

majority of the people who were consistent with the situation. There is nothing in it inconsistent with any assurances given by the President at that time or since, or anything discreditable to him. He was undoubtedly "delighted" to have Panama make itself independent and create the opportunity which presented a solution of the canal problem, which Colombia perversely made difficult. It was the best solution that could have been devised, and the consent to make capital against the administration