INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARY COMMISSION
UNITED STATES AND MEXICO

Ciudad Juárez, Chihuahua,
June 2, 1938.

MINUTE NO. 163

ACTION ON PARCELS NO. 152, 153, 154, 155,
156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163,
164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171,
172, 173, 174 AND 175, RIO GRANDE RECTIFI-
CATION PROJECT, EL PASO-JUÁREZ VALLEY.

The Commission met at the offices of
the Mexican Section in Ciudad Juárez, Chi-
huahua, at 10:00 A.M., June 2, 1938, for
the purpose of taking action with respect
to Parcels Nos. 152, 153, 154, 155, 156,
157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164,
165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172,
173, 174 and 175, required by the completion
of those portions of the rectified channel adjacent to the above-mentioned
parcels, all as contemplated in the Conven-
tion of February 1, 1933, and Minute No. 145 dated June 11, 1935.

The lands within the rectified channel
including the corresponding rights of way
on both sides, as well as those lands seg-
regated from the territory of each coun-
try, all as shown on the attached maps of
Parcels Nos. 152 to 175, inclusive, having
been acquired in accordance with Article
VII of the Convention, the Commission re-
ceived, studied and approved the Joint
Report of the Consulting Engineers, dated
June 1, 1938, and signed in duplicate the
twenty-four (24) maps attached thereto,
which report and maps are attached hereto
and made a part hereof.

In compliance with the provisions of
the Convention of February 1, 1933, the
Commission now finds and determines:

1. That the rectified channel has been
completed along Parcels Nos. 152, 153,
154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161,
162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169,
170, 171, 172, 173, 174 and 175, and that

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the channel cuts as described in the Consulting Engineers' report and as shown on the parcel maps attached thereto have been accomplished.

2. That effective one month from the time of execution of this Minute, neither government having within this period disapproved this Minute, or immediately upon the affirmative concurrent approval of both governments having been communicated to this Commission, the middle of the deepest channel of the river within the rectified river channel through Cuts Nos. 152 to 175, inclusive, shall become the international boundary line, both in the normal and constructed sections thereof.

3. That the tracts of land as shown on the maps and designated, respectively, as Parcelas Nos. 153, 155, 157, 159, 161, 163, 165, 167, 169, 171, 173 and 175, which as a result of said cuts have been segregated from Mexico and now lie on the left or northerly side of the middle of the deepest channel of the rectified river, shall be the territory and property in absolute sovereignty of the United States of America.

4. That the tracts of land as shown on the maps and designated, respectively, as Parcelas Nos. 152, 154, 156, 158, 160, 162, 164, 166, 168, 170, 172 and 174, which as a result of said cuts have been segregated from the United States of America and now lie on the right or southerly side of the middle of the deepest channel of the rectified river, shall be the territory and property in absolute sovereignty of the United Mexican States.

The meeting then adjourned.

[Signatures]

P. W. Bacon
Commissioner of the United States.

I. M. Bacus
Commissioner of Mexico.
The Honorable Commissioners,
International Boundary Commission,
United States and Mexico,
El Paso, Texas, and Ciudad Juárez, Chih.-

Sirs:----------------------------------

The work involved in the rectification of the Rio Grande from the upper end of the cut along Parcel No. 152 to the lower end of the cut along Parcel No. 175 has been completed in compliance with the provisions of the Convention of February 1, 1933, and its annexes.-------------------------------

The channel cuts completed in carrying out this work have resulted in the segregation of Parcels Nos. 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174 and 175. These parcels are shown on Sheets Nos. 5 and 5-A, of the series of maps of the rectified channel location, which accompanied International Boundary Commission Minute No. 159 dated August 29, 1937.-----------------------------

In accordance with the procedure outlined in International Boundary Commission Minute No. 145 dated June 11, 1935, we have caused the boundaries of these segregated parcels to be marked on the ground, both with respect to the area used as right of way for the rectified channel and the area segregated as a result of the cuts, and submit herewith twenty-four (24) maps, which show the boundary line in the new channel of the river through the cut, the right of way lines, and the abandoned channel in which are indicated the positions of the posts which have been set to mark the limits of the parcels. Upon each map are also given the positions of the reference monuments and the year of the con-

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This report and the attached maps are submitted in both the English and Spanish languages.

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]
Consulting Engineer, United States Section.

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Consulting Engineer, Mexican Section.

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Ingeniero Consultor de la Sección de los Estados Unidos.

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Ingeniero Consultor de la Sección Mexicana.