SUMMARY: AS OF 22 JAN 88, 85 ARMY OFFICERS AND 234 MEN/NCOS HAVE BEEN ARRESTED IN RELATION TO THE MILITARY REBELLION OF JAN 15 - 18. LTC ENRIQUE VENTURINO AND LTC JOSE VALIEN TE TURNED THEMSELVES IN ON 21 JAN 88. LTCS DARIO FERNANDEZ MAGUER, ARTURO GONZALEZ NAYA AND ANGEL DANIEL LEON REMAIN AT LARGE.

TEXT: 1. (U) ON 880121, 37 OFFICERS AND ENLISTED MEN, INCLUDING LTC ENRIQUE ((VENTURINO)) AND LTC JOSE ((VALIEN TE)) TURNED THEMSELVES IN AND ARE NOW
IN THE MILITARY DETENTION CENTER "MAGDALENA",
BRINGING TOTAL MILITARY DETAINED TO 319.
KEY OFFICERS STILL MISSING ARE LTC DARIO
((FERNANDEZ MAGUER)), LTC ARTURO ((GONZALEZ
NAYA)) AND ANGEL DANIEL ((LEON)).

2. (U) A BREAKDOWN OF THE 319 MILITARY FROM
UNITS FOLLOWS:

- 4TH INF BN (MONTE CASEROS, CORRIENTES) - 16 OFF, 100 NCOS
- 5TH INF BN (PASO DE LOS LIBRES, CORRIENTES) - 7 OFF, 4 NCOS
- 3D ENG CO (MONTE CASEROS) - 7 OFFICERS, 46 NCOS.
- 21ST MOUNTAINEER BN (LAS LAJAS, NEUQUEN) - 16 OFF, 29 NCOS
- 22D MOUNTAINEER BN (SAN JUAN) - 4 OFFICERS
- 19TH INF BN (SAN MIGUEL DE TUCUMAN) - 15 OFFICERS
- 20TH INF BN (JUJUY) - 1 OFFICER
- 5TH LOGISTIC BN (TUCUMAN) - 1 OFFICER
- 161ST AIR DEFENSE ARTILLERY (ADA) GROUP (SAN LUIS) -
  8 OFFICERS, 12 NCOS
MISCELLANEOUS UNITS -- 10 OFFICERS, 43 NCOS.

3. (U) REPORTERS IN SAN MIGUEL DE TUCUMAN RECEIVED
A COMMUNIQUE FROM FUGITIVE LTC ANGEL DANIEL LEON,
EX-CO OF THE 19TH INF BN, GIVING DETAILS OF HIS
WITHDRAWL CONFIRMING THAT HE NEITHER FLED NOR
ESCOPE AND THAT THIS POSITION WAS ADOPTED TO
AVOID BLOODSHED.

4. (U) LTC POLO IS SERVING A 20 DAY PERIOD OF
ARREST IN THE 3D ARMY CORPS FOR HARBORING EX-
LTC ERNESTO ((BARREIRO))
(U) AS THE AFTERMATH OF THE REBELLION COOLS DOWN, THE NUMBER OF INVOLVED OFFICERS AND NCOS IS SWELLING AS THEY TURN THEMSELVES IN. OVER 140 MILITARY HAVE BEEN SENT FROM VARIOUS PARTS OF ARGENTINA TO BE HELD AT MAGDALENA MILITARY DETENTION CENTER.

ADMIN
BT
#0782
WHERE RICO IS CURRENTLY HELD IN SOLITARY CONFINEMENT.

ADMIN
PROJ: (U)
COLL: (U)
INSTR: (U)
PREP: (U)
ACQ: (U)
DISSEM: (U)
BT
#0782
DTG
041755Z FEB 88
FROM
FM [b]{10 USC 424}
TO
TO RUEKJCS/DIA WASHDC
RUEOEHAIUSCINCSONUQUARRY HEIGHTS PN
CONTROLS
CONFIDENTIAL SECTION 01 OF 02 [b]10 USC 424
[b]/[b](3):10 USC 424
SERIAL: [U] IIR [b]/[b]10 USC 424
BODY
PASS: [U] [b]/[b](3):10 USC 424 [b]/[b](3):50 USC 3024(i)
COUNTRY: [U] ARGENTINA (AR)
SUBJECT: [U] IIR [b]/[b](3):10 USC 424
SOME OF RICO'S CLOSEST SUPPORTERS MAY LEAVE PRISON SOON (U)
WARNING: [U] THIS IS AN INFO REPORT, NOT FINALLY EVALUATED INTEL. REPORT CLASSIFIED [CONFIDENTIAL].

DOI: [U] 880131
REQS: [U] [b]/[b](3):10 USC 424
[b](1):10 USC 424
[b](1);[b]:10 USC 424;1.4 (c)

B. //OPEN SOURCE// "CLARIN" LARGEST INDEPENDENT DAILY ARGENTINE NEWSPAPER.
3. (U) SOURCE B, IN ITS 2 FEB 88 EDITION AND CITING A RESPONSIBLE SOURCE, SAYS RICO’S OFFENSE HAD BEEN "LABELED" AS MUTINY, UNDER ARTICLE 696 OF THE CODE OF MILITARY JUSTICE, WHICH STATES THAT OFFENDERS "WILL BE SENTENCED TO DEATH OR LIFE IMPRISONMENT FOR AN INDEFINITE TIME", IN THE FOLLOWING INSTANCES - QUOTE "1) WHEN AS A RESULT OF THE MUTINY, BLOODSHED IS PRODUCED; 2) WHEN IT HAPPENS BEFORE THE ENEMY; 3) WHEN IT PLACES THE SURVIVAL OF A MILITARY FORCE IN JEOPARDY, OR IT GRAVELY COMPROMISES A COMBAT OPERATION" UNQUOTE. THE SAME RESPONSIBLE SOURCE INDICATED THAT ACCORDING TO THE PRECEDING SUBPARAGRAPHS, RICO WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE INFLICTION OF SERIOUS WOUNDS TO LIEUTENANT EDGARDO ((GONZALEZ)) MERA AND SERGEANT OBDULIO ((ZELAYA)) DURING THE MUTINOUS EPISODE CREATED BY RICO AND FOLLOWERS AND FOR WHICH HE SHOULD BE CHARGED WITH AN OFFENSE CONTAINED IN ABOVE ARTICLE.
Withheld pursuant to exemption
(b)(1), (4), (6)
of the Freedom of Information and Privacy Act.