

INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARY AND WATER COMMISSION
UNITED STATES AND MEXICO

Ciudad Juárez, Chihuahua
January 28, 1975

MINUTE NO. 246

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR EXECUTION OF THE CHANGES IN LOCATION OF THE
RIO GRANDE STIPULATED IN ARTICLE I OF THE BOUNDARY TREATY OF 1970

The Commission met in the offices of the Mexican Section at Ciudad Juárez, Chihuahua, on January 28, 1975, at 10:00 o'clock, to consider the works required to execute the changes in location of the Rio Grande stipulated in paragraphs A, B, and C of Article I of the "Treaty to Resolve Pending Boundary Differences and Maintain the Rio Grande and Colorado River as the International Boundary Between the United States of America and Mexico" of November 23, 1970, hereinafter referred to as "the Treaty."

The Commission noted that Article I E of the Treaty stipulates that the changes in location of the Rio Grande referred to in Article I shall be executed by the Commission as soon as practical in accordance with engineering plans recommended by it and approved by the two Governments.

The Commission reviewed the "Joint Report of the Principal Engineers on Engineering Plans and International Division of Construction Work to Execute the Changes in Location of the Rio Grande Stipulated in Article I of the Boundary Treaty of 1970," submitted by Principal Engineers Delbert D. McNealy and Jenaro Paz Reyes under date of December 20, 1974, the English text of which is attached hereto and forms a part hereof.

The Commission agreed that the engineering plans proposed by the Principal Engineers in their Joint Report are appropriate for execution of the changes in the location of the Rio Grande stipulated in Article I of the Treaty, and that the division of construction works proposed by the Principal Engineers would effect the equal division between the Governments of the United States and Mexico of the cost of construction of the changes in location as stipulated in the same Article I of the Treaty. The Commission agreed that to facilitate the execution of the relocations, such division of work should be subject to the exchanges between the two Governments of construction works of equal cost which the Commission approves.

The Commission considered the feasibility that either of the two Governments may desire to utilize for construction of levees the materials excavated from the new locations of the Rio Grande which are not needed to close the reaches of the abandoned channels; such levees would form a part of a system of flood protection works. The Commission agreed that those excess materials from the excavations should be equally divided between the two countries. The Commission

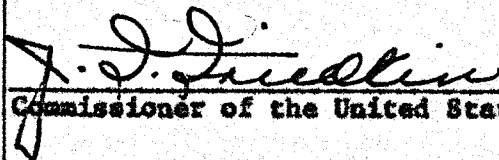
agreed that, to facilitate the construction of a system of flood protection works, it should be authorized to exchange, between the two Governments, parts of the Rio Grande relocation construction works for parts of equal cost of the flood protection construction works.

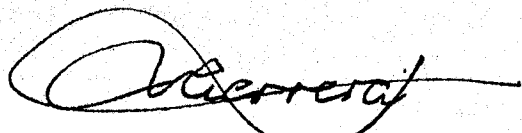
The Commission agreed that maintenance of the channel of the relocated reaches of the Rio Grande and of the adjoining reaches of the same river are necessary, and that the equal division of its cost between the two Governments would be achieved with the division of maintenance works recommended by the Principal Engineers.

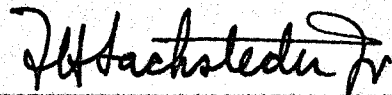
The Commission then adopted the following resolution, which is submitted for the approval of the two Governments:


1. That the "Joint Report of the Principal Engineers on Engineering Plans and International Division of Construction Work to Execute the Changes in Location of the Rio Grande Stipulated in Article I of the Boundary Treaty of 1970," dated December 20, 1974, be approved.
2. That the equal division between the two Governments of the construction cost of the Rio Grande relocations be effected through the division of work recommended by the Principal Engineers, and that to facilitate the execution of the works, the said division be subject to exchanges between the two Governments of construction works of equal cost which the Commission approves.
3. That the excess materials from excavation of the Rio Grande relocations be divided equally between the two countries, and that to facilitate construction by either Government of a system of flood protection works, that would include the use of these excess materials, the Commission be authorized to exchange parts of the construction works of the relocations assigned to one Government for parts of equal cost of a system of flood protection construction works pertaining to the other Government.
4. That the two Governments, through their respective Sections of the Commission and under its supervision, execute the changes in the location of the Rio Grande as soon as practical.
5. That the maintenance of the channel in the relocated reaches of the Rio Grande and of the adjoining reaches of the same river be approved, with the division of work between the two Governments being that recommended by the Principal Engineers.

The meeting adjourned.


Commissioner of the United States


Commissioner of Mexico


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