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Hon. J. William Fulbright
Chairman, Foreign Relations Committee
U.S. Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Fulbright:

On January 8th I sent a telegram to the Secretary of State of which a copy was also sent to you as well as to the other members of the Senate. I told Secretary Kissinger that the gagged people of Panama would never acknowledge a treaty signed by Juan Tack, the de facto and pro-Soviet foreign minister, as by their national Constitution only a constitutional foreign minister can sign a treaty with a foreign power. If the 1903 treaty between the two countries which has been so severely criticized even though it was legal and constitutional, can you imagine what it would be like in the years to come if a treaty is signed by Secretary Kissinger and the foreign minister of Panama whose signature has no validity.

Concerning Secretary Kissinger and his coming meeting in Mexico City next month with the Latin American foreign ministers who will demand from the U.S. the surrender of the sovereignty of the \$5 billion dollar U.S. Canal Zone, if the people of Panama could restore their legal and constitutional government of President Arnulfo Arias before this crucial meeting, the newly appointed foreign minister of President Arias' anti-Communist government would denounce communism at this meeting and would explain to the foreign ministers how Tack and Torrijos have brainwashed them in their thinking towards Panama and also how Tack and Torrijos were trying to bring Panama into the Marxist-Lenist camp that could severely jeopardize the security of the strategic and vital Panama Canal.

As the foreign ministers of Peru and Panama have persuaded the other foreign ministers to "gang up" on the United States at this meeting starting on February 19th, it would be a gigantic blow to communism in Latin America if the suppressed people of Panama could be successful in restoring their 1968 constitutional government. The United States would have a great ally, and at a very much needed time, in the 1968 legal government who would help the U.S. issue in a new era of friendliness between the Latin American countries and the United States. It is something to think about.

With my warmest regards.

Ever sincerely,



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cc: Hon. Henry A. Kissinger
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Major General Franklin M. Davis, Jr.
Commandant
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Washington, D.C.

Dear General Davis:

Being the grandson-in-law of the founder of the Republic of Panama, a former Honorary Panamanian Consul, and one who knows Panama well, I have for the past four years been exposing the leftist and illegal regime of Omar Torrijos, Juan Tack, and the Communist Party of Panama in their objectives of bringing Panama into the Marxist-Lenist camp and to gain control over the sovereignty of the U.S. Canal Zone through their worldwide anti-U.S. propaganda. I am sure that the DIA in the Zone and the CIA in Panama briefed you concerning Torrijos, Tack, and others in Panama.

I recently read that you were in Panama last month and that you had sent a letter of appreciation to Omar Torrijos for his presentation to the students of the war college during their visit to Panama. Concerning Omar Torrijos rank as an officer, it still is Lt. Col. as his rank as Brig. General has no validity as this is self-proclaimed. To become a Brig. General in Panama, this has to be approved by a constitutional president and a constitutional National Assembly. As Panama today has a de facto government, the illegality of Torrijos' self-proclaimed rank as Brig. General is made clear in the official statement made by the National Bar Association on Oct. 13th, 1968, just two days after the gunpoint grab of the nation by Lt. Col. Torrijos and a few other leftist officers:

"When we Panamanians believed that our country had reached a stage in which the military would no longer interfere in those affairs which our nation's Constitution and laws reserve to the people, who are the only sovereign power that may impose its will and determine its own rule, such men have suspended individual rights and guarantees and silenced, by dint of their bayonets, all public media, abolished the agencies of the State, and set up a military junta."

"These events must be evaluated in the light of Article 2 of the nation's Constitution which clearly provides that the public power emanates solely and exclusively from the people and that it is exercised through legislative, executive and judicial agencies. Consequently, any act by an organization, institution or group other than those authorized under the national Constitution to exercise the public power is illegal and a flagrant violation of the basic principles underlying the democratic system."

When the constitutional government of 1968 is restored by the suppressed people of Panama, and they are diligently trying to do so, Lt. Col. Omar Torrijos will be stripped of his Lt. Col. rank and tried for treason, murder, fraud, theft, and narcotics violations.

As you know, the Russians have long wanted to control all the main waterways in their maritime strategy of dominating the major canals of the world of which the most important is the Panama Canal. That is why they organized the Communist Party of Panama in 1930 with 2 primary objectives:

1. To gain control over the Republic of Panama from within with the help of the armed forces.
2. To gain control over the sovereignty of the U.S. Canal Zone through worldwide anti-U.S. propaganda, treaty negotiations, or by force.

They accomplished their first objective on Oct. 11th, 1968, when they overthrew the anti-Communist President, Dr. Arnulfo Arias, a good friend of the United States and the free world. As for their second objective, the anti-U.S. propaganda was initiated immediately with the help of Major Manuel "Barba roja" Piñeiro, Castro's chief of intelligence and propaganda for overseas organizations, who arrived in Panama on January 18th, 1969. The treaty negotiations are being used by Tack and Torrijos solely for propaganda purposes as they know that the U.S. Senate would never ratify a treaty with their non-constitutional regime. Concerning the use of force, as you know Torrijos has publicly said many times that this will happen.

I cannot forget my meeting with Secretary Dulles when he came to Panama with President Eisenhower in July, 1956. On July 22nd, in the patio of the El Panama Hotel, I told him in detail the danger that faced the U.S. if steps were not immediately taken to counteract the subversive strategy of the Panamanian Communist Party in their primary objective of converting many of the officers and enlisted men into the Communist fold. I further told the Secretary that when the Communists felt they had control of the National Guard, they would then grab the nation. I explained to him that Ted Shannon, the CIA agent in Panama, and the intelligence agencies in the Zone, were aware of what the Communists were trying to do but I felt that more counter action and more intelligence should be formulated as I knew the strength of those who controlled the Communist Party in Panama. All of this unfortunately became history on Oct. 11th, 1968, when Panama fell to the Reds.

We should not forget what Secretary Dulles said publicly on June 30th, 1954, after the Guatemalan people with the help of the CIA, toppled their leftist head of government, Jacobo Arbenz, that could be applied to Panama today:

"Guatemala is a small country. But its power, standing alone, is not a measure of the threat. It was not the power of the Arbenz government that concerned us but the power behind it."

Ever sincerely,

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