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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

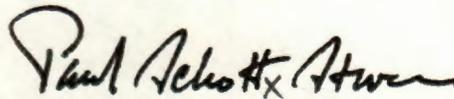
August 2, 1988

Dear Mr. Brunson:

This is to thank you for your letter of June 1 to President Reagan.

Let me say that your concern regarding recent events in Panama is shared by the Administration. Your comments and suggestions are among many that will be considered as we examine our policy over the coming weeks.

Sincerely,

  
PAUL SCHOTT STEVENS  
Executive Secretary

X  
Mr. Jack L. Brunson  
5604 Farmwood Court  
Alexandria, Virginia 22310

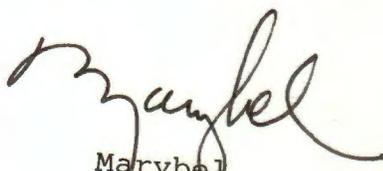
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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

August 12, 1988

Sandy,

We weren't sure if you received a copy  
of this response.

  
Marybel



NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506ACTION

July 28, 1988

MEMORANDUM FOR MARYBEL BATJER

FROM: ROBERT S. PASTORINO

SUBJECT: Reply to Jack L. Brunson's Letter to  
the President re Panama

You requested our recommendations on the attached letter from Jack Brunson to the President.

The letter has been reviewed and we have checked out the author of the letter. The writer is a retired army officer. It is recommended that the response not be signed by anyone above the Paul Stevens level and not be on White House letterhead. Reply should be limited to a bread and butter acknowledgement.

Attached is a suggested reply which we believe is appropriate if a reply is required.

Barry Kelly concurs.

RECOMMENDATION:

That attached proposed response be used in replying to Brunson letter.

Approve Disapprove 

## Attachments

Tab I - Proposed Reply to Brunson  
Tab II - Brunson's Incoming Letter  
to President Reagan

Prepared by *CMB*  
Clarke M. Brintnall

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

Dear Mr. Brunson:

*This is to*

*^* ~~Thank you for the comments which you expressed to  
President Reagan in your letter of June 1.~~

*to President Reagan.*

Let me say that your concern is shared by many with regard to the events in Panama. ~~I will consider~~  
~~Your~~ suggestions as we examine our policy over the coming weeks.

~~Thank you for your interest.~~

Sincerely,

*Comments and*

*are among many that will be considered*

*regarding recent events  
in Panama is shared by  
the Administration.*

PAUL SCHOTT STEVENS  
Executive Secretary

Mr. Jack L. Brunson  
5604 Farmwood Court  
Alexandria, Virginia 22310

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

July 26  
Bob Costantino,

Marybel asked that  
you review this request  
& give her your opinion/  
recommendations.

thanks  
Mary Kay

Pete - please check day  
DOD/State to see whether let's  
know anything about Brunson.  
discuss a recommendation

Thls  
Bb

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

Date: 7/14/88

TO: Mary Kay

FROM: SANDY WARFIELD  
Deputy Director  
Presidential Appointments  
and Scheduling

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Let's Discuss

Called 6-16-88  
Not responded  
to as of now

Mary Kay X6536

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

Date: 6/13

TO: Maribel



FROM: SANDY WARFIELD  
Deputy Director  
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Let's Discuss



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Marybel Batjer	<u>1/3</u>	<u>M.B.</u>	
Paul Stevens	<u>2</u>	<u>PM</u>	<u>A</u>
John Negroponte			
Colin Powell			
Paul Stevens			
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 (Date/Time)

*Paul -  
 Letter (Tab I)  
 retyped, per your  
 request.  
 bil  
 M.B. has seen + agrees!*

PSS -

MB concurs with  
your recommended  
changes.

Cathy

PSS - I made some  
minor changes to the  
letter prepared by Bristwall.  
I think it's o.k. now for  
your signature.

Memo. is self-explan.  
MB - see  
my edit. pm MB.

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FROM: STEVENS

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PERSONS: BRUNSON, J

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*Board of Directors*  
*Panama Canal Commission*

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June 6, 1988

Mr. John Negroponte  
Assistant to the President  
for Nation Security Affairs  
The White House  
1st Floor, West Wing  
Washington, D.C. 20500

REC-11

Dear John:

Throughout the period of steadily worsening relations between the United States and Panama it has been my policy to try and separate the day-to-day operation and maintenance of the Canal from the political dispute and to emphasize its role as an international waterway dedicated to serving world commerce. We have been moderately successful in this effort.

