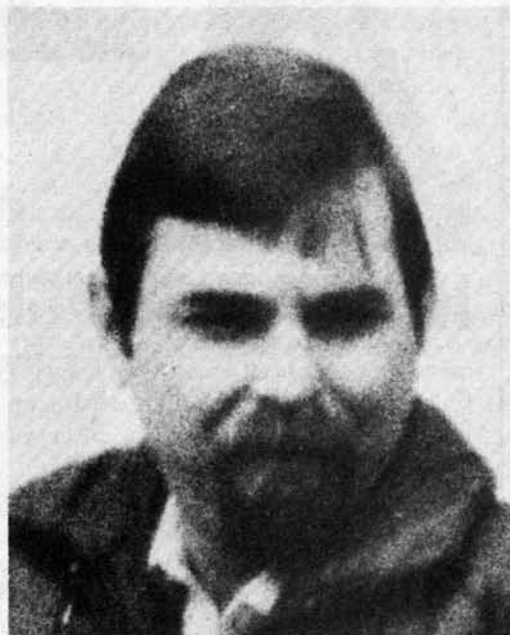


Cisneros sends strange messenger to *EIR*



Arpad Bango, former head of Venezuela's political police (DISIP), photographed in New York City on Feb. 19, 1985, during his strange mission on behalf of Gustavo Cisneros.

In mid-February, Venezuelan business magnate Gustavo Cisneros sent a former high-level government official to New York City to meet privately with *EIR*'s editors, and deliver a "message" (see photo). Cisneros a few weeks earlier had flipped out at the publication by *EIR* of its new book *Narcotráfico, S.A.*, which is an exposé of the international drug trade and which documents the extensive business and political links of the Cisneros clan to international financial circles involved in laundering dirty money. Cisneros had *EIR*'s Caracas office raided, the books seized and burned, *EIR*'s four foreign correspondents arrested and deported, and a violently defamatory campaign launched against *EIR* and LaRouche in his own mass media empire.

Arpad Bango, the director of Venezuela's political police (DISIP) in 1983-84, told *EIR*'s editors that Cisneros was enraged at the publication of *EIR*'s book, and planned to launch similar all-out attacks in other countries around the world, in particular Mexico, El Salvador, and Spain. Bango suggested that *EIR* founding editor Lyndon LaRouche might do well to send a conciliatory "message" back through his good offices. LaRouche did send a message back to Cisneros. But due to the fact that *EIR* has received reliable reports of

unfortunate inaccuracies in Bango's transmission of the various "messages" back and forth, the editors of *EIR* have chosen to report here the essential facts.

LaRouche, who did not meet personally with Bango but had his views transmitted through *EIR*'s editors, asked that Cisneros be informed that, in his vituperative overreaction to *EIR*'s book, he was making a mistake typical of the *nouveau riche* who constantly overestimate their own importance. LaRouche wished the Cisneroses to know that he does not view them as a major enemy of humanity: That would require an oligarchic pedigree of at least 600 years, such as that possessed by the evil Thurn und Taxis family of Germany. They are truly principal enemies of humanity. The Cisneros clan, however, LaRouche explained, began as Studebaker salesmen and bus-ticket vendors just a few decades back, and made their fortune thanks entirely to the good graces of the Rockefellers—and everyone knows that Thurn und Taxis's view of Rockefeller is that he would never even bother to urinate on Rockefeller's pants-leg.

Thus, LaRouche asked Cisneros to please not continue overrating his own importance in *EIR*'s catalogue of enemies of humanity.