

TRANS-ISTHMIAN JOINT HIGHWAY BOARD

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*The American Ambassador to the Secretary of Foreign Relations
and Communications*

EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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EXCELLENCY:

I have the honor to refer to Article III of the Convention between Panamá and the United States regarding the construction of a Trans-Isthmian Highway,¹ which as Your Excellency will recall provides that:

“Prior to the undertaking of further construction on the Trans-Isthmian Highway, each Government will appoint an equal number of representatives, who will constitute a joint board with authority to adjust questions of detail regarding the location, design and construction of the portions of the Highway falling under the jurisdiction of each Government. Questions of detail on which the board may fail to reach an agreement will be referred to the two Governments for settlement.”

My Government has given consideration to the constitution of the Joint Highway Board contemplated in the foregoing Article of the Convention and it believes that the Board might well consist of only two members, one to be appointed by the Government of the Republic of Panamá and one to be appointed by the President of the United States. My Government has directed me to submit its views in the matter to Your Excellency with the request that the Panamanian Government be good enough to indicate whether it approves the constitution of the Joint Highway Board in the manner suggested.

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

WILLIAM DAWSON

His Excellency

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¹ Convention signed at Washington Mar. 2, 1936 (TS 946, *ante*, p. 778).