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Dear Leonard:

Some right-wing people started castigating me off of newspaper reports before I had stated any opinion regarding the Panama Canal Treaty.

As one citizen out of 200 million people, I didn't expect that I could create so much attention by a reasoning opinion. When it reached the point of people writing my employers to not hire me and mutual acquaintances saying that I was hurting Ronald Reagan, I thought it necessary to make a public statement.

Since I didn't want to wear Carter's collar nor the right-wing extremist lace neck piece, I went to the written Treaty; or Treaties as there are two of them. I also made a trip to Panama to investigate for myself. Enclosed are some of the results of my reactions----a modicum of logic and reasoning. Thought it might be of interest to you.

Didn't realize it was so voluminous. The Chicago Tribune statement is the most concise, but I included the Open Letter to Lofton at "Battleline," which is an answer to an article of ridicule that he had in his pamphlet about me.

At any rate, the friendly gesture of a telegram embroiled me in this three months of insanity. Well, "Read," "read" if if you wish. Otherwise, drop it in that round file.

Sincerely,



John Wayne

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