NEUTRALITY

Exchange of notes at Panama August 25, 1939, confirming protocol of October 10, 1914
Entered into force August 25, 1939

54 Stat. 1811; Executive Agreement Series 160

The American Ambassador to the Secretary of Foreign Relations and Communications

Embassy of the United States of America

Panamá, August 25, 1939

Note No. 85

Excellency:

My Government assumes that the protocol signed by the Secretary of State and the Minister of Panamá on October 10, 1914,² 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.

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

²TS 597, ante, p. 711.
protocol signed at Washington on October 10, 1914, by the Minister of Panamá in the United States of America, Dr. Eusebio A. Morales, and the Secretary of State of the United States, Robert Lansing, is at present in effect and may be applied by both countries whenever circumstances require.

I avail myself of the opportunity to renew to Your Excellency the assurances of my highest and most distinguished consideration.

NARCISO GARAY
Secretary of Foreign Relations
and Communications

His Excellency

WILLIAM DAWSON,
Ambassador of the United States of America,
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