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TEXT: 1. ~~(C)~~ A LATENT CONFLICT SITUATION CONTINUES IN THE ARGARM IN SPITE OF THE DEFEAT OF REBELLIOUS OFFICERS AT MONTE CASEROS. ARGARM CHIEF OF STAFF, MG JOSE SEGUNDO DANTE ((CARIDI)) HAS TAKEN A HARDLINE APPROACH IN DEALING WITH REBELLIOUS OFFICERS AND NCO'S. APPROXIMATELY 400 WILL BE PROCESSED JUDICIALLY AND ANOTHER 25 WILL BE PROCESSED ADMINISTRATIVELY. ABOUT 100 ARE UNDER PRE-TRIAL ARREST.

2. ~~(C)~~ THE ARGARM GENERALS HAVE REGAINED THE LEADERSHIP WHICH THEY HAD LOST DURING EASTER WEEKEND 1987. THE REBELS LED BY EX-LTC ALDO ((RICO)) HAVE BEEN DEFEATED AND NO LONGER IS RICO THE LEADER. WITH ELIMINATION OF THE LIEUTENANT COLONELS, THE HORIZONTAL BREAK HAS NOW MOVED TO THE GRADE OF CAPTAIN WITH THE TWO MAJOR CONSEQUENCES OF UNPREDICTABILITY AND RADICALISM. IN THE SENIOR LEVELS OF THE ARGARM THERE IS A HIGH DEGREE OF INSECURITY BECAUSE OF JUNIOR OFFICER ATTITUDES.

3. ~~(C)~~ THE ARGARM BRANCH RIVALRIES CONTINUE. IT SEEMS CAVALRY IS THE BRANCH THAT HAS THE MOST COHESION AND CAPACITY TO ACT. THE FORMAL LEADERSHIP RESTS WITH THE COMMANDER IV CORPS, BG VALENTIN ((VENIER)). THE MOST RESPECTED OFFICER IS 1ST ARMORED BRIGADE COMMANDER BG ISIDRO BONIFACIO ((CACERES)) AND THE MOST CAPABLE NEGOTIATOR IS BG OSVALDO ((CORDOBA)), DIRECTOR OF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SCHOOLS. IN THE ARTILLERY THE MOST IMPORTANT FORMAL FIGURE IS CARIDI, BUT THE "LEADER" IS THE DIRECTOR OF THE ARGARM GENERAL STAFF, BG ALFREDO MANUEL ((ARRILLAGA)). TWO OTHER KEY ARTILLERY OFFICERS ARE BG MARTIN ANTONIO ((BALZA)) AND COLONEL ENRIQUE BENITO ANTONIO ((LAURENTI)), G3 (OPERATIONS). THE ARTILLERY DOES NOT HAVE THE CAPABILITY OF THE CAVALRY AND IS THE BRANCH CONDUCTING

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"THE PURGE" OF THE ARGARM. THEREFORE, IT BRINGS THE GREATEST ANIMOSITY. THE INFANTRY IS DEEPLY DIVIDED AFTER ITS GREAT DEFEAT. THE III ARMY CORPS COMMANDER BG ROBERTO FILIPE ((DOMINGUEZ)) AND V ARMY CORPS COMMANDER HUMBERTO ESTEBAN POMPILO ((FERRUCCI)), IN PRIVATE, ARE DEEPLY WORRIED ABOUT THE DEPTH OF (b)(1),1.4 (c) AND THAT IT BASICALLY IS FOCUSED ON THE INFANTRY. THE OFFICER WITH THE GREATEST PRESTIGE CONTINUES TO BE COLONEL MOHAMED ALI ((SEINELDIN)), ARGENTINE ARMY ADVISOR IN PANAMA.

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