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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

President Lyndon Johnson tonight called newsmen into the White House -- and said that the United States is willing to sit down and talk things over with Panama. If diplomatic relations are resumed between the two countries. He urged that Panama agree to the meeting on the Canal crisis, without demanding preconditions for the talks.

Earlier today, the United States said it would resume aid programs in Panama -- when that country guarantees the safety and freedom of travel of our personnel there.

## AFRICA

The unpredictable Continent of Africa produced another surprise today. For the third time in little over a week -- rebellion flared out in East Africa -- this time in Uganda -- where troops mutinied against their British officers. One government minister was taken prisoner -- and Britain announced it is flying troops into Uganda from neighboring Kenya. The new outburst follows a revolt on Zanzibar and a two-day army mutiny in Tanganyika. The wave of unrest spread to the Congo -- where three Roman Catholic missionaries are reported to have been killed today by Congolese terrorists.

NIXON

Richard Nixon said tonight that he would accept a draft for the Republican presidential nomination. Interviewed by Walter Cronkite on the CBS Evening News -- Nixon said he doesn't anticipate a draft. But if the opportunity should come again -- said Nixon -- "I would accept it."

The former Vice President said he believes Senator Goldwater of Arizona at present is the strongest contender for the Republican nomination -- with Pennsylvania Governor William Scranton second.

And now -- here's Lowell Thomas.