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INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARY AND WATER COMMISSION
UNITED STATES AND MEXICO

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MINUTE NO. 250

ELIMINATION OF BANCOS 334 "CARRANZA", 335 "MACUM", 451 "LA OFICINA", 452 "VADO DE PIEDRA", 453 "LAS VIBORAS" AND 454 "RANCHO TEXAS," CUT BY THE RIO GRANDE BETWEEN FORT QUITMAN AND THE MOUTH OF THE RIO CONGHOS.

The Commission met in the offices of the Mexican Section in Ciudad Juárez, Chihuahua, at 10:00 o'clock, on January 8, 1976, to consider, under the Banco Convention of March 20, 1905, the elimination from the effects of Article II of the Convention of November 12, 1884, of six portions of territory cut by the Rio Grande before April 18, 1972, the date on which the Boundary Treaty of November 23, 1970 entered into force.

The Commission examined the aerial photographic surveys of the Rio Grande made in August 1967 and in June 1972. The Commission finds that the aerial photographic survey of June 1972 portrays the conditions existing on April 18 of the same year, the date on which the Boundary Treaty of 1970 entered into force, since, in the approximately two-month period after April 18, no floods occurred which could have effected a change in the course of the river.

The 1972 aerial photographic survey shows six portions of territory cut from Mexico by the Rio Grande between Fort Quitman and the mouth of the Rio Conchos, with characteristics of bancos, which are not clearly visible in the 1967 aerial survey. The Commission had no prior knowledge of these cuts due to their small size and lack of population in the vicinity.

A field inspection made at the site of each of the cuts confirmed that there are actually six portions of territory cut from Mexico, all of an area less than 617.7 acres (250 hectares) and unpopulated.

The Commission then agreed that each of the six portions of territory in reference satisfies the conditions specified in the Convention of March 20, 1905, for their elimination, as bancos, from the effects of Article II of the Convention of November 12, 1884.

These bancos, cut after 1967 and before April 18, 1972, are as follows:

No. 334, "Carranza", which has an area of 3.7 acres (1.5 hectares), situated in the Ejido Emilio Carranza, Chih. and 1.6 miles (2.5 kms.) north of Snyder Ranch, Texas;

No. 335, "Macum", which has an area of 3.4 acres (1.4 hectares), situated .9 miles (1.4 kms.) east of the town of Buena Vista, Chih., and opposite the mouth of the Macum Arroyo, 12.4 miles (20 kms.) northwest of Candelaria, Texas;

No. 451, "La Oficina", which has an area of 1.1 acres (0.4 hectares), situated between the towns of San Antonio del Bravo and La Oficina, Chih. and 1.9 miles (3 kms.) south of Candelaria, Texas;

No. 452, "Vado de Piedra", which has an area of 2.3 acres (0.9 hectares), situated 2.5 miles (4 kms.) north of the town of Vado de Piedra, Chih., near the Vado de Piedra Diversion Dam and opposite the mouth of the Gold Hill Arroyo;

No. 453, "Las Viboras", which has an area of 12.3 acres (5.0 hectares), situated 1 mile (1.6 kms.) east of the town of Las Viboras, Chih. and 1.1 miles (1.8 kms.) north of Chinati Ranch, Texas;

No. 454, "Rancho Texas", which has an area of 26.4 acres (10.7 hectares), situated 0.9 miles (1.5 kms.) north of Rancho Chanate, Chih. and 0.5 miles (0.8 km.) northwest of the Chinati Ranch, Texas.


The field inspection indicated that in the case of the Banco named "La Oficina" the cut originated from simple avulsion and that in the case of each of the five remaining bancos the cut was caused by obstruction of the river channel by materials deposited by tributary arroyos.

The two Commissioners reviewed the maps of the aforementioned bancos, and, having found them to be correct, approved and signed them. Attached is a copy of each of said maps which form a part of this Minute.

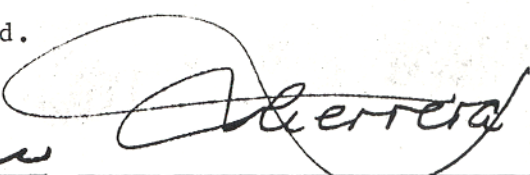
The Commission then adopted the following Resolution:

The Bancos 334 "Carranza", 335 "Macum", 451 "La Oficina", 452 "Vado de Piedra", 453 "Las Viboras", and 454 "Rancho Texas", are hereby eliminated from the effects of Article II of the Convention of November 12, 1884, and dominion and jurisdiction over them pass to the United States.


The meeting then adjourned.



Commissioner of the United States



Commissioner of Mexico



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