MINUTE No. 176

BANCOS NOS. 321 "CERROS COLORADOS", 322 "FARIAS", 323 "EL BAÑO", 324 "GRANDE", 325 "BOSQUE BONITO", 326 "FIERRO", 327 "ADALBERTO", 328 "MARTINEZ", 329 "BONIFICACIO", 330 "FILARES", 331 "PILARITO", and 332 "CAJONCITOS".

The Commission met at the offices of the Mexican Section in Ciudad Juárez, Chihuahua, at 10:00 a.m., June 5, 1944.

The Commission received the report of the Consulting Engineers dated May 15, 1944 with regard to Bancos Nos. 321 "Cerro Colorados", 322 "Farias", 323 "El Baño", 324 "Grande", 325 "Bosque Bonito", 326 "Fierro", 327 "Adalberto", 328 "Martinez", 329 "Bonificacio", 330 "Pilares", 331 "Pilarito", and 332 "Cajoncitos", formed on the Rio Grande between the lower end of the Box Canyon below Fort Quitman and the lower end of the canyon just upstream from Candelaria, Texas, and San Antonio, Chihuahua, together with twelve maps, one of each bank, 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. 321 'Cerros Colorados', 322 'Farias', 323 'El Baño', 324 'Grande', 325 'Bosque Bonito', 326 'Fierro', 327 'Adalberto', 328 'Martinez', 329 'Bonificacio', 330 'Pilares', 331 'Pilarito', and 332 'Cajoncitos', 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 May 15, 1944, are hereby eliminated from the effects of Article II of the Convention of November 12, 1884, and the

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The Commissioners then signed the twelve maps (scale 1:5,000), in duplicate (one original in English and one original in Spanish), which delineate the above-described bancos.

The meeting then adjourned.

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R. M. Learson
Commissioner of the United States

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Commissioner of Mexico

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Secretary of the United States Section

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Secretary of the Mexican Section
Ciudad Juárez, Chihuahua,  
May 15, 1944.

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 twelve new bancos recently formed on the Rio Grande between the lower end of the Box Canyon below Fort Quitman, Texas, and the lower end of the canyon just upstream from Candelaria, Texas and San Antonio, Chihuahua, has been made and in regard thereto we submit the following descriptions of each of the bancos, and the subjoined general statements:

---BANCO No. 321 "CERROS COLORADOS"

Located in Hudspeth County, Texas, about 9.0 kilometers northwest of the village of Hot Springs, Texas.  
Cut from Mexico in 1942.  
Claimants: Flores Farias Estate.  
Area to the river: 5.2 hectares  
(12.8 acres).  
No houses or inhabitants on the banco.

---BANCO No. 322 "FARIAS"

Located in Hudspeth County, Texas, about 8 kilometers northwest of the village of Hot Springs, Texas.  
Cut from Mexico in 1942.  
Claimants: Flores Farias Estate.  
Area to the river: 5.3 hectares  
(13.0 acres).  
No houses or inhabitants on the banco.

---BANCO No. 323 "EL BAÑO"

Located in Hudspeth County, Texas, about 8 kilometers northwest of the village of Hot Springs, Texas.  
Cut from Mexico in 1942.

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Claimants: Flores Farrías Estate.----
Area to the river: 8.2 hectares----
(20.2 acres).---------------------
No houses or inhabitants on the banco.

---BANCO No. 324 "GRANDE"----

Located in Hudspeth County, Texas,
about 7 kilometers northwest of the
village of Bosque Bonito, Chihuahua.

Cut from Mexico in 1942.---------
Claimant: Walterio M. Sein.--
Area to the river: 11.6 hectares----
(28.6 acres).--------
No houses or inhabitants on the banco.

---BANCO No. 325 "BOSQUE BONITO"---

Located in the municipality of Guada-
lupe, Chihuahua, about 5 kilometers north-
west of the village of Bosque Bonito, ----
Chihuahua.

Cut from the United States in 1942.
Claimant: J. A. Guerra.---------
Area to the river: 17.5 hectares----
(43.2 acres).--------
No houses or inhabitants on the banco.

---BANCO No. 326 "FIERRO"-----

Located in Hudspeth County, Texas,
about 2 kilometers northeast of the
village of Bosque Bonito, Chihuahua.

Cut from Mexico in 1942.
Claimant: Andrés Fierro.--------
Area to the river: 18.7 hectares----
(46.2 acres).--------
No houses or inhabitants on the banco.

---BANCO No. 327 "ADALBERTO"---

Located in Hudspeth County, Texas,
about 3 kilometers southeast of the
village of Bosque Bonito, Chihuahua.

