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**U.S. DENIES REPORT
OF PANAMA PROTEST**

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WASHINGTON, Nov. 28—The State Department denied a report today from Panama alleging that Brig. Gen. Omar Torrijos Herrera had handed American negotiators a note protesting against the United States position on a new Panama Canal treaty.

A news agency report said that General Torrijos, the head of the Panamanian Government, had given such a note to ambassador Ellsworth Bunker, the chief American negotiator, on Wednesday at the conclusion of a nine-day round of talks on the issue.

A State Department spokesman said: "we do not understand the report. Our negotiators were given no message from General Torrijos or any other Panamanian official during the Nov. 16-26 negotiating round."

"Indeed they departed Panama with assurances that the positions they laid on the table during the round were regarded by Panamanian negotiators as positive. The United States remains fully committed to the negotiations."