

## CANAL RIGHTS (TAFT AGREEMENT)

*Exchange of notes at Panama December 3, 1904; Executive orders signed at Panama and Washington December 3, 6, and 28, 1904, January 7, 1905, and January 5, 1911*

*Entered into force December 12, 1904*

*Terminated June 1, 1924<sup>1</sup>*

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*The American Secretary of War to the President of Panama*

PANAMA, December 3, 1904

YOUR EXCELLENCY:

After very full conferences with you and your advisers, I have drafted an Executive Order, which I have the authority of the President of the United States to sign and put in force, and which in its operation and conditions, if complied with, seems to me to offer a solution, honorable and satisfactory to both nations of the differences between the United States and the Republic of Panama. I inclose a draft of the order. I understand that you and your advisers concur in the wisdom of this solution, but I should be glad to have an expression of your approval of it before formally signing the order and giving it effect. Your Excellency will observe that the order is drawn to take effect on the 12th of December. This delay is for the purpose of giving full publicity to all concerned.

I have the honor to be, with the assurances of my most distinguished consideration,

Your obedient servant,

WM. H. TAFT  
*Secretary of War*

Dr. MANUEL AMADOR GUERRERO,  
*President of the Republic of Panama,*  
*Panama.*

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<sup>1</sup> Pursuant to notice of termination given by the United States Nov. 5, 1923. A Joint Resolution of Congress authorizing termination was approved Feb. 12, 1923. A Presidential proclamation issued May 28, 1924, fixed the date of termination.