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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR, CORRESPONDENCE & DIRECTIVES DIVISION, OSD

THROUGH: EXECUTIVE OFFICE, ISA

SUBJECT: Proposed Award of the Legion of Merit (Degree of Officer)
to the Former Military 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 Brigadier General Carlos Cesar Idelfonso DELIA Larocca, Army of Argentina, in recognition of his exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services while serving as Military Attache, Embassy of Argentina, to the United States from January 1974 to 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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(SIGNED)
GEORGE M. WALLACE
Major General, USA
Director
Inter-American Region

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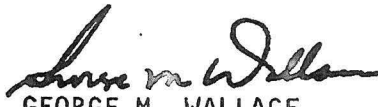
MEMORANDUM FOR THE DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR INTER-AMERICAN
AFFAIRS, DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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

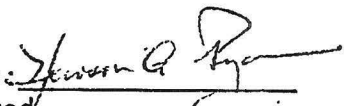
The Department of the Army has proposed the award of the Legion of Merit (Degree of Officer) to Brigadier General Carlos Cesar Idelfonso DELIA Larocca, Army of Argentina, in recognition of his outstanding services as Military Attache, Embassy of Argentina, to the United States from January 1974 to January 1975.

I request that the Department of State review the attached and, if it concurs in the award and the wording of the citation, that this be signed by a Deputy Assistant Secretary in the space provided below.

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GEORGE M. WALLACE
Major General, USA
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Enclosure
Secretary of the Army letter
for SecDef w/4 Enclosures

Department of State Concurs: 
Wording of citation approved.

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Department of State Objects: _____
See Separate Comments.

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SECRETARY OF THE ARMY
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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.

Howard H. Callaway
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2. Citation
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4. DIA Statement of Concurrence

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CERTIFICATE AND CITATION ENCLOSED IN THE ATTACHED ENVELOPE

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
ARGENTINE ARMY

for meritorious performance of duty.

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

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BIOGRAPHIC DATA

ARGENTINA
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.

(U/NPD) 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.



(U) 1974

(U/NPD) POLITICS:

(U/NPD) International: Anti-Communist, Brig Gen Delia is openly and strongly pro-U.S. Friendly towards U.S. personnel, he maintains personal ties with several U.S. officers who have served in Argentina; 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.

(U/NPD) 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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March 1975

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

(S/NFD) 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 Arsenal 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/NFD) PERSONAL DATA:

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

(S/NFD) Family: Wife, Gerde Ilse Albert de Delia (Caucasian; German ancestry; practicing Roman Catholic; soft-spoken; very pleasant in social circles; simple tastes; speaks fluent German and French, fair English; appears to exert influence on husband). Children (3): daughters born about 1956 and 1958; son born about 1962.

(S/NFD) Description: Caucasian. Slender build (5'9", 150 lbs); gray hair, brown eyes, wears glasses for reading; wears a neatly trimmed mustache. Sometimes criticized for impatience with shortcomings of others (including both military and civilian superiors). Courteous, considerate; spares no effort in assisting professional and social associates; regularly works from before dawn to dusk. Socially open and friendly; gallant with ladies; disapproves of off-color humor, especially in mixed company. Light drinker and smoker. Eats sparingly. "Lives for his job, family, and horses." Avid, accomplished horseman; has participated in numerous international equestrian competitions, including several Olympic Games. Belongs to Argentine Sports Academy and Pentathlon Club of Buenos Aires. Will respond to direct, honest approach.

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

(U) Religion: Roman Catholic (practicing).

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March 1975

(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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WASHINGTON, D. C. 20301

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 depreciate the decorations or embarrass the U.S. Government.

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

FOR THE DIRECTOR:

WILLIAM G. LEYDEN, JR.
Chief, Counterintelligence
Branch

2 Enclosures:

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2. BIO Data on
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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 19

Howard H. Callaway



Secretary of Defense

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