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Mr. Thomas Cromwell  
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Dear Mr. Cromwell:

Thank you for getting in touch with me again about the United States' position at the Panama Canal.

You have obviously given this a great deal of time and thought -- I've learned from hearing your views. I want to be responsive to the needs of all Marylanders when I make decisions. Information from people like you is essential if I'm to reach that goal.

Again, thanks for keeping in touch with me. Please let me know if I may be of assistance in the future.

Sincerely,



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