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INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARY AND WATER COMMISSION
UNITED STATES AND MEXICO

El Paso, Texas
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MINUTE NO. 219

BRIDGES TO BE CONSTRUCTED OVER THE NEW CHANNEL OF THE
RIO GRANDE BETWEEN EL PASO AND CIUDAD JUAREZ,
AND THEIR CORRESPONDING INTERNATIONAL INSPECTION FACILITIES

The Commission met in the offices of the United States Section at El Paso, Texas, at 10:00 a.m., on July 16, 1965, to consider the location of the bridges to be constructed in the El Paso-Ciudad Juárez reach of the new channel of the Río Grande pursuant to the Convention of August 29, 1963, concerning the solution of the problem of the Chamizal.

The Commission reviewed the provisions of the Convention under reference and of Minute No. 214 attached thereto. It considered the studies made by the two Sections for the location of the six bridges to replace the six existing bridges, and noted that Article 10 of the Convention provides that the new bridges which replace those on Stanton-Lerdo and Santa Fe-Juárez Streets shall be located on the same streets.

The Commissioners considered the advisability that each Government have at its disposition as soon as possible the lands, at present under the jurisdiction of the other Government, which it may need for timely construction of its new facilities for inspection of international traffic contiguous to the new bridges.

After carefully considering these matters, the Commission adopted the following resolution, subject to the approval of the two Governments:

1. The map entitled "The Chamizal Location of Bridges over the New Channel of the Rio Grande", attached to the present Minute and forming a part thereof, is approved.
2. The bridges which are to replace the two Córdova Island bridges shall be located on the extension of Copia Street at El Paso, Texas.
3. The bridges to replace the two railroad bridges shall be located at the sites in the proximity of El Paso-Paso del Norte Streets shown on the attached map.
4. The Commission will consider any other locations for the railroad bridges which may be proposed officially and jointly before September 30, 1965, by the interested

railroad companies which use the present bridges, to wit: The Santa Fe Railway Company, the Southern Pacific Company, the Texas and Pacific Railway Company, the National Railways of Mexico, and the Chihuahua al Pacifico Railroad.

5. The Commission is authorized, within the limitations of the Convention, to make the modifications in location of the bridges which may be required as a consequence of the design of the bridges or of the contiguous facilities for international inspection.
6. In order that each Government may opportunely construct the new inspection facilities contiguous to the new bridges, the two Governments, as soon as practical conditions may permit, shall mutually make available to each other the lands now in their respective jurisdictions that may be required. For the construction of the new inspection facilities each Government may make use of any competent public or private agencies in accordance with the laws of of its country. In executing the construction of new inspection facilities in the territory under the jurisdiction of the other country, each Government shall observe the laws of that country, with the exemptions and facilities hereinafter stated:
 - a) All materials, implements, equipment and repair parts intended for the construction shall be exempt from taxes relating to imports and exports. For this purpose, each Section of the Commission shall furnish verification certificates covering all materials, implements, equipment and repair parts intended for the construction of such works.
 - b) The personnel employed either directly or indirectly on the construction shall be permitted to pass freely from one country to the other for the purpose of going to and from the construction site, without any immigration restrictions, passports, or labor requirements. For this purpose, each Section of the Commission shall furnish adequate means of identification to the personnel employed by its Government on the aforesaid works.

The meeting then adjourned.

/s/ J. F. Friedkin
Commissioner of the United States

/s/ D. Herrera J.
Commissioner of Mexico

/s/ Louis F. Blanchard
Secretary of the United States
Section

/s/ Fernando Rivas S.
Secretary of the Mexican Section