Cut from Mexico in 1942.
Claimant: Unknown.---------
Area to the river: 10.3 hectares----
(25.4 acres).--------
No houses or inhabitants on the banco.

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BANCO No. 329 "MARTINEZ"

Located in Hudspeth County, Texas, about 4 kilometers southeast of the village of Bosque Bonito, Chihuahua. Cut from Mexico in 1942. Claimant: Angel Martinez. Area to the river: 2.7 hectares (6.7 acres). No houses or inhabitants on the banco.

BANCO No. 329 "BONIFACIO"

Located in Hudspeth County, Texas, about 5 kilometers southeast of the village of Bosque Bonito, Chihuahua. Cut from Mexico in 1942. Claimant: Bonifacio Saenz. Area to the river: 16.6 hectares (41.0 acres). No houses or inhabitants on the banco.

BANCO No. 330 "PILARES"

Located in Presidio County, Texas, opposite and to the east of the Mexican settlement of Pilares, Chihuahua. Cut from Mexico in 1942. Claimant: Unknown. Area to the river: 20.2 hectares (49.9 acres). No houses or inhabitants on the banco.

BANCO No. 331 "PIRARITO"

Located in Presidio County, Texas, about 2 kilometers southeast of the Mexican settlement of Pilares, Chihuahua. Cut from Mexico in 1942. Claimant: Unknown. Area to the river: 2.2 hectares (5.5 acres). No houses or inhabitants on the banco.

BANCO No. 332 "CAJONCITOS"

Located in Hudspeth County, Texas, about 4 kilometers downstream from the lower end of the Rio Grande Rectification Project. Cut from Mexico in 1942. Claimant: Unknown. Area to the river: 1.8 hectares (4.4 acres). No houses or inhabitants on the banco.

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BANCO No. 328 "MARTINEZ"

Situated in the Condado de Hudspeth, Texas como a 4 kilómetros al Sureste del población de Bosque Bonito, Chihuahua. Cortado de México en 1942. Reclamante: Angel Martinez. Area hasta el río: 2.7 hectáreas (6.7 acres). No hay casas ni habitantes en el banco.

BANCO No. 329 "BONIFACIO"

Situated in the Condado de Hudspeth, Texas como a 5 kilómetros al Sureste del población de Bosque Bonito, Chihuahua. Cortado de México en 1942. Reclamante: Bonifacio Saenz. Area hasta el río: 16.6 hectáreas (41.0 acres). No hay casas ni habitantes en el banco.

BANCO No. 330 "PILARES"


BANCO No. 331 "PIRARITO"

Situated in the Condado de Presidio, Texas, como a 2 kilómetros al Sureste del poblado mexicano de Pilares, Chihuahua. Cortado de México en 1942. Reclamante: Desconocido. Area hasta el río: 2.2 hectáreas (5.5 acres). No hay casas ni habitantes en el banco.

BANCO No. 332 "CAJONCITOS"

Situated in the Condado de Hudspeth, Texas, como a 4 kilómetros abajo del extremo inferior del sistema de rectificación del río Bravo. Cortado de México en 1942. Reclamante: Desconocido. Area hasta el río: 1.8 hectáreas (4.4 acres). No hay casas ni habitantes en el banco.

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Since the Commission had not established control points along this reach of river, we, in most cases, established, in addition to the regular reference point—which is always built upon each banco, another reference point located outside the banco. These outside reference points were then connected by survey lines. --- Azimuth of all the surveys was determined by observations on Polaris.----------------------

The abandoned channel of the river is very clearly defined around the twelve --- 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 Convention of 1905 for the Elimination of Bancos.----------------------

Maps of each banco on a scale of 1:5,000 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

Puesto que la Comisión no ha establecido puntos de control a lo largo del río en este tramo, en la mayor parte de los casos pusimos, además del punto de referencia que siempre se construye dentro de cada banco, otro punto de referencia fuera del banco. Estos puntos de referencia exteriores se ligaron a los puntos interiores. Los azímites en todos los levantamientos se determinaron por observaciones de la estrella polar.----------------------

El cauce abandonado del río está claramente definido alrededor de cada uno de los doce bancos descritos. Las parcelas fueron cortadas por movimientos avulsivos del río y, por lo que se refiere a habitantes y áreas, quedan dentro de los límites de la definición de bancos establecida en la Convención de 1905 para la Eliminación de Bancos.----------------------

De cada banco se han preparado planos a escala de 1:5 000, por duplicado, un original en español y otro original en inglés, que presentamos como anexos.----------------------

Con todo respeto,

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Ingeniero Consultor de la Sección Mexicana.

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Ingeniero Consultor de la Sección de los Estados Unidos.