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SUMMARY: REBEL LEADER ASKS FOR OTHER LEADERS OF THE COUP TO SURRENDER. LTC HUGO ((CHAVEZ)) FRIAS, VENEZUELAN ARMY OFFICER, APPEARS ON NATIONAL TV CALLING FOR SURRENDER OF ALL HIS REBEL FORCES.

TEXT: COMANDANTE (LTC) HUGO ((CHAVEZ)) FRIAS, LEADER OF THE REBEL FORCES, HAS PUBLICLY CALLED FOR SURRENDER OF ALL REBEL FORCES. HE STATED THAT FAILURE TO TAKE CONTROL OF CARACAS WAS THE REASON FOR THEIR FAILURE TO COMPLETE THEIR MISSION. IN ORDER TO PREVENT FURTHER BLOODSHED AND DESTRUCTION OF THE COUNTRY LTC CHAVEZ WENT ON LOCAL TV TO ASK THE OTHER REBELS TO SURRENDER. HE ALSO STATED THAT HE TOOK FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE ATTEMPTED COUP.