

Panama Canal

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Am unable to see any material advantage to the U. S. as a whole by building a canal across the [Nicaragua] Isthmus....prefers the Panama route. The two ships we have under construction for this fall would be too big(1600 ft. by 75 beam, drawing 32 ft. loaded) for the Nicaraguan Canal as planned.

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