

INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARY AND WATER COMMISSION
UNITED STATES AND MEXICO

Ciudad Juarez, Chihuahua
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JOINT REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL ENGINEERS ON
REESTABLISHMENT OF MONUMENT NO. 123-A
AND MARKERS NOS. 123-0+757.0 AND 123-0+958.6

To the Honorable Commissioners
International Boundary and Water Commission
United States and Mexico
El Paso, Texas and Ciudad Juarez, Chihuahua

Sirs:

Pursuant to your instructions, we respectfully submit for your consideration the following Joint Report on the reestablishment of Monument No. 123-A and Markers Nos. 123-0+757.0 and 123-0+958.6 at the international land boundary in the reach west of Nogales, Arizona/Nogales, Sonora.

BACKGROUND

Monument No. 123-A. Monument No. 123-A was installed following the agreement in the International Boundary Commission Joint Journal of November 28, 1917, in accordance with Article I of the Boundary Treaty of December 30, 1853 (Gadsden Treaty). Minute No. 244, "Maintenance of the International Land Boundary Monuments", dated December 4, 1973, approved by the two Governments, stipulates that the Commission shall maintain the monuments as necessary to assure, at all times, their proper location, permanence and visibility.

Markers Nos. 123-0+757.0 and 123-0+958.6. Markers Nos. 123-0+757.0 and 123-0+958.6 were installed by the United States Section during the July 14, 1976 and May 15, 1980 period in furtherance of the accord in Minute No. 249, "Installation of Markers on the Land Boundary", which stipulates that the Commission should prepare a joint program to install and maintain markers, and in accordance with Minute No. 271, "Markers Installed on the International Boundary", which considers that installation of markers agreed by the Commission on the land boundary in the Nogales, Arizona/Nogales, Sonora reach.

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Damages Caused to Monument No. 123-A and Markers Nos. 123-0+757.0 and 123-0+958.6. On November 5, 1987, the Commission was informed that International Monument No. 123-A was found in an uncertain condition in which its permanency in its corresponding site was endangered. Upon arriving at the site, Commission personnel observed that International Monument No. 123-A was located originally on a hill but that, because of land leveling activities that modified the natural terrain, it was left perched on a semi-cylindrical earthen mound of some 16.4 feet (5 meters) in height. Also, they observed that some of the intermediate markers located between International Monuments Nos. 123 and 123-A had been affected and required restoration to their original condition.

REESTABLISHMENT OF MONUMENT NO. 123-A

In accordance with provisions in Minute No. 244, the United States Section is responsible for maintenance, at its cost, of 138 monuments from Monument No. 80 to Monument No. 204-A, such that on March 16-19, 1988, the United States Section provided the funds, material and personnel necessary to reestablish Monument No. 123-A, under the supervision of the Commission. Monument No. 123-A was removed from the earthen mound, the mound was excavated, and the monument reset at natural ground surface in the exact alignment of the previous monument, as shown in the location map, attached as Exhibit 1.

REESTABLISHMENT OF MARKERS NOS. 123-0+757.0 AND 123-0+958.6

In accordance with provisions in Minutes Nos. 249 and 271, the United States Section is responsible for maintenance of markers from Monument Nos. 123 to 125, such that on March 16-19, 1988, the United States Section provided funds, materials and personnel necessary to reestablish Markers Nos. 123-0+757.0 and 123-0+958.6 under the supervision of the Commission, in the exact location as those previously disturbed and were identified with the same stationing (shown in the location map in Exhibit 1).

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Commission recognize Monument No. 123-A and Markers Nos. 123-0+757.0 and 123-0+958.6, established in accordance with

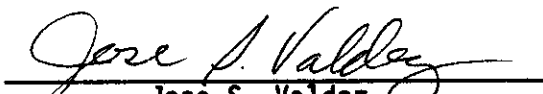
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agreements of the two Governments in Minutes No. 244 and No. 249 of the Commission: "Maintenance of Monuments on the Western Land Boundary" and "Installation of Markers Along the Land Boundary", respectively, as the monument and markers that demark the international land boundary between the United States and Mexico in this place.

2. That consistent with the terms of Minutes No. 244 and No. 271, the costs for maintaining the monument and markers, correspond to the United States Section.

Respectfully Submitted,



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