I believe this policy can best be maintained by holding the July meeting of the Board of Directors at a location other than Washington or Panama, where political and governmental pressures are less prevalent. Therefore, I plan to convene the meeting in Savannah, Georgia on July 13 and 14.

By having the meeting in Savannah, I hope to avoid the situation that occurred in April when that cancellation caused us some operational problems and some delays in accomplishing certain tasks. A July meeting is essential in that decisions on the budget and on a number of other matters to ensure the continued efficient operation of the Canal are required.

Sincerely,

*Bill*

William R. Gianelli  
Chairman X

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FROM: GIANELLI, WILLIAM

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PERSONS:

SUBJECT: LTR RE POLICY & OPERATION MAINTENANCE OF CANAL

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September 13, 1988

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NOTE TO KENNETH M. DUBERSTEIN  
M.B. OGLESBY

FROM: ALAN M. KRANOWITZ *AMK*

SUBJECT: Drugs-Noriega-Panama

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Several threads coming together would indicate a coordinated move this week by Congressional Democrats on what they perceive as an Administration vulnerability on the question of drug activities by Panama's General Noriega.

Yesterday, the Democrat candidate for President emphasized (and the networks highlighted on their news programs) allegations that (1) U.S. intelligence agencies had Noriega on the payroll while knowing that Noriega was engaged in drug activities and (2) the Administration has tried to conceal from Congress information on Noriega drug activities.

Tomorrow afternoon, the House Foreign Affairs Committee is holding hearings on allegations that the NSC held up the semiannual report on foreign officials' drug activities to try to avoid reporting to Congress on General Noriega's drug activities.

Late tomorrow, or more likely on Thursday, the House is expected to vote on the Alexander "Anti-Stonewalling" Amendment to the Drug bill that would give the General Accounting Office (GAO) and all committees of Congress a statutory right of access to information possessed by executive agencies concerning foreign illegal drug activities. Congressman Alexander explains his amendment as a response to GAO's inability to get access to certain records in its investigation (requested by Alexander) into allegations that the Drug Enforcement Administration did not receive information on Noriega drug activities possessed by U.S. intelligence agencies.

Rumors abound among House Republican Leadership staff that House Democrats may introduce in the House a resolution of inquiry into the Panama-Noriega-Drugs allegations, but no such resolution has yet been introduced.

Attached for your information is a copy of the letter sent to the House leadership recently by Attorney General Thornburgh and Director of Central Intelligence Webster in opposition to the Alexander "Anti-Stonewalling Act" Amendment.

cc: Colin Powell ✓  
Arthur B. Culvahouse, Jr.  
Marlin Fitzwater  
Mari Maseng

NSC # 880665

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Office of the Attorney General  
Washington, D. C. 20530

8 September 1988

The Honorable Jim Wright  
Speaker  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Mr. Speaker:

The Administration strongly supports and urges Congress to act swiftly to adopt effective and responsible legislation to combat drug abuse. United States law enforcement and intelligence agencies have devoted and will continue to devote substantial efforts toward achievement of the vital national objective of halting the flow of illegal drugs.

The amendment proposed to be offered by Congressman Bill Alexander to the Omnibus Drug Initiative Act of 1988 (H.R. 5210) will weaken the hand of the United States in the battle against illegal drugs. The Alexander Amendment is both unwise and impermissibly encroaches on the President's constitutional authority.

The amendment requires Executive Branch personnel obtaining information about "illegal foreign drug activities" to forward such information promptly to the head of their agencies. In turn, the agency heads must furnish it to law enforcement agencies specially designated by the President and, upon request, to any committee of the Congress or the General Accounting Office (GAO). If the agency head personally determines that disclosure of the information risks specified damage to national security or law enforcement interests, he need not disclose the demanded information to a congressional committee, but he nevertheless must furnish it to the GAO. The amendment also provides for lawsuits by the GAO against Federal agencies to secure information covered by its provisions.

