INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARY COMMISSION
UNITED STATES AND MEXICO

Juarez, Chih.,
May 22, 1931.

Minute No. 136 - Bancos Nos. 413 "Ochoa" and 414 "El Jazmin"

The Commission met at the office of the Mexican Section, Juarez, Chih., on May 22, 1931, at 10:00 o'clock a.m.

The Commission received the report of the Consulting Engineers, dated March 30, 1931, relative to Bancos Nos. 413 "Ochoa" and 414 "El Jazmin", Presidio Valley, which was considered, and the Commission having previously inspected these bancos on the ground, the report was approved and is attached to this Minute to form a part hereof.

The Commission adopted the following resolution:

"The tracts of land known as bancos numbered 413 "Ochoa" and 414 "El Jazmin" which were cut from the United States of America and are now on the right and south bank of the Rio Grande, described in the report of the Consulting Engineers dated March 30, 1931 and shown on one (1) map attached to this Minute, are hereby eliminated from the effects of Article II of the Treaty of November 12, 1884, and the dominion and jurisdiction of these bancos shall pass to Mexico in accordance with the provisions of the Treaty of March 20, 1905 for the elimination of bancos."

The Commissioners then signed the map, (scale 1:5000), in duplicate which delineates the above enumerated bancos, and which map is attached hereto and made a part hereof.
The Commission then adjourned to meet at the call of either Commissioner.

R. M. Lawson
Commissioner of the United States Section

Secretary of the Mexican Section

M. B. Moore
Acting Secretary of the United States Section

Secretary of the Mexican Section

Jose Hernandez de la Pena
Secretario de la Seccion Mexicana

Secretario Auxiliar de la Seccion de los Estados Unidos.
The Honorable Commissioners,  
International Boundary Commission,  
United States and Mexico.

Sirs:

Complying with your verbal instructions, investigations and surveys of two bancos in the Presidio Valley were made during February, 1931. Claims to these two tracts were presented to the Commission January 30, 1930.

The following report is submitted herewith. One map is attached. Follett and Zayas, the then Consulting Engineers of the Commission investigated and made preliminary surveys of the two tracts during the 1910 general survey of the Presidio Valley. Our traverses very closely follow those suggested by them in 1910 except where subsequent river movements have made changes necessary. Items in quotation marks are copied from the Follett and Zayas report of 1913.

BANCO NO. 413 "OCHOA"

Located in the municipality of Ojinaga, Chihuahua, 14-1/2 kilometers northwest of Ojinaga and 2-1/2 kilometers southwest of R.P. No. 22, Ochoa Ranch, Texas.

Cut from the United States in 1884.

Area to the river, 130.0 hectares (321.5 acres).

No inhabitants.

Claimants: Esteban Ochoa, J.W. Wilson, M. Madrid, Jimenez Chavez, and others.

Description: The old river channel in the western part of the banco is being dry farmed by the Mexicans of the Baneaga Ranch, but practically all the rest of the area is in brush.

"Informants: Paz Leon, Justo Gonzalez, Priscilliano Spencer, Anastacio Baeza, and Dolores Sosa; they all saw the river in front of the old Augustine Ranch. Anastacio Baeza and Dolores Sosa say it cut off, others do not remember how the river moved away. An old woman born at La Augustine Ranch in 1855, says the ranch was moved from the old location as shown on the map to present location because the river changed its course."

BANCO NO. 413 "OCHOA"

Situado en la Municipalidad de Ojinaga, Chihuahua, a 14 1/2 kilómetros al Noroeste de Ojinaga, y a 2 1/2 kilómetros al Sureste del P.R. No. 22, del Rancho de Ochoa, Texas.

Cortado de los Estados Unidos en 1884.

Área hasta el río: 130.0 hectáreas (321.5 acres).

No hay habitantes.

Reclamantes: Esteban Ochoa, J.W. Wilson, M. Madrid, Jiménez Chavez y otros.

Descripción: Los Mexicanos del Rancho de Baneaga tienen un temporal en lo que forma el cauce viejo del río en la parte occidental del Banco, y el resto del terreno está cubierto de matorral.

"Informantes: Paz León, Justo González, Priscilliano Spencer, Anastacio Baeza y Dolores Sosa; todos vieron el río frente al antiguo San Augustín. Anastacio Baeza
channel and she says it was cut off. The old channel has been filled up by a large arroyo which empties into it at the back side. An error in the Emory map makes a comparison of maps impossible."

**BANCO NO. 414 "EL JAZMIN"**

Situated in the municipality of Ojinaga, Chih., 14-1/2 kilometers northwest of Ojinaga and 2-1/2 kilometers southwest of R.P. No. 22, Ochoa Ranch, Texas, and southeast and adjacent to Banco No. 413 "Ochoa".

Cut from the United States in 1890. Area to the river 3.0 hectares (7.4 acres).

No inhabitants.

Claimants: Esteban Ochoa, J.W. Wilson and others.

Description: The old river channel is filled up and only the outside bank can be found. The land is all in brush. The river has eroded into the tract since 1910 until only a fraction of its area remains. "No informants. It appears to be a new banco. Unable to make a comparison of maps."

In our opinion these two tracts were formed by slow and gradual accretion followed by avulsion and they are susceptible of elimination under the Treaty of 1906.

Respectfully submitted,

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Consulting Engineer, United States Section

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Consulting Engineer, Mexican Section

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y Dolores Sosa dicen que se cortó; otros no recuerdan cuando se movió el río. Una anciana nacida en el Rancho de San Augustín en 1855, dice que el Rancho se cambió del antiguo lugar en que lo muestra el plano al que hoy ocupa porque el río cambió su curso, y que se cortó. El canal antiguo se ha llenado por un gran arroyo que desemboca en la parte de atrás. Un error en el mapa de Emory hace imposible la comparación."

**BANCO NO. 414 "EL JAZMIN"**

Situado en la Municipalidad de Ojinaga, Chihuahua, a 14 1/2 kilómetros al Noroeste de Ojinaga, a 2 1/2 kilómetros al Sureste del P.R. No. 22 del Rancho de Ochoa, Texas, y adyacente por Sureste al Banco No. 413 "Ochoa".

Cortado de los Estados Unidos en 1890. Area hasta el río: 3.0 hectáreas (7.4 acres).

No hay habitantes.


Descripción: El cauce viejo del río está ahorrado y súbitamente se identifica el barranco exterior. El terreno está totalmente cubierto de matarralles. El río ha penetrado por erosión dentro de este terreno desde 1910, quedando actualmente una pequeña extensión del banco.

"No hay informantes. Parece ser un nuevo Banco. No pueden hacerse comparaciones con otros mapas."

En nuestra opinión estos dos cambios se verificaron por acercación lenta y gradual seguida de una avulsión y son eliminables conforme al Tratado de 1906.

Con todo respeto,

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Ingeniero Consultor de Sección Mexicana

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Ingeniero Consultor de la Sección de los Estados Unidos.