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THE WILLIAM MERRILL WHITMAN PAPERS

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The William Merrill Whitman Papers span the period from 1818 to 1990 with the bulk relating to Panama Canal developments from 1904 to 1983. Whitman served with the Panama Canal Company and the Canal Zone Government from 1940 to 1972, and he worked as a consultant on the Canal for another ten years. A portion of the papers reflect his activities as Secretary to the Panama Canal Company and as consultant on the Panama Canal to the Panama Canal Company and a Congressional Committee. Personal diaries, correspondence, and biographical material in Series I, plus additional papers and reports authored by Whitman provide information on his role in the operations of the Panama Canal.

This collection contains considerable materials on the historical background to the Panama Canal. Series II has materials relating to the early history and development of the Canal, but several other series also have documentation on early canal history.

Series III has documentation concerning U.S.-Panama relations, treaties, and treaty negotiations from 1900 to 1990. Reports and papers highlight problems and conflicts between the U.S. and Panama in the 1960s, 70s, and 80s. This series contains actual treaties and agreements between the U.S. and Panama from 1903 to 1979, plus reports, analysis, and implementing legislation. There is considerable material relating to the Panama Canal Treaties of 1977 and the legislation to implement them. In these controversial treaties the U.S. agreed to turn over the canal and U.S. property in the Canal Zone to Panama by the year 2000. Debate over the treaties and the legislation to implement them as well as charges by Panama of treaty violations can be found in Series III. Congressional oversight hearings and hearings on various canal legislation from 1975 to 1984 are also found in this series.

The materials in Series IV relate to the organization, management, administration, and operation of the Panama Canal and the Panama Canal Zone. Documented in this series are the activities and role of the Governor, Panama Canal Commission, the Board of Directors of the Panama Canal Company, and various Panama Canal Company employees in the administration of the Canal. Documentation includes reports, meeting agendas and minutes, membership lists, transcripts of meetings, correspondence, charts, press releases, executive orders, proclamations, rules, regulations, Canal Zone Code, audit reports, budget estimates, financial statements, reports and statistics on canal traffic and toll revenue, proposals to increase tolls, environmental impact statements and assessments, judicial case files, plans and proposals for capital improvements, and a study on U.S. national security interests in the Canal. Some of the subjects discussed are personnel policies, wages, canal traffic and revenue, U.S. property rights, the property transfer to Panama, U.S.-Panama relations, canal operations, maintenance and capital improvements, budgets, and financial statements.

The books, booklets, and periodicals in the Whitman Papers have been retained with the manuscript collection in Series V rather than transferred to our Book Collection as they all relate to the history or operation of the Panama Canal. These materials include treaties and acts of Congress, executive orders, Canal Zone Code, federal regulations, attorney general opinions, court reports, congressional hearings on legislation, annual reports of the Governor from 1915 to
1951, and annual reports of the Panama Canal Company and the Canal Zone Government from 1953 to 1979. Additional resources found in this series are canal studies and plans, annual reports of the Board of Directors of the Panama Canal Company from 1957 to 1968, reports on canal traffic, tolls, and proposed toll increases, 19th century surveys and reports on a possible Isthmian canal, and a variety of books and pamphlets relating to the history and operation of the Canal. The *Isthmian Canal Studies—1947* has two fascinating volumes on Panama Canal security with conclusions as to the possible effects on canal operations and structures of explosive weapons, atomic weapons, radioactivity, and biological and chemical agents.

The Whitman Papers offer some valuable insights into the history of the Panama Canal, as well as Canal operations and administration. It contains copies of some rather rare historic reports and surveys as well as many helpful materials on the background of the Canal. Documentation on U.S.-Panama relations from the 1960’s to the 80’s, including problems and conflicts, the 1964 riots in Panama, charges of treaty violations, treaty negotiations, and the debate over the treaties of 1977, make up important elements of this collection.

One issue which was given a lot of consideration and study from the 1940s to the 1970s was the proposal to build a sea-level canal through the Isthmus using nuclear explosives to excavate the channel. This collection has both manuscript and published sources relating to this subject and addressing the pros and cons of this type of construction.

