Rights Desired by the US in a new Panama Treaty

1. Rights of a jurisdictional nature or regarded by Panama as jurisdictional. (See memo, Mark Feldman to Ambassador Ward, November 27, 1972, for more details)
   a. control of navigation in canal waters
   b. control of personnel and working conditions
   c. control of tolls
   d. control of health and sanitation in the Canal Area
   e. control of claims procedures where US Government is involved
   f. control of land use in the Canal Area
   g. police authority in Canal Area for a transition period (15 years proposed), and rights to use security guards with power of arrest thereafter.
   h. criminal jurisdiction for a transition period over all crimes, for the duration for certain crimes (security of the canal, narcotics, etc.)
   i. court jurisdiction for 15 years in Canal Area, circuit judges and marshals thereafter for matters in which US retains jurisdiction
   j. immunity for official acts of US personnel and inviolability for US installations
k. rights to operate US citizen schools, hospitals, and municipal-type services (firefighting, water and power, garbage collection, street repair, etc.)

l. Military Postal Service for US citizen employees and official US mail

m. motor vehicle licenses and registration for official US vehicles

n. special exemptions from Panamanian customs and taxation for US agencies and US citizen employees.

2. Rights desired by the US not of a jurisdictional nature:
   a. effective control of canal operations
   b. unilateral rights to defend the canal
   c. expansion rights (third locks or sea level canal)
   d. rights to augment water supply for lockages
   e. rights to improve the existing canal short of adding third locks
   f. rights to terminate canal operation and all treaty obligations to Panama
   g. rights to hold and dispose of property
   h. rights to provide essential services to shipping (bunkering, repair, naval stores, towing, salvage, etc.)
i. limitations on US responsibility for ecological damages due to canal operations
j. rights to provide all essential services and facilities for US Government agency operations (as distinguished from services and facilities for employees that should be provided by private enterprise)
k. the right to continue to provide existing US Government housing for employees
l. the right to provide commercial-type services and facilities for employees when private enterprise cannot or will not provide such services and facilities
m. rights to bring US Government employees and US military personnel into the Canal Area
n. rights to residence in the Canal Area for individuals employed in or associated with US Government activities
o. rights of movement of US Government personnel and vehicles in the Republic of Panama
p. immunities for US Government contractors and their supplies and equipment
q. rights to operate transisthmian railroad
r. rights to continue to use radio frequencies now held
s. right to fly US flag

t. right to use English and Spanish as official languages.

u. rights to continue military activities not directly related to canal defense (SOUTHCOM, School of the Americas, etc.) and other current US Government activities (Smithsonian, FAA support etc.)