

INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARY AND WATER COMMISSION
UNITED STATES AND MEXICO

El Paso, Texas
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MINUTE NO. 253

MAPS OF THE INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARY
IN THE RIO GRANDE AND IN THE COLORADO RIVER

The Commission met in the offices of the United States Section in El Paso, Texas at 10:00 A.M., on September 23, 1976 to review the delineation of the international boundary on the 94 maps of the limitrophe section of the Rio Grande and on the three maps of the limitrophe section of the Colorado River prepared by the Commission to comply with the provisions of Article II C of the Boundary Treaty of November 23, 1970.

The Commission confirmed that the maps are based on aerial photographic surveys made by the two Sections of the Commission during the period from 1972 to 1975, controlled and rectified in accordance with standards established by the Commission, and prepared on a Mercator projection on the scale of 1:20,000.

The Commission confirmed that engineers of its two Sections jointly delineated with appropriate precision, the international boundary on the maps of the Rio Grande and of the Colorado River and that these delineations were reviewed by each of the Commissioners.

The Commission concurred that it is not possible to delineate the international boundary in the reach of the Presidio-Ojinaga Tracts until the provisions of Article I F of the Boundary Treaty of 1970 are fulfilled.

The Commission agreed that it is not feasible to delineate the international boundary on the maps of the artificial lakes formed by Falcon and Amistad Dams, and that instead on those maps the lines of jurisdiction were delineated as agreed by the Commission in Minutes Nos. 199 and 232 pursuant to the provisions of Article 21 of the Water Treaty of 1944.

The Commission agreed that the provision in the Boundary Treaty of 1970 that each of the two Governments bear half of the costs and other expenses of the surveys

and the preparation of the maps, was satisfactorily fulfilled by the works carried out by the two Sections of the Commission. The Mexican Section prepared maps 1 to 48 of the Rio Grande and performed the aerial photographic surveys on which these maps were based; and the United States Section prepared maps 49 to 94 of the Rio Grande, the three maps of the Colorado River, and performed the aerial photographic surveys on which these maps were based.

The Commissioners made a final review of the maps and concurred that, with the above agreements, the delineation of the international boundary on them conforms to the provisions of the Boundary Treaty of 1970, and they proceeded to sign a set of original maps and a set of reproducible maps for each of the two Sections of the Commission.

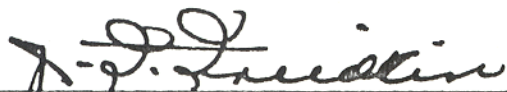
The Commission thereupon adopted the following Resolution:

1. The copies of the 94 maps of the Rio Grande which show the international boundary and the copies of the three maps of the Colorado River, which show the international boundary, form a part of and are attached to this Minute.

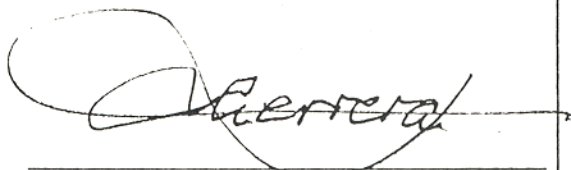
2. The maps referred to in Point 1 of this Resolution show the delineation of the international boundary with appropriate precision for the dates of the aerial photographic flights noted on each of them and, accordingly, they are approved.

3. The maps referred to in Point 1 of this Resolution are designated the "1972 International Boundary Survey", since the first aerial photographic flight to prepare them, was made in June 1972.


The meeting adjourned.



Commissioner of the United States



Commissioner of Mexico



Secretary of the United States
Section



Secretary of the Mexican Section