DTG 251417Z JAN 88 **FROM** FM (b)(3):10 USC 424 TO TO RUEKJCS/DIA WASHDC RUEOEHA/USCINCSO QUARRY HEIGHTS PN (b)(3):50 USC 3024(i) **CONTROLS** UNCLAS SECTION 01 OF 02 (b)(3):10 USC 424 UNCLASSIFIED BODY SERLAL: (U) IIR (b)(3):10 USC 424 (b)(3):10 USC 424;(b)(3):50 USC 3024(i) COUNTRY: (U) ARGENTINA (AR) SUBJECT: (U) IIR (b)(3):10 USC 424 319 ARGENTINE MILITARY MEMBERS UNDER ARREST. (U) WARNING: (U) THIS IS AN INFORMATION REPORT, NOT FINALLY EVALUATED INTELLIGENCE. REPORT CLASSIFIED (UNCLAS-SIFIED) DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE DOI: (U) 880122 REQS: (U) (b)(3):10 USC 424 (b)(3):10 USC 424 SOURCE: (U) //OPEN// LA PRENSA, CONSERVATIVE LOCAL NEWS-PAPER, 22 JAN 88, FRONT PAGE, AND LA NACION, MODERATE LOCAL NEWSPAPER, 22 JAN 88. 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 VAL-IENTE TURNED THEMSELVES IN ON 21 JAN 88. LTCS DARIO FERNAN-DEZ MAGUER, ARTURO GONZALEZ NAYA AND ANGEL DANIEL LEON RE-MAIN AT LARGE. TEXT: 1. (U) ON 880121, 37 OFFICERS AND ENLISTED MEN. INCLUDING LTC ENRIQUE ((VENTURINO)) AND LTC JOSE ((VALIENTE)) 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)).

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

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4TH INF BN (MONTE CASEROS, CORRIENTES) - 16 OFF, 100 NCOS

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5TH INF BN (PASO DE LOS LIBRES, CORRIENTES) - 7 OFF, 4 NCOS

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3D ENG CO (MONTE CASEROS) - 7 OFFICERS, 46 NCOS.

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21ST MOUNTAINEER BN (LAS LAJAS, NEUQUEN) - 16 OFF, 29 NCOS

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22D MOUNTAINEER BN (SAN JUAN) - 4 OFFICERS

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19TH INF BN (SAN MIGUEL DE TUCUMAN) - 15 OFFICERS

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20TH INF BN (JUJUY) - 1 OFFICER

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5TH LOGISTIC BN (TUCUMAN) - 1 OFFICER

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161ST AIR DEFENSE ARTILLERY (ADA) GROUP (SAN LUIS) -

8 OFFICERS, 12 NCOS

MISCELLANEOUS UNITS -- 10 OFFICERS, 43 NCOS.

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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 ESCAPED AND THAT THIS POSITION WAS ADOPTED TO AVOID BLOODSHED.

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4. (U) LTC POLO IS SERVING A 20 DAY PERIOD OF ARREST IN THE 3D ARMY CORPS FOR HARBORING EX-LTC **ERNESTO** ((**BARREIRO**))

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(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

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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 OPERATI 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. - (b)(1);1.4 (c)	

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