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Urgent. The Panaman Government has decided on the expulsion of R. O. Marsh and his companions from Panama on account of their subversive activities among the San Blas Indians which have culminated in a declaration of independence by these Indians and open rebellion resulting in several deaths.

The Minister for Foreign Affairs informs me that Marsh tells the Indians he is acting under instructions from the American Government and that the United States will assume a protectorate over them.

To avoid unfortunate incidents which might occur if Panaman authorities attempted to arrest Marsh the Panaman Government requests the United States Government to cooperate by sending a naval vessel as soon as possible to bring Marsh and his companions to Colon. Please instruct.

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