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THE COMMANDERS OF ARGENTINAS' ARMY, NAVY AND AIR FORCE UNANIMOUSLY
DECIDED TO GIVE BACK TO THE MILITARY JUNTA THE FULL POWERS IT HAD
UNTIL 22 JUNE 1982. THE NAVY AND AIR FORCE DISAGREED WITH THE
NAMING OF GENERAL REYNALDO BIGNONE AS PRESIDENT AND WITHDREW
FROM THE GOVERNANCE OF THE NATION BY REMOVING THEIR OFFICERS FROM
POSTS IN NATIONAL, PROVINCIAL AND MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATIONS.
ALTHOUGH THE NAVY AND AIR FORCE REMAINED AS JUNTA MEMBERS, THE JUNTA
IS VOID OF POLITICAL CONTENT. A MILITARY COMMITTEE WAS THE
SUBSTITUTE FOR THE JUNTA AND WAS COMPOSED OF THE PRESIDENT, THE THREE
SERVICE CHIEFS, THE FOREIGN MINISTER AND THE CHIEF OF THE JOINT
COMMAND. THE RECOMPOSITION OF THE MILITARY JUNTA WILL TAKE PLACE
AFTER THE INSTALLATION OF NAVY COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, ADMIRAL OSCAR
FRANCO, WHO WILL TAKE THE OATH OF OFFICE ON 1 OCT; WITH AIR FORCE
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, LTGEN AUGUSTO HUGHES AND ARMY COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF,
LTGEN CRISTINO NICOLAIDES AS MEMBERS OF THE JUNTA.
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