MINUTE NO. 175

BANCOS NOS. 143 "ROCK BEND", 144 "LA PARIDA", 145 "LOS FRESNOS", and 146 "ORRBE".

The Commission met at the offices of the United States Section in El Paso, Texas, at 10:00 a.m., December 15, 1943.

The Commission received the report of the Consulting Engineers dated December 11, 1943 with regard to Bancos Nos. 143 "Rock Bend", 144 "La Parida", 145 "Los Fresnos", and 146 "Orrbe" on the Lower Rio Grande, together with four maps, one of each banco, submitted therewith. The Commissioners considered and approved the report and maps, which are attached to this Minute to form a part hereof.

The Commission adopted the following resolution:

"Bancos Nos. 143 'Rock Bend', 144 'La Parida', and 145 'Los Fresnos' which were cut from Mexico and are now on the left or northerly bank of the Rio Grande, described in the report of the Consulting Engineers dated December 11, 1943, are hereby eliminated from the effects of Article II of the Convention of November 12, 1884, and the dominion and jurisdiction of these bancos shall pass to the United States of America in accordance with the provisions of the Convention of March 20, 1905, for the Elimination of Bancos; and Banco No. 146 'Orrbe' - which was cut from the United States and is now on the right or southerly bank of the Rio Grande, described in the report of the Consulting Engineers dated December 11, 1943 is hereby eliminated from the effects of Article II of the Convention of November 12, 1884, and the dominion and jurisdiction of this banco shall pass to Mexico in accordance with the provisions of the Convention of March 20, 1905, for the Elimination of Bancos."

The Commissioners then signed the four -

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maps (scale 1:5,000), in duplicate (one -- original in English and one original in -- Spanish), which delineate the above-described banks."

The meeting then adjourned.

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cuatro planos (escala 1:5 000), por duplicado, (un original en español y un original en inglés), que delinean los bancos anteriormente descritos."

Se levantó la sesión.

L.M. Leavens
Commissioner of the United States

Comisionado de México

Rafael Escobedo
Commissioner of Mexico

Comisionado de los Estados Unidos

M.R. Moore
Secretary of the United States Section

Secretario de la Sección Mexicana

Secretary of the Mexican Section

Secretario de la Sección de los Estados Unidos
El Paso, Texas
December 11, 1943

The Honorable Commissioners,
International Boundary Commission,
United States and Mexico,
El Paso, Texas, and Ciudad Juárez, Chih.

Sirs:

In accordance with your instructions an inspection and survey of each of the four new bancos recently formed on the Lower Rio Grande has been made and in regard thereto we submit the following statements:

Banco No. 143 "ROCK BEND"

Located in Cameron County, Texas, about 7 kilometers northwesterly of the City of Brownsville, Texas, and 2 kilometers southwest of R. P. No. 41.

Cut from Mexico in September 1942.
Claimants: Randall Mathers; Mrs. Esperanza Cardenas de Arreola; and, heirs of Juan H. Hernandez.
Area to the river: 34.0 hectares (84.0 acres).
No houses or inhabitants on the banco.

Banco No. 144 "LA PARTIDA"

Located in Hidalgo County, Texas, about 8 kilometers southwest of the town of Mission, Texas, and 1.5 kilometers west of R. P. No. 17.

Cut from Mexico in September 1942.
Claimants: Francisco Cantú Davila, Sebastian Davila, Alberto Valadez, Maria Refugio Cantú Longoria.
Area to the river: 70.8 hectares (175.0 acres).
No houses or inhabitants on the banco.

Banco No. 145 "LOS FRESNOS"

Located in Starr County, Texas, about 5 kilometers northwesterly of the town of La Grulla, Texas, and 3.5 kilometers south of R. P. No. 7.

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Cut from Mexico in July 1942.--------
Claimants: Pedro Vela, Ramón Díaz,--
Esteban Díaz, Petra Salinas; Elpidio Díaz,
Teofilo Olivaréz, Ildefonso López, Salome
Gutiérrez, and Francisco Bazán.----------
Area to the river: 90.6 hectares (223.9
acres).--------------------------------
No houses or inhabitants on the banco.

------------BANCO No. 146 "ORRBE"-----------

Located in the municipality of Matamoros,
Tamaulipas, 21 kilometers northeasterly of
the City of Matamoros, Tamaulipas, and 1.5
kilometers southeasterly of R. P. No. 52.---
Cut from the United States in July 1942.
Claimants: Albert Egly, Dámaso Lerma,
Carlota Orive de Lerma, Wallace L. Reed,
Jr., and A. A. Champion.-----------------
Area to the river: 40.7 hectares (100.5
acres).--------------------------------
No houses or inhabitants on the banco.---

The abandoned channel of the river is
very clearly defined around the four tracts
described above. The tracts were cut off
by avulsive movements of the river, and as
regards area and inhabitants are within the
limits defining bancos set out in the Con-
vention of 1905 for the Elimination of
Bancos.

Maps of each banco on a scale of 1:5000
have been prepared in duplicate, one
original in English and one original in
Spanish, and are submitted herewith.------

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]
Consulting Engineer, United States
Section.

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Consulting Engineer, Mexican Section.

---------BANCO NUMERO 146 "ORRBE"---------

Situated in the municipality of Matamoros,
Tamaulipas, 21 kilómetros hacia el Noreste
de la ciudad de Matamoros, Tamaulipas y 1.5
kilómetros hacia el Sureste del P. R. No. 52.
Cortado de los Estados Unidos en julio
de 1942.
Reclamantes: Albert Egly, Dámaso Lerma,
Carlota Orive de Lerma, Wallace L. Reed,
Jr., y A. A. Champion.-----------------
Area hasta el río: 40.7 hectáreas (100.5
acres).
No hay casas ni habitantes en el banco.

El cauce abandonado del río está definido
con toda claridad alrededor de los cuatro
bancos antes descritos. Los bancos se cor-
taron por movimientos avulsivos del río, y
por lo que respecta a áreas y a número de
habitantes, están dentro de los límites de
la definición de bancos, establecida por la
Convención de 1905 para la Eliminación de
Bancos.

Acompañamos, por duplicado, planos de
cada uno de los bancos a la escala de 1:5 000,
con un original en español y otro en inglés.

Respetuosamente.

[Signature]
Ingeniero Consultor de la Sección
Mexicana.

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Ingeniero Consultor de la Sección
de los Estados Unidos.