Another interesting part of the manuscript files include statements by or correspondence between government leaders from the U.S. and Panama. Correspondence from Brigadier General Torrijos to Senator Edward Kennedy, letters between President Aristides Royo and President Jimmy Carter, talks between President John F. Kennedy and President Chiari, and statements by President Lyndon Johnson and Ambassador Ellsworth Bunker all document these high level contacts.

William Merrill Whitman worked for the Panama Canal Company and the Panama Canal Commission during an important era of historic developments and transition on the Isthmus, and his papers contain valuable documentation on the events of the last few decades leading up to the end of U.S. control of the Canal. This extensive documentation on the Panama Canal is unique to our holdings and provides an excellent resource for anyone studying the Panama Canal, U.S.-Central American relations, foreign trade, ocean shipping, the Monroe Doctrine, and U.S. foreign policy in the 1960s, 70s, and 80s.

Twenty-six photographs have been transferred to the audiovisual department. Twenty pages have been closed for privacy reasons under the donor’s deed of gift, and there are three hundred and forty-two pages of security classified materials, primarily on U.S.-Panama relations in the 1970s and 80s. One original page of documentation has been placed in our Preservation File.
BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

January 7, 1911  Born in Omaha, Nebraska

1930  Graduated from Nebraska State Teachers College, Wayne, Nebraska, with an A.B. degree.

1930-32  History teacher, Chadron, Nebraska High School

1932  Attended Northwestern University Law School for post-graduate work, Chicago

1935  Graduated “cum laude” from University of Nebraska’s College of Law with an L.L.B. degree

1935  Admitted to the Nebraska Bar

June 22, 1935  Married Harriet Bernice Craven


1940-72  Worked for Panama Railroad Company, Panama Canal Company, and the Canal Zone Government

1940  Admitted to the Canal Zone Bar.

1940-42  Associate attorney in Office of the General Counsel, Canal Zone

1943-48  Assistant General Counsel, Canal Zone

1943  Admitted to the U.S. Supreme Court Bar

1948-52  Canal’s attorney and legal adviser in Washington, D.C.

1950  Post-graduate study at Georgetown University, Washington, D. C.

1951  Assistant Chief of Washington, D.C. office and Assistant General Purchasing Officer, Panama Canal Company

1952-72  Secretary and Officer in Washington from Panama Canal Company; also Assistant to the Governor of the Canal Zone and representative in Washington for the Canal Zone Government

1947, 1960, 1964, 1970  Participated in Isthmian Canal studies
1958-63  Member, Advisory Committee for Revision of Canal Code
1970    Member, Atlantic-Pacific Interoceanic Canal Study Commission
1972-76  Consultant to the Panama Canal Company
1977-82  Consultant to Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee, U.S. House of Representatives

November 24, 1993  Died (resident of Kensington, Maryland)
DESCRIPTION OF SERIES

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2-4  II. HISTORICAL BACKGROUND MATERIALS CONCERNING THE PANAMA CANAL AND THE PANAMA RAILROAD COMPANY, 1818-1976

Documents, articles, reports, maps, charts, and drawings relating to the historical background of the Panama Canal. Materials begin with President Monroe in 1818 and include an 1854 Navy report on the exploration of the Isthmus. Reference publications and brief histories of the Panama Canal are in located in this series.

III. TREATIES, AGREEMENTS, HEARINGS, AND LEGISLATION AFFECTING THE PANAMA CANAL, 1900-1990

4-7  Subseries A. U.S.-Panama Relations in General, 1900-1990

A draft history of U.S.-Panama relations as well as reports, memoranda, correspondence, interviews, clippings, news stories, speeches, and background materials on U.S. policy on Panama and problems and controversies regarding Panama.

-17  Subseries B. Treaties and Agreements, 1903-1979

Summaries, drafts, analysis, and actual copies of treaties and agreements between the U.S. and Panama as well as letters, memoranda, clippings, articles, messages, and reports relating to treaties, treaty negotiations, and implementing legislation. There is considerable material on the Panama Canal Treaties of 1977 which authorized the transfer of the Panama Canal to Panama by 2000.


