

CANAL ZONE BOUNDARIES

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Whereas by the terms and provisions of Article II of the Convention for the Construction of an Interoceanic Canal between the United States of America and the Republic of Panama, signed by the representatives of the two nations on November 18, 1903,¹ the ratifications of which were exchanged at Washington on the 26th day of February, 1904, the United States acquired the right of use, occupation, and perpetual control from and after the said 26th day of February, 1904, in and over the Canal Zone and other lands, waters, and islands named in said Article II of the convention aforesaid; and

Whereas it has not yet been, and is not now, practicable to make a complete, definite, and exact location of the precise boundaries of all the territory ceded to the United States by the terms and provisions of said Article II of said convention; and

Whereas the successful completion of the work of construction of the interoceanic canal across the Isthmus of Panama is of transcendent importance to the United States, to the Republic of Panama, and to the people of the world; and

Whereas in order that said work of construction of said interoceanic canal may be systematically prosecuted, and in order that a government for the Canal Zone created by the terms and provisions of said Article II of said convention may be successfully organized and carried forward, it is necessary that the extent and boundaries of the said territory ceded to the Government of the United States by the Government of the Republic of Panama under the terms and provisions of said convention shall be provisionally determined and agreed upon:

Now, therefore, Gen. George W. Davis, Governor of the Panama Canal Zone, acting for and on behalf of the Government of the said zone, and Señor Don Tomas Arias, Secretary of State of the Republic of Panama, and Señor Don Ramon Valdes Lopez, Attorney General of said Republic, acting jointly for and on behalf of the Government of said Republic of Panama,

¹ TS 431, *ante*, p. 664.