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Washington, D.C. 20520

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NSC-U/N-68

July 26, 1973

TO: The Deputy Secretary of Defense
The Assistant to the President for
National Security Affairs
The Director of Central Intelligence
The Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff
The Deputy Secretary of the Treasury
The Secretary of the Army
The Under Secretary of Commerce
The Under Secretary of Transportation
The Associate Director, Office of Management
and Budget

SUBJECT: The Panama Canal

REF: NSC-U/SM-136

On July 23, 1973 the Chairman addressed a memorandum to the Assistant Secretary for Inter-American Affairs on the subject of the Panama Canal. A copy of this memorandum was forwarded to you on the same date.

The Chairman requested that the Inter-Agency Group undertake a separate study assessing the desirability and feasibility of the transfer of the Southern Command from the Canal Zone, and the appointment of a civilian to head the Canal Zone Government.

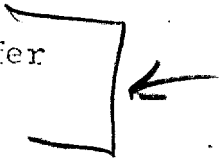
The deadline for the study concerning the transfer of the Southern Command from the Canal Zone has been advanced to October 31, 1973.

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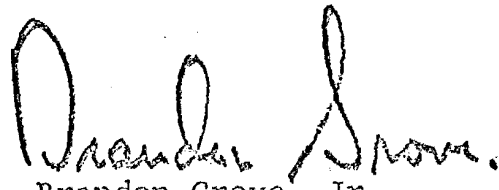
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The deadline for a separate study concerning the appointment of a civilian to head the Canal Zone Government remains August 30, 1973.


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cc: USIA - The Director
AEC - The Chairman
ACDA - The Director

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