Bills, drafts of bills, acts, analysis of bills, memoranda, reports, comparisons of competing bills, amendments, statements, and explanations relating to legislation affecting the Panama Canal and implementing various treaties, particularly the Panama Canal Treaties of 1977.

27-30  Subseries D. Congressional Hearings and Oversight, 1945-1984
Hearing transcripts, reports, and statements regarding legislation on the Panama Canal as well as oversight hearings on the administration of the Panama Canal Act of 1979.

SERIES IV. PANAMA CANAL ADMINISTRATION, 1866-1986

31-32  Subseries A. Panama Canal Zone Organization, Management, and Administration, 1916-1986

Correspondence, reports, surveys, newsletters, lists, articles, and brief histories relating to the organization and operation of the Panama Canal Zone. There are details on Canal operations, traffic, capacity, tolls, budget, personnel pay and benefits, and disease and sanitation.

32-33  Subseries B. Panama Canal Commission, 1977-1983

Reports, correspondence, directories, tables, memoranda, charts, press releases, rules, and clippings relating to the work of the Commission. Subjects covered include employee policies, property transfer to Panama, tolls, treaties, Canal operations, capacity of the Canal, defense of the Panama Canal, appointments, personnel matters, pilots, and membership on the Commission.

33-35  Subseries C. Board of Directors, Panama Canal Company, 1948-1979; Board of Directors, Panama Canal Commission, 1981-1982

Correspondence, lists, meeting agendas and minutes, reports, background documents, financial statements, and transcripts of meetings relating to such subjects as board membership, operating and capital items, pay rates, tolls rates, budgets, Canal traffic, revenue, expenses, and personnel and employment matters.

35-36  Subseries D. Executive Orders and Proclamations, 1922-1964

Copies of executive orders and proclamations relating to the Panama Canal.

36-37  Subseries E. Rules, Regulations, and Panama Canal Code, 1934-1982

Rules and regulations regarding navigation of the Canal and the measurement of vessels. The Panama Canal Code contains the civil and criminal laws for the Canal Zone.


Correspondence, bills, memos, audit reports, studies, laws, regulations, statements, budget estimates, and financial statements relating to Canal Zone
business. There is also information on foreign trade routes and alternatives to using the Panama Canal.

40-44 Subseries G. Tolls, Traffic, and Liability for Accidents, 1937-1985

Reports, memoranda, studies, correspondence, statistics, proposals, rules, and resolutions relating to the use of the Canal, revenue, toll increases, the need for a sea-level canal, liability for vessel accidents, and the effects of toll increases on the volume of canal traffic.


Policies, assessments, statements, court documents, procedures, and environmental impact statements relating to environmental matters in the Canal Zone.

45-46 Subseries I. Judicial Cases and Extradition of Fugitives, 1866-1976

Judicial case documents, hearings, reports, articles, “bill of rights,” lists, and agreements relating to the rights of Panamanians in the Canal Zone and other legal matters.


Plans, proposals, memoranda, and studies regarding capital improvements and a possible sea-level canal.


Reports, position paper, articles, studies, treaties, agreements, and legislation relating to the assets of the Panama Canal Company, U.S. property rights, the transfer of property to Panama, treaty power versus congressional power, and security interests.

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Personal Certificates and Memorabilia, 1940-1985 [member of Canal Zone and Nebraska Bar Assoc.; stamps]

Acting Local Magistrate, 1943 [clippings and cartoons re Whitman serving as magistrate of Balboa Heights and Cristobal]

Correspondence re Retirement, 1972

Personal Correspondence, 1975, 1986, 1994 [Who’s Who entry; resume]

Diary, 1965 (1)-(5) [appointments and contacts made re Canal business and govt.; legislation affecting the Canal Zone; hearings; notes re personal matters]

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Diary, 1968 [notes re personal matters; attack on Sen. Robert Kennedy]