The Alexander amendment would diminish the ability of the United States to collect narcotics intelligence. Sources of foreign narcotics intelligence, including cooperating foreign government agencies, would be less likely to share sensitive narcotics intelligence with U.S. agencies if it must be disseminated on demand to the General Accounting Office and, in

many cases, to multiple congressional committees. The proper executive-legislative arrangements for handling sensitive narcotics intelligence in a responsible and secure fashion are those specified by Title V of the National Security Act of 1947, under which the Director of Central Intelligence and the heads of intelligence agencies keep the congressional intelligence committees fully and currently informed of intelligence activities, including narcotics intelligence.

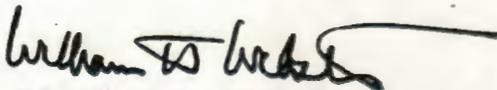
The prospect of lawsuits between the GAO and intelligence agencies over some of the most sensitive national security information in the possession of the United States presents a substantial danger of unauthorized disclosure of sensitive information. Congress recognized this danger when it enacted the General Accounting Office Act of 1980 that provided for the exemption of intelligence information from the GAO's current authority to bring suits to obtain information.

The inter-agency reporting requirements established by the amendment will disrupt effective, carefully crafted mechanisms for secure dissemination of narcotics intelligence within the U.S. Government. These mechanisms ensure that sensitive narcotics intelligence is disseminated to law enforcement agencies and that the information is properly protected from unauthorized disclosure.

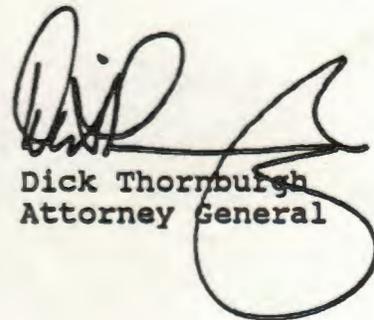
In addition to its practical flaws, the amendment impermissibly encroaches on the powers of the President under the Constitution to faithfully execute the laws, to supervise his subordinates in the Executive Branch, to preserve the integrity of executive deliberations, and to protect national security information.

We urge the House not to adopt the Alexander Amendment.

Sincerely,



William H. Webster  
Director of Central Intelligence



Dick Thornburgh  
Attorney General

cc: The Honorable Bill Alexander

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LAURENCE W. BEILENSON  
1946 NORTH GRAMERCY PLACE  
Los Angeles, California 90068  
TELEPHONE (213) 467-6479

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March 21, 1988

President Ronald W. Reagan

Dear Mr. President:

Recent events in Panama must have confirmed your belief that you were right in trying to prevent the United States from turning over the Canal to a "Tin-horn dictator."

Sincerely,

Larry



Read by  
Dep Press  
Sec Asst

THE WHITE HOUSE

Office of the Press Secretary

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For Immediate Release

March 11, 1988

STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT

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The United States has had a long and mutually productive relationship with Panama. The people of the United States consider the people of Panama to be near neighbors and friends. The historic Panama Canal Treaties exemplify the close cooperation that has traditionally characterized the friendship between the two countries which created one of the great engineering works of the human race.

Out of concern for our friendship, we have been saddened and increasingly worried in recent years as Panama's political crisis deepened. Our policy with respect to the situation in Panama is clear. We strongly favor a rapid restoration of democracy and the resumption by the Panamanian Defense Forces of a role consistent with constitutional democracy.

In the present circumstances, I believe that General Noriega would best serve his country by complying with the instruction of President Delvalle to relinquish his post. In so doing, General Noriega would contribute very substantially to reducing political tensions and set the stage for a prompt transition to democracy in Panama.

Until such a time as democratic government is restored in Panama, the U.S. cannot proceed on a "business as usual" basis. Today, therefore, I have taken a number of steps against the illegitimate Noreiga regime that will contribute significantly to the goal of a democratic, stable and prosperous Panama.

I have directed that actions be taken to suspend trade preferences available to Panama under the Generalized System of Preferences (GSP) and the Caribbean Basin Initiative. Further, in keeping with the spirit of our war against drugs, I have ordered that Panama be subject to intensified scrutiny by our Immigration and Customs Services in order to apprehend drug traffickers and money launderers. Moreover, because we recognize President Delvalle as the lawful Head of Government in Panama, I have directed that all departments and agencies inventory all sources of funds due or payable to the Republic of Panama from the U.S. Government, for purposes of determining those that should be placed in escrow for the Delvalle Government on behalf of the Panamanian people. In that light, I have directed that certain payments due to Panama from the Panama Canal Commission be placed in escrow immediately. This step is in complete compliance with our obligations under the terms of the Panama Canal Treaties. I am prepared to take additional steps, if necessary, to deny the transfer of funds to the Noriega regime from other sources in the U.S.

