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WARNING NOTICE SENSITIVE INTELLIENCESSOURCES	AND METHODS
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	JUN 74
SUBJECT: PANAMA	•
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	ANIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY
OFFICIALS WHO ARE PREPARING A DRAFT OF A NEW	PANAMA CANAL TREATY
ARE HAMPERED BY A LACK OF CONTACT WITH FOREIG	N MINISTER JUAN TACK.
THEY ARE NOW WAITING FOR HIS COMMENTS ON THE	IR WORK THUS FAR
BEFORE DGOING ANY FURTHER IN THEIR DRAFTING.	THE GOVERNMENT'S
EFFORTS TO NEGGOTIATE A NEW PACT HAVE BEENCRI	TICIZED IN THE BOD
LOCAL PRESS BY A GROUP OF NATIONALIST LAWYERS	WHO ATTACKED THE
DECLARATION OF EIGHT NEGOTIATING PRINCIPLES S	SIGNED BY TACK AND
SECRETARY KISSINGER ON FEBRUARY 7. THE GOVER	RNMENT'S DECISION TO
PERMIT PUBLICATION OF THE LAWYERS' DOCUMENT F	ROBABLY WAS TO INDICATE
TO WASHINGTON THAT THERE ARE IMPPORTANT GROUP	PS IN PANAMA OPPOSED
TO GIVING UP ANYTHING DEIN ORDER TO ATTAIN A	NEW TREATY.
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TACK IS FOLLOWING HIS USUAL STYLE IN REFUSING TO LET HIS

ADVISERS IN ON THE SUBSTANCE OF THE NEGOTIATIONS. AS A PRAGMATIST,

HE IS WILLING TO ADMOPT THEIR IDEAS AS WELL AS THOSE OF CONCRITICS

SUCH AS THE NATIONALIST LAWYERS. THUS FAR HE SEEMS TO HAVE THE

FULL CONFIDENCE OF GENERAL TORRIJOS. E2 IMPDET.H

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