Diary, 1970 (1)-(4) [appointments; Canal Zone business; personnel; hearings; meetings; Jack Phil; Ralph Cake; salaries and Canal Zone pay]

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SERIES II. HISTORICAL BACKGROUND MATERIALS CONCERNING THE PANAMA CANAL AND THE PANAMA RAILROAD COMPANY, 1818-1976

Historical Background Documents, 1818-1833 [messages by Pres. Monroe; Supreme Court case]
Exploration of Panama, 1854 [report by Lt. J. G. Strain, U.S.N.; report to Secretary of Navy re exploration of the Isthmus of Darien]

Articles on Panama and the Canal, 1973 [explorers and early history of Canal]


Report of Joint Commission, 1920

Maps, Charts, and Drawings, 1927-1945 (1)-(3) [various maps of Canal Zone; model of proposed sea-level canal]

Reference Book on Panama Canal, 1939 [summary of key documents, 1846-1939; brief history of the physical aspects of the Canal with historical calendar]

History of Panama Canal [brief history of Canal from 1903-1966]

Panama Railroad Company, 1955 [centennial for railroad; Panama Canal Review, Feb. 4, 1955]

Economic Background, 1956 [paper on economic background of Panama by American Embassy in Panama]

Historical Background of Panama Canal, 1960’s (1)(2) [drafts of a chapter, “Relations with Panama;” 1964 riots; Panama Review Comm.]

Comparison of Panama and Suez Canals, 1964-66 [statistics re Suez Canal; booklet comparing two canals]

Map of Canal Area and Vicinity, 1967

Background Documents re the Canal Zone, 1969 (1)-(7) [treaties; laws; organization; operations—traffic and tolls; capacity of canal; supplies and services for Canal Zone employees; logistic support of military; financial reports; bill to transfer administration of Panama Canal Co. from Sec. of Army to Sec. of Commerce; reports to Congress on legislation; flying Panamanian flag with U.S. flag in Canal Zone; plans for sea-level canal; disturbances of Nov. 3-5, 1959]

Seminar Paper on Canal Zone, 1975 (1)-(3) [“The Last Hurrah of American Colonialism”; history of canal; negotiations; tolls]

Analysis of the Panama Canal by Stephen Gibbs, 1976 (1)(2) [objectives; alternatives for Canal; economic value of Canal]
Analysis of the Panama Canal by Stephen Gibbs, 1976 (3)-(5) [economic value of Canal; military and foreign policy importance]

Background Information on Panama [historical facts on Panama and Panama Canal; list of presidents of Republic of Panama from 1904 to 1972; map and profile of Canal]

Pictures of Ships in Canal

Publications Concerning the Panama Canal [list]

SERIES III. TREATIES, AGREEMENTS, HEARINGS, AND LEGISLATION AFFECTING THE PANAMA CANAL, 1900-1990

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U.S.-Panama Relations, 1900-1972 (1)-(4) [a brief, draft history of U.S.-Panama relations and treaty negotiations]

Documents re U.S.-Panama Relations, 1904 [convention between U.S. and Panama, 1904; sanitary conditions in Panama; constitution of Republic of Panama; transfer of Canal Zone to U.S.; U.S. sets up ports, custom houses, and post-offices in Canal Zone]

Diplomatic Correspondence re Panama, 1930s (1)(2)

U.S.-Panama Relations, 1958-1961 (1)(2) [pay rates; low-cost housing; ten-point program to improve relations; memo for President re complaints of Panama; amendment to Exec. Order 9746]

U.S.-Latin American Relations, 1959-1969 (1)(2) [Org. of American States; reports by study missions to various countries; strategy of inter-American development]

Economic Policies and Programs in Middle America, 1963 [report]

Riots in Panama and U.S.-Panama Relations, 1964 (1)(2) [Panama’s objections to 1903 treaty; riots of Jan. 7-11, 1964; damage reports; operations center summaries; clippings and articles]

Financial Benefits to Panama, 1966 [report]

