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September 28, 1979

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: BOB LIPSHUTZ

RE: Executive Order Entitled:
Entry Into Force of the Panama Canal
Treaties of 1977

Secretary Harold Brown has proposed the attached Order, which designates Monday, October 1, as the date for the observance of the entry into force of the Panama Canal Treaties and authorizes the closing of Federal agencies in Panama on that day.

Justice and OMB have approved this Order, and we recommend that you sign it. NSC concurs.

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The President,

The White House.

My dear Mr. President:

I am submitting herewith a proposed Executive order entitled "Entry Into Force of the Panama Canal Treaties of 1977."

The proposed Executive order was presented by the Department of Defense and revised in the Office of Management and Budget. With the approval of the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, it was forwarded to this Department, as revised, for approval as to form and legality.

The proposed Executive order is approved as to form and legality.

Respectfully,

John M. Harmon
Assistant Attorney General
Office of Legal Counsel

Enclosure
EXECUTIVE ORDER

ENTRY INTO FORCE OF THE PANAMA CANAL TREATIES OF 1977

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and statutes of the United States of America, including Chapter 61 of Title 5 of the United States Code, it is hereby ordered as follows:

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JIMMY CARTER