

## NEUTRALITY

*Exchange of notes at Panama August 25, 1939, confirming protocol  
of October 10, 1914*

*Entered into force August 25, 1939*

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

EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Note No. 38

*Panamá, August 25, 1939*

EXCELLENCY:

My Government assumes that the protocol signed by the Secretary of State and the Minister of Panamá on October 10, 1914,<sup>1</sup> dealing with hospitality extended in the waters of the Republic of Panamá and of the Canal Zone to belligerent vessels of war or those employed by belligerent powers for the purpose of prosecuting or aiding hostilities is still in force. However, it would be appreciated if in view of existing circumstances, the Government of Panamá would signify in writing that it shares the view of the United States as to the present force and effect of this protocol.

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

WILLIAM DAWSON

His Excellency

Señor Doctor Don NARCISO GARAY,  
*Secretary of Foreign Relations  
and Communications.*

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

[TRANSLATION]

SECRETARIAT OF FOREIGN RELATIONS  
AND COMMUNICATIONS  
Diplomatic Department

D.D. No. 1890

*PANAMÁ, August 25, 1939*

MR. AMBASSADOR:

I have the honor to advise Your Excellency in reply to your esteemed note no. 38 of this date that the Government of Panamá considers that the

<sup>1</sup>TS 597, *ante*, p. 711.