NSC # 8801958

We have welcomed the recent statements issued by President Delvalle, the political parties and the civilian crusade of Panama calling for a government of national reconciliation. We support their goal of restoring democratic government and constitutional order. Once Panamanians achieve this goal, the United States is fully prepared to work with the Government of Panama to help quickly restore Panama's economic health.

The United States has been, and remains, committed to fulfilling faithfully its obligations under the Panama Canal Treaties. We are also prepared to resume our close working relationships with the Panamanian Defense Forces once civilian government and constitutional democracy are re-established.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

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FROM PAUL S. STEVENS EXECUTIVE SECRETARY 2224  
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MEMORANDUM FOR COLIN POWELL

FROM: Marlin Fitzwater

*Marlin*

SUBJECT: Press Plan for Panama

There is a good chance the Panama decisions will leak on Thursday evening. Certainly, "principles only" NSPG is no guarantee against those leaks. We therefore recommend you go ahead with the announcement of the Panama actions on Friday, March 11.

We recommend the following press plan:

- 1) Issue a statement by the President explaining the over-all purpose of the actions.
- 2) Release a fact sheet on each of the specific actions taken, which includes information on the impact and timing of the moves.
- 3) Release these materials at the White House at 10 o'clock Friday.
- 4) Release of the Presidential statement would be accompanied by either:
  - a) A background briefing by the President's National Security Advisor,
  - or
  - b) An on-the-record, on-camera briefing by the Secretary of State.

Either briefing should be in the White House Press Room.

We will explore with Chuck Redman whether or not Secretary Shultz would be interested in doing such a briefing at the White House.

cc: John Tuck

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PROPOSED PRESIDENTIAL STATEMENT

The United States has had a long and mutually productive relationship with Panama. The people of the United States consider the people of Panama to be near neighbors and friends. The historic Panama Canal Treaties perhaps best exemplify the close cooperation that has traditionally characterized the friendship between the two countries which created one of the great engineering works of the human race.

Out of concern for our friendship, we have been saddened and increasingly worried in recent years as Panama's political crisis deepened. Our policy with respect to the situation in Panama is clear. We are strongly in favor of a rapid transition to democracy and the assumption by the Panamanian Defense Forces of a role appropriate to, and consistent with, civilian, constitutional democracy.

In the present circumstances, I believe that General Noriega would best serve his country by complying with the instruction of President Delvalle to relinquish his post. In so doing, General Noriega would contribute very substantially to reducing political tensions and set the stage for a prompt transition to democracy in Panama.

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Until such a time as democratic government is restored in Panama, the U.S. cannot proceed on a "business as usual" basis. Today, therefore, I have taken a number of steps against the present illegitimate regime that will contribute significantly to the goal of a democratic, stable and prosperous Panama.

Pursuant to (insert statute), I have directed that privileges available to Panama under the Generalized Schedule of Preferences (GSP) and the Caribbean Basin Initiative be withdrawn. Further, in keeping with the spirit of our war against drugs, I have ordered that Panama be subject to the most careful scrutiny by our Immigration and Customs Services in order to apprehend drug traffickers and money launderers. Moreover, because we recognize President Delvalle as the only lawful Head of Government in Panama, I have directed that all departments and agencies comply with his request that funds due to the Republic of Panama from the U.S. Government be paid to escrow accounts in the U.S. in the name of the Panamanian people. This step is in complete compliance with our obligations under the terms of the Panama Canal Treaties. I am prepared to take additional steps under our law, if necessary, to deny the transfer of funds to the Noriega regime funds from other sources in the U.S.

We have welcomed recent statement issued by President Delvalle, the political parties and the civilian crusade of Panama calling for a government of national reconciliation. We support their goal of restoring democratic government and constitutional order. Once Panamanians achieve this goal, the United States is fully prepared to work with the Government of Panama to quickly restore Panama's economic health.

The United States has been, and remains, committed to fulfilling faithfully its obligations under the Panama Canal Treaties. We are also prepared to resume our close working relationships with the Panamanian Defense Forces once civilian government and constitutional democracy are established.

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