Panama Debt, 1969

U.S.-Panama Relations, 1969-1970 (1)(2) [charges of U.S. treaty violations; improvements to Canal; tolls; extradition matters; letter from Brig. Gen. Torrijos to
Sen. Edward Kennedy; speech by Dr. Tack, Foreign Minister of Panama; economic development loans to Panama; Panama’s debt; Panama rejects 1967 Treaty projects; Panama rejects proposed treaty drafts

Report on Panama Canal Problems, 1969 [draft report; treaty negotiations broken off in 1968 due to military coup]

Report on Panama Canal Problems, 1970 [report by Subcommittee on Panama Canal to 91st Congress; first part of report nearly identical to draft report above]

Problems Concerning the Panama Canal, 1970-1973 [report by Subcomm. on Panama; clippings re various problems]

White Paper, The U.S. and Panama (Johnson History), 1970 [outlines current situation, operation of the canal, and significant issues of the day]

Basic Documents of Foreign Policy of Panama, 1971 (1)(2) [statements by President and Foreign Minister of Panama; seven causes of conflict between U.S. and Panama; letter from Gen. Torrijos to Sen. Kennedy; speeches by Tack, Minister of Foreign Relations for Panama; OAS]


“The United States and Panama,” Paper by Wm. M. Whitman, 1973 (1)-(10) [drafts of paper, article, and notes; background and history of the Canal and U.S.-Panama relations; summarizes current situation and issues in 1973; list of treaties and agreements in force; article for Dictionary of American History]

Booklet, U.S. and Panama, c 1976 [a guide to issues involved in treaty negotiations]

U.S.-Panama Relations—Interviews, 1977-1978 (1)(2) [allegations re Omar Torrijos and drugs; questions to and answers by Amb. Bunker re Canal treaty]


Clippings and News Stories re Panama Canal and U.S.-Panama Relations, 1979-1990 (1)-(7) [Pres. Royo criticizes U.S. implementation of new treaties; summaries of news stories in Panama press, including accounts of meetings of the Board of Directors of the Panama Canal Commission; Panama-Cuba contacts; salary and wage system in Canal Zone; Falkland crisis; foreign banks in Panama; Col. Noriega and war on drugs; activities of Panama National Guard; changes in leadership of Panama; Gen. Paredes; meeting between Pres. Escribano and Pres. Reagan; military coup; Gen. Noriega]
Letters and Statements by Pres. Royo and Related Documents, 1979-1980 (1)-(5)
[letters from Royo to Pres. Carter; Royo critical of Murphy Bill, H.R. 111, as violating 1977 treaties; status of Panama Canal Commission; regulations of Board of Directors, Panama Canal Commission]

U.S. Policy on Panama, 1981 (1)-(6) [policy paper on Panama; U.S. military presence in Panama; changes to 1977 treaty; economic relations; treaty milestones; incentives for Panamanian cooperation; relative positions of U.S. and Panama under treaty; wage policy issues; legislation; management of Canal; alternatives to Canal; letter from Pres. Aristides Royo to Pres. Carter and response]

7 U.S. Policy on Panama, 1981 (7)-(12) [policy paper and appendices; sea-level canal study; delegation of functions; drafts of policy paper]

President Royo’s Speech to the U.N., 9-30-81 [Panama a non-aligned nation; New International Economic Order, “North-South Dialogue”; Group of 77; U.S. violations of 1977 treaty re Panama Canal; local news summaries]

Misc. Documents and Clippings re U.S.-Panama Relations, 1981 (1)-(3) [implementation of treaties of 1977; Panama’s debts to Panama Canal Commission; public opinion poll in Panama; Torrijos; Royo]

Display of Panamanian Flag in Canal Zone [photo; legal and treaty aspects of proposal to permit display of Panamanian flag in Canal Zone]

Subseries B. Treaties and Agreements, 1903-1979

U.S.-Panama Treaties and Agreements, 1903-1962 (1)(2) [convention of 1903; boundary agreement of 1904; monetary agreements; decrees]

U.S.-Panama Treaties re Panama Canal, 1903-1969 (1)-(5) [brief history and summaries of treaties of 1903 and 1936; drafts and proposals for 1967 treaties]

8 Rights and Obligations of U.S. Under Three Basic Treaties with Panama, 1903, 1936, and 1955

U.S.-Panama Agreements, 1903-1923 (1)(2) [extracts from and copies of various conventions, decrees, letters, agreements, memoranda, orders, resolutions, circulars, and reports re such matters as boundaries, land purchases, rights to various water flows, water and sewer systems and street pavings in City of Panama, street cleaning and garbage disposal, telephone and telegraph lines, health matters, vehicles licenses, tariffs, monetary system of Panama, a lighthouse, extradition arrangements, roads, liquor sales to U.S. servicemen, and regulation of prostitution]
Monetary Agreements Between the U.S. and Panama, 1904-1955


Treaties and Acts of Congress Relating to the Panama Canal, 1911 [reprinted from annual report of Isthmian Canal Commission; 1850 Clayton-Bulwer Treaty; 1901 U.S.-Britain treaty; 1903 U.S.-Panama Treaty]

Treaties and Acts of Congress Relating to Panama Canal, 1922-1934 (1)-(3)

U.S.-Panama Treaties and Agreements with Reports and Implementing Legislation, 1936-1960 (1)-(6)

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Defense Sites Negotiations, 1936-1948 (1)(2)

Correspondence and Documents Relating to Treaty Negotiations, 1941-1963 [letters, memoranda, and clippings; report by Panamanian Foreign Relation Minister to National Assembly re relations with U.S.]

U.S.-Panama Treaty, 1955—Charts for White House Briefing [on photographic paper]

U.S.-Panama Relations, Background and Treaty Negotiations, 1959-1975 (1)-(4) [flying of Panamanian flag in Canal Zone; 3rd country purchases and sale of luxury items; sovereignty over Canal Zone; 1959 demonstrations; list of historic events in relations of U.S. and Panama, 1821 to 1971; proposed treaty revisions, 1972; speech by Sec. of State Kissinger re treaty negotiations; legal status of Canal Zone]

Reports on New Treaties, 1960-1964 (1)-(3) [complaints by Panamanians against the U.S.; program to improve relations with Panama; Canal Zone salaries and commercial activity; benefits to Panama; financial statements for FY 1963 and 1964]


Proposed Defense Base Treaty with Panama, 1964
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Articles, Clippings, Correspondence, and Documents Relating to Treaty Negotiations, 1964-1977 (1)-(5) [questions and answers re Canal treaties; coup attempt in Panama; changes in Panama government; Torrijos; a new treaty]

Panama Canal Operation—Jurisdiction Required, 1965

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Past U.S. Concessions to Panama, 1967 [Congressional Record excerpt]

Property Transferred to Panama, 1967 [article; bridge and hospital transferred]

Congressional Record Entries re Panama Canal and Treaty Negotiations, 1967-1979 (1)-(3) [criticism of proposed 1967 treaty; U.S. investment in Panama Canal; Panama Canal issues; sea-level canal; U.S. sovereignty and jurisdiction over canal; communism in Panama; Monroe Doctrine; testimony re proposed treaties; treaty implementing legislation; Panama Canal Act of 1977]

New Panama Treaties, Articles on, 1967, 1972

Correspondence re Treaty Negotiations, 1968

Panama Canal Treaty Negotiations, 1969 (1)-(4) summarizes 1967 draft treaties; opposition to treaties; U.S. interests; comparison of rights and obligations of U.S. under terms of three basic treaties with Panama; articles and clippings re 1960’s negotiations]

Panama Opposition to 1967 Treaty Projects, 1970

Charges of U.S. Misconduct and Treaty Violations, c 1970 [Rio Hato military base lease termination; provisional military government in Panama; rejection of 1967 draft treaty]
Panama Canal Sovereignty and Jurisdiction, 1971 [Congressional opposition to treaty giving up U.S. sovereignty over Canal]

U.S.-Panama Relations, Background on Treaties and Agreements, 1972 [list of treaties and agreements in force; list of principal user nations]

Legal Status of the Canal Zone, 1976 [status in terms of U.S. domestic law; international status]

Panama Canal Treaty of 1977 (1)-(2) [copy of treaty; role of Senate in ratification; neutrality and operation of Canal]

Panama Canal Treaty of 1977 (3)-(5) [documents relating to treaty; meaning of new treaties; paper by Whitman on treaty payments and power of Congress to make appropriations; Panama Canal Commission-revised rules for Canal]

Panama Canal Treaties, 1977—Background and Policy Review (1)-(3) [pro and con arguments re treaties; treaty corrections; basic treaties and agreements, 1846-1974; policy review; canal operation]

Panama Canal Treaties of 1977—Background and U.S. Defense Rights


Panama Canal Treaties, 1977—Related Documents, 1975-1981 (1)-(7) [texts of treaties; agreements in implementation of articles III and IV of treaty; message from President; chronology of events relating to Canal, 1826-1977]

Panama Canal Treaties, 1977—Related Documents, 1975-1981 (8)-(10) [meaning of the new treaties; exchange of instruments of ratification; display of Panamanian Flag; comments in Panamanian press re treaties]

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Panama Canal Treaties of 1977—Senate Debates (1)-(3) [authority to run operations; authority to implement treaties; Panama’s attitude]

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Panama Canal Treaties, 1977—Spanish and English Versions (1)-(4) [comparison of Spanish and English texts]

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15 Reports on Implementation of Panama Canal Treaty of 1977 (1)-(3) [1980 report to Congress]

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Questions and Answers for Hearings on Panama Canal Treaty Implementation, 1977-1979 (1)-(3) [Panama Canal Subcommittee hearings; tolls increases]

Notes re Bill to Implement Treaty of 1977


Panama Canal Treaties of 1977, Annual Report to Congress, 1980

Panama Canal Treaty, 1977—Assessment of Financial Impact (1)-(3) [report prepared for Senate Armed Services Committee; Panama repudiates Senate changes in treaties]

Treaty Negotiations, Clippings, 1977

Estimates of Costs Relating to Panama Canal Treaty of 1977 (1)

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“A New Treaty for Panama?” Article, 1977

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Panama Canal Treaties—Land Disposition and Appropriations, 1978 (1)-(3) [statements by witnesses at hearings]

Panama Canal Treaties, Summary and Background, 1979

Financial Arrangements between U.S. and Panama, 1979

U.S.-Panama Treaties and Agreements, 1979 (1)(2) [treaty re execution of penal services; agreement re permanent cemetery; agreement re air traffic control]

Correspondence and Articles re Panama Canal Treaties, 1977-87

Effect of Panama Canal Treaties on U.S. Code, 1979 (1)(2)

U.S.-Panama Treaty re Penal Sentences, 1979

Federal Criminal Jurisdiction under Panama Canal Treaty, 1982

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Subseries C. Legislation, 1904-1983

Legislation re Panama Canal, 1904-1968

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Appropriations and Budgets re Panama Canal, 1974-1979 (1)(2)

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Bills to Implement the Panama Canal Treaty of 1977—H.R. 111 and H.R. 1716 (1)-(11) [section-by-section analysis of H.R. 111; section-by-section analysis of H.R. 1716; meaning of new treaties; agreements implementing articles of the treaties; eight issues involving differences between administration bill, H.R. 1716, and Chairman Murphy’s bill, H.R. 111; summary of legislation]

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20 Draft Bill to Implement the Panama Canal Treaty of 1977 (14)(15) [outline of bill indicating which sections of bill were in the Administration Draft (H.R. 1716) and the Canal Zone Code; draft of bill]

Panama Canal Act of 1979, Drafts and Analysis (1)-(11) [handwritten notes; administration draft; section-by-section analysis of administration draft bill; analysis of committee draft; summary of 1977 Treaty; past treaties and operating structure; ratification of treaties; Whitman’s analysis of Act; committee draft bill]

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