

INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARY AND WATER COMMISSION
UNITED STATES AND MEXICO

El Paso, Texas
May 18, 1977

MINUTE NO. 257

COMPLETION OF THE RELOCATIONS OF THE RIO GRANDE
STIPULATED IN ARTICLE I OF THE
TREATY OF NOVEMBER 23, 1970

The Commission met in the offices of the United States Section in El Paso, Texas at 2:00 P.M., on May 18, 1977, to confirm in a Minute that the changes in location of the channel of the Rio Grande stipulated in paragraphs A, B and C of Article I of the Treaty of November 23, 1970, have been completed.

The Commission agreed that the three changes in the location of the channel of the Rio Grande, stipulated in paragraphs A, B and C of Article I of the Treaty of 1970 have been completed, and that the relocations were effected so that the middle of the new channels of the river followed the alignments shown on the maps cited in the same paragraphs of that Treaty.

The Commission agreed that the change in the location of the channel of the Rio Grande in the area of the Presidio-Ojinaga tracts was performed so as to transfer from the north to the south of the middle of the relocated channel an area of 1,606.19 acres (650.00 hectares), as stipulated in Article I A of the Treaty of 1970; that the change in the location of the channel of the Rio Grande upstream from and near Hidalgo-Reynosa was performed so as to transfer from the south to the north of the middle of the relocated channel an area of 481.68 acres (194.93 hectares), as stipulated in Article I B of that Treaty; and that the change in the location of the channel of the Rio Grande downstream from and near Presidio-Ojinaga was performed so as to transfer from the south to the north of the middle of the relocated channel, an area of 252.00 acres (101.98 hectares), as stipulated in Article I C of the same Treaty.

The Mexican Commissioner confirmed that his Government had acquired the lands which will be transferred from the south to the north of the middle of the relocated channels

of the Rio Grande and those necessary for rights-of-way on the south side of the new channels of the river, and had evacuated the residents and occupants of those lands. The United States Commissioner confirmed that his Government had acquired the lands which will be transferred from the north to the south of the middle of the relocated channels of the Rio Grande and those necessary for rights-of-way on the north side of the new channels of the river, and had evacuated the residents and occupants of those lands.

The United States Commissioner confirmed that his Government had acquired the lands of the Morcon Tract and Beaver Island from those who held legal titles according to the land and title records in the United States. The Commission recognized that, in accordance with the Resolution of Minute No. 253, for the transfer of those two portions of United States territory to Mexico as stipulated in Article I F (2) of the Treaty of 1970, the United States does not have to acquire from or compensate the residents and occupants of Morcon Tract and Beaver Island, nor any other person, for any right, title or interest which is based upon or originates from the occupation or adverse possession of the lands and improvements of those two tracts. Further, the Commission noted that, in accordance with the Resolutions of Minutes Numbers 251 and 255, the residents and occupants of those two tracts were not evacuated as Article I D (2) of the referenced Treaty stipulates.

The Commission confirmed that, in accordance with Article I E of the Treaty of 1970, the cost of the changes in the location of the channel of the Rio Grande was divided equally between the two Governments by means of an appropriate division of work, recommended by the Commission in Minute No. 246 and approved by the two Governments.

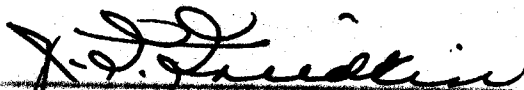
The Commission then adopted the following Resolution:

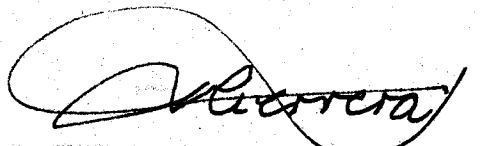
1. Completion of the changes in the location of the channel of the Rio Grande stipulated in paragraphs A, B and C of Article I of the Treaty of November 23, 1970, is confirmed.
2. That on the date on which the two Governments approve this Minute and effect the changes in the location of the international boundary in accordance with Article I F of the Treaty of 1970, the new locations of the international boundary are adopted as are shown on the five maps that are attached to and form part of the present Minute, as follows:

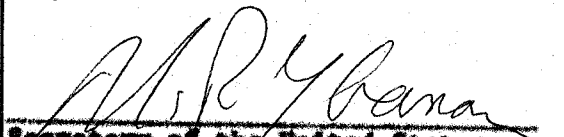
- Annex 1: New Location of the International Boundary in the Presidio-Ojinaga Tracts.
- Annex 2: New Location of the International Boundary Upstream from Hidalgo-Reynosa.
- Annex 3: New Location of the International Boundary Downstream from Presidio-Ojinaga.
- Annex 4: New Location of the International Boundary to the North of the Horcon Tract.
- Annex 5: New Location of the International Boundary to the North of Beaver Island.


3. That the new locations of the international boundary referred to in Point 2 of this Resolution and the reaches of the Rio Grande in which they are located, are subject to all of the applicable stipulations of the Treaty of 1970.

The meeting adjourned.


Commissioner of the United States


Commissioner of Mexico


Secretary of the United States
Section


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