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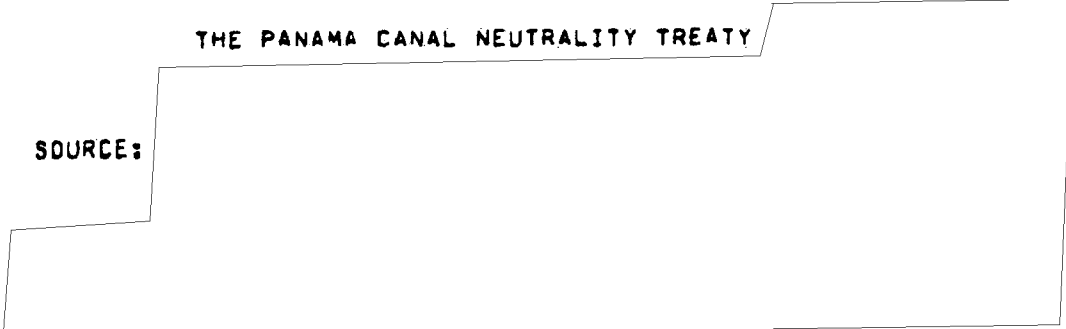
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COUNTRY: PANAMA

SUBJECT: INITIAL REACTION OF GENERAL OMAR TORRIJOS HERRERA  
AND OTHER PANAMANIAN OFFICIALS TO RATIFICATION OF  
THE PANAMA CANAL NEUTRALITY TREATY

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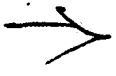
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1. SENIOR PANAMANIAN OFFICIALS WHO WERE PRESENT WITH GENERAL OMAR T O R R I J O S HERRERA, CHIEF OF GOVERNMENT, IN PANAMA CITY DURING AND AFTER THE SENATE RATIFICATION OF THE PANAMA CANAL NEUTRALITY TREATY DESCRIBED HIS REACTION AS DISSATISFACTION TEMPERED WITH RESIGNATION. TORRIJOS TOLD THOSE WHO WERE PRESENT THAT ALTHOUGH HE WAS NOT HAPPY ABOUT ADDITIONS MADE TO THE NEUTRALITY TREATY, IT WAS IMPORTANT TO REMAIN PATIENT DURING THE PROCESS OF DEBATE AND RATIFICATION OF THE PANAMA CANAL TREATY. TORRIJOS SAID HE WAS ESPECIALLY DISPLEASED WITH THE SENATE RESERVATION REGARDING UNITED STATES MILITARY INTERVENTION

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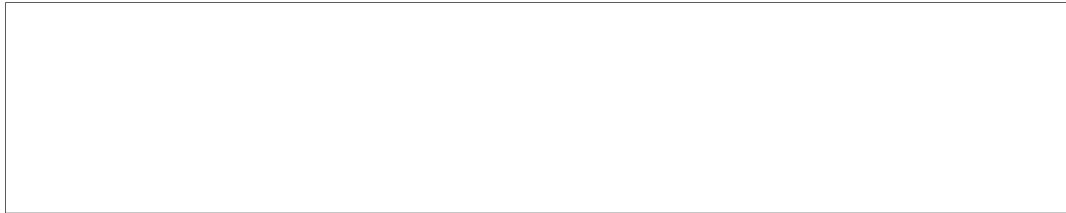
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TO RE-OPEN THE CANAL IF CLOSED, OR IF OPERATIONS WERE THREATENED,  
BUT THAT IT WAS ALWAYS POSSIBLE TO NEGOTIATE FUTURE ADJUSTMENTS  
TO MAKE THE MEASURE LESS OFFENSIVE.

2. SOME OF THOSE PRESENT WITH TORRIJOS WERE VEHEMENT IN  
THEIR DENUNCIATION OF THE SENATE MODIFICATIONS TO THE NEUTRALITY  
TREATY. HUGO E S P A D A F O R A, VICE-MINISTER OF HEALTH,  
WAS MOST VOCIFEROUS AND SAID HE PLANNED TO RESIGN FROM HIS POST  
IN PROTEST OVER THE SENATE ACTIONS. OTHERS PRESENT CALMED HIM  
DOWN AND CONVINCED HIM THAT SUCH AN ACTION WOULD BE DETRIMENTAL  
TO BOTH TORRIJOS AND THE GOVERNMENT DURING SUCH A DIFFICULT TIME.



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