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INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARY AND WATER COMMISSION
UNITED STATES AND MEXICO

Ciudad Juárez, Chihuahua
December 18, 1950

MINUTE NO. 196

MODIFICATION OF THE ORIGINAL PLAN FOR THE LOWER
RIO GRANDE INTERNATIONAL FLOOD CONTROL PROJECT.

The Commission met at the offices of the Mexican Section at Ciudad Juárez, Chihuahua, on December 18, 1950, at 11:00 a.m., for further consideration of modification of the original plan for the Lower Rio Grande International Flood Control Project.

The Commission, Principal Engineers and Technical Advisers had previously considered on several occasions the requirements in respect of modifications of the original plan for the project in the light of changes which have occurred in the hydraulic characteristics of the river since the plan was prepared in 1932 and other changes which will occur in the near future as the result of the Falcón Dam now under construction by the two Governments, as well as in the light of floods experienced since 1932 and knowledge of the hydraulic characteristics of the floodways. The Principal Engineers had been instructed to undertake a study and to submit a report for the consideration of the Commission regarding the modifications which should be made.

Pursuant to these instructions, there had been submitted to the Commission the "Joint Report of the Principal Engineers Recommending Modification of the Original Plan for the Lower Rio Grande International Flood Control Project", dated November 28, 1950, copies of the English and Spanish texts of which are attached hereto as Exhibits 1 and 2, and form part hereof.

The Commission carefully reviewed the said Joint Report and agreed that it accurately describes the requirements and that the modifications of the original plan for the Lower Rio Grande International Flood Control Project proposed therein should be recommended for adoption by the two Governments. The Commission then adopted the following resolution:

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- "1. The 'Joint Report of the Principal Engineers Recommending Modification of the Original Plan for the Lower Rio Grande International Flood Control Project' dated November 28, 1950, is hereby approved by the Commission, subject to the approval of the two Governments.

- "2. It is recommended that if the two Governments approve the modifications of the plan and the procedures proposed by the Principal Engineers for the completion of the Lower Rio Grande International Flood Control Project, the Commission be authorized to undertake as soon as practicable the construction of the Anzaldúas Diversion Dam in accordance with the plans recommended therefor by the Principal Engineers, with such minor modifications as may be found by the Commission to be necessary or desirable for sound and expeditious construction and proper functioning of the structure, and that each Section of the Commission be authorized to undertake as soon as practicable such additional work as may be necessary within the territory of its own country to complete the Flood Control Project in accordance with the modified plans proposed by the Principal Engineers."

The meeting then adjourned.

(signed)

L. M. Lawson
Commissioner of the United States

(signed)

D. Herrera J.
Commissioner of Mexico

(signed)

George H. Winters
Secretary of the United States Section

(signed)

Fernando Rivas S.
Secretary of the Mexican Section