

ARGUS head Bryant faces charges

A federal grand jury in Washington, D.C. has indicted hunt country millionaire J.C. Herbert Bryant, Jr. of Middleburg, Virginia on charges of impersonating a federal officer, possessing a hand gun in the District of Columbia without a license, and making false statements to a federal official.

Bryant, who calls himself a "major general," was the founder of ARGUS (Armored Response Group U.S.) with Loudoun County Sheriff John Isom. Through ARGUS, Bryant purchased military equipment, which he made available to the Loudoun County Sheriff's office. Some of this equipment was used in the notorious Oct. 6, 1986 armed raid in Leesburg in which an intended assassination of Lyndon H. LaRouche was thwarted only at the last moment. Through ARGUS, Isom provided Bryant with law enforcement credentials and access to Sheriff's Department computers and communications equipment. Bryant, in turn, took Isom and other top brass from the Sheriff's Department on hunting trips in Mississippi and feted them at his Middleburg estate.

Bryant was also a leader in the U.S. Marshals' Association, a private booster group for the U.S. Marshals Service. At one time, he was given a special deputy Marshal's badge even though he was not a sworn law enforcement officer. Bryant was forced to give up his badge after the FBI began investigating the Loudoun County Sheriff's office and its

ties to ARGUS.

Bryant becomes the latest member of the "Get LaRouche" task force to be indicted or convicted for criminal conduct. On June 3, former Loudoun County Sheriff's Lt. Donald L. Moore pleaded guilty to felony charges for his involvement in a 1992 kidnapping of a D.C. woman. Last year, Galen Kelly, a self-styled "deprogrammer" for the Cult Awareness Network, was convicted and sentenced to seven-and-one-half years in prison for his role in the same kidnapping.

The indictment stems from an incident in September 1992 when Bryant was stopped in front of the Mayflower Hotel in Washington, D.C. when Israeli security forces, who were protecting visiting Israeli diplomats, called the police. The police found three 9 mm handguns, a .44 caliber handgun, and a .22 caliber handgun in the car. Bryant avoided arrest by telling police he was a special deputy U.S. Marshal. A deputy U.S. Marshal was sent to the scene and Bryant was released.

After learning Bryant had lied to them, D.C. police filed misdemeanor weapons charges against him but were unable to extradite him from Virginia to D.C.

While a fugitive from the D.C. gun charges, Bryant was given an award by the Marshals' Association at a dinner in Los Angeles attended by U.S. Marshals head Henry Hudson. Hudson had previously been the U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia, where he was in charge of the frame-up prosecution of LaRouche. During that investigation, government prosecutors and investigators under Hudson's direction engaged in illegal "black bag jobs," illegal wire-taps, witness tampering, instigating a fraudulent bankruptcy proceeding, and other violations of the law.



Collaborators of the "Get LaRouche" task force: Virginia hunt country moneybags J.C. Herbert Bryant (right), who is now under federal indictment, and Loudoun County, Virginia Sheriff John Isom. Will Isom's be the next head on the chopping block?