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Gonzalo GARCIA Bustillos
(Phonetic: garSEEah)

VENEZUELA

Minister of the Secretariat General of the Presidency (since March 1979)



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Addressed as:
Mr. Minister

A childhood friend of President Luis Herrera Campíns', Gonzalo García

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His post is the rough equivalent of head of the US National Security Council and presidential chief of staff combined.

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García, a member of the ruling Social Christian Party, is the President's public relations chief. He is adept in his dealings with the political right and left.

García is an expert in foreign affairs and international law

Particularly knowledgeable about and active in Central American and Caribbean affairs, he has served as Herrera's special emissary to Cuba, Haiti, Nicaragua and the United States. García is one of the leading hawks favoring a restoration of Venezuelan sovereignty over disputed territory in Guyana. He is an outspoken opponent of Communism

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García holds an LL.D. from the Central University of Venezuela and a diploma from the Institute of International Studies at the Sorbonne. From 1969 until 1974 he was Permanent Representative to the OAS, and he concurrently served as a principal foreign policy adviser to then President Rafael Caldera. During 1977-78 he was the director of Herrera's campaign organization.

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He is a jazz buff. He speaks English. García, who is about 51, is married and has three children.

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