, CORRESPONDENCE AND DIRECTIVES DIVISION, OSD

THROUGH: EXECUTIVE OFFICE, ISA *MAIA*

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

This office concurs in the proposed award and the wording of the citation for the Legion of Merit, Degree of Officer, to Major General Higinio Gonzalez, Argentine Air Force, in recognition of his outstanding services as Air Attache, Embassy of Argentina, Washington, D.C., from 22 January 1974 to 27 January 1975.

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

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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 Air Force proposes the award of the Legion of Merit (Degree of Officer) to Major General Higinio Gonzalez, Argentine Air Force, in recognition of his outstanding services as Air Attache, Embassy of Argentina, Washington, D.C., from 22 January 1974 to 27 January 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.

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Department of State Concur:

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

SUBJECT: Award of the Legion of Merit (Degree of Officer)

The Department of the Air Force recommends the award of the Legion of Merit (Degree of Officer) to Major General Higinio Gonzalez, Argentine Air Force, in recognition of his outstanding services as Air Attache, Embassy of Argentina, Washington DC, from 22 January 1974 to 27 January 1975.

The United States Ambassador, Buenos Aires, Argentina, concurs in this award. A background investigation reveals no derogatory information concerning General Gonzalez.

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.

John L. McLucas
John L. McLucas

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 2. Citation
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 4. Biography

cc: Deputy Secretary of Defense

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CITATION TO ACCOMPANY THE AWARD OF

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TO

HIGINIO GONZALEZ

Major General Higinio Gonzalez, Argentine Air Force, distinguished himself by exceptionally meritorious conduct in the outstanding performance of duties as Air Attache, Embassy of Argentina to the United States of America, from 22 January 1974 to 27 January 1975. During this period, he exhibited the highest standards of professional competence. His untiring efforts to promote understanding and cooperation between the air forces of Argentina and the United States have served to strengthen the bonds of friendship and further mutual objectives of both nations. His leadership, sound judgment, and diplomacy gained the confidence and admiration of those officers of the United States Air Force with whom he was in contact. General Gonzalez' exemplary manner of performance in these duties reflected great credit upon him and the Argentine